1. Maturity is expressed by _____ and maintaining, not regress.

Philippians 3:15-16

Paul didn't demand _____ in regard to "the minors" as well as that he had such a strong _____ that God would eventually reveal what they didn't see clearly at the time.

2. Heaven's citizens follow the _____ of others who long for Home.

Philippians 3:17–21, 1 Corinthians 11:1

3 Questions

• Do you have someone to "keep your _____ on?"

• Are you closely watching and _____ what you see?

• To whom are you _____ what following Jesus looks like and are you aware that they're watching you?

1 Peter 5:8, Romans 5:10, Colossians 1:21–22, 3:1-4

Just a quick evaluative question for you today: "From where are you _____ a Savior?"

1 Corinthians 15:42-44, Romans 8:22-24

3. Until our Savior returns to take us Home, we're called to

_____.

Philippians 4:1, 1:27

The call to "stand firm" should echo something powerful to us because God never commands us to do something that we are _____ to obey.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Looking back, who was your favorite coach and/or teacher? What made them great?

Read Philippians 3:15 - 4:1.

Looking at verses 15 and 16, what are the "things" Paul is referring to?

What does it mean to be a mature Christian?

Read Matthew 28:19-20.

What is the overarching command Jesus makes?

Read Philippians 3:17.

Paul, as the more mature believer, calls newer believers to follow his example, along with the examples other more mature Christians. This is the foundation of discipleship. Would you say that you are more of a Paul-like believer, or a newer believer? What is your role in discipleship, and what does that look like in your life?

Looking at verses 18-21, what is the importance of discipleship as you try to keep an eternal mindset, in the event you are tempted to have an earthly one?

Read Philippians 4:1.

Using this verse as an example, what demeanor must we have as we disciple one another?