

GROWTH GROUPS QUESTIONS

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-circumcised on the eighth day

-of the people of Israel

-of the tribe of Benjamin

-in regard to the law, a Pharisee

-as for zeal, persecuting the church

-as for righteousness based on the law, faultless

Why did Paul now not put his hope in those past characteristics? (3:7-9)

Paul mentions “pressing on” and “reaching forward” in these verses. What does this mean?

INTO MY LIFE

What were accomplishments of your past that you used to be proud of (that used to shape your identity) that now you no longer focus on? What brought about that change?

Read Philippians 3:13-14. What from your past do you need to leave behind in your thinking because it negatively shapes your identity?

Paul realized what his true identity was. It changed his focus and his joy. What is your true identity? How do you remind yourself of this truth?

What is a spiritual goal for your future that you’re pressing on towards? How can the people in this group help support you in reaching that goal?

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