**Title:**Who Are You Imitating?

**Scripture:**Philippians 3:12-21

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**Big Idea:**Who and what you are imitating in Christ is a key factor to your growth in Christ.

**Outline**

1.  Imitate by Pressing On. (vs. 12-14)

2. Imitate by Pursuing Maturity. (vs. 15-16)

3. Imitate by Practicing Righteousness. (vs. 17-19)

4. Imitate by Pondering Heaven. (vs. 20-21)

***WHAT DID YOU LEARN?***

1. Remember the phrase to “press on” means to go after intent without giving up. What are ways we can demonstrate “pressing on” in our Christian life?

2. Read Colossians 3:1-2. What aspects of heaven excite you the most? How does that impact your daily perseverance?

***HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?***

**Confess**

1. What are things in your past that you are dwelling on? How is dwelling on it impacting your growth?

2. What deep seated sin has God convicted you of recently? What are you being convicted of that you are refusing to repent from or trying to justify it?

**Renew Your Mind**

1. What are some hard circumstances that have happened in your life? How has God used those hard circumstances to sanctify you?

2. How are you being curious in your spiritual walk? What are you discovering about God in your curiosity? How is curiosity invigorating to your walk with the Lord?

**Live It Out**

Advancing your spiritual growth takes teaching, experience, and time. Journal this week what you have learned from God’s Word. List how you can apply what you learned to a specific circumstance. Journal the impact of using God’s Word for this circumstance.

**Read Ahead:** Read Romans 6:1-14. How does our identity with Christ impact our progressive spiritual growth?