

SPIRITUAL MATURITY

(Philippians 3:12-14)

- I. Spiritual maturity is not a _____ we _____ at one day.
1. We receive the _____ of the _____ at a point in time.
 2. We will not _____ this side of heaven.
- II. Spiritual maturity is a _____ we _____ in today.
1. Stop _____.
 2. Keep _____.

Bottom Line: Spiritual maturity is _____ the _____ life.

Group Discussion Questions

(Read the passage together as a group before discussing the questions)

1. Why is it important to see spiritual maturity as a process and not a destination? What is the danger of viewing it as a destination to which we can arrive?
2. In what way was Paul “laid hold of” by Christ? Why does he feel that he has not “laid hold of” it yet?
3. What are we not to look back at? Why? In what ways is it good to look back? How can this benefit us in our pursuit of Christ?
4. Paul was certainly pressing forward to the goal, but he also saw his life as impacting others. Look at Gal. 4:19; Col. 1:28; & Eph. 4:11-16. What was Paul’s pursuit in ministry? How does this challenge you in your life?
5. What stood out to you from the text or message that you would like to explore further? What will you do to apply this message this week?