

## **RISE UP**

### **LIVING THE LIFE OF A CHAMPION PART 3**

Memory Verse:

“Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.” (Hebrews 12:2 NIV)

In this lesson we talked about the principle that focus determines our future. We discussed the example of the apostle Paul and his passion to win the prize of the high call of God.

1. What would you consider one or two of the greatest prizes you were ever able to obtain in your life? What drove you towards the prize?
  
2. How would you say that having a clear goal of God’s invisible future for some area of your life helps to motivate you to rise above the difficulties in achieving it?
  
3. Paul had goals he had set and achieved, but ended up counting them as a loss. In my sermon I mentioned the idea that it doesn’t matter how fast you can run if you finish at the wrong finish line. Can you think of some unworthy earthly goals you once had? What would you describe as an eternal goal you have set your heart upon?
  
4. Paul stressed the importance of saying good bye to yesterday. We have to forget things that are past to reach for what lies ahead. When our memories are bigger than our dreams our past is bigger than our destiny.  
Can you describe something of your past you’ve had to let go of or need to let go of that was or has been a weight around your foot? What helped Paul leave behind his history as a persecutor of Christians? What are you going to leave behind today?
  
5. Being a champion means that you are focused on a high call. You don’t settle for mediocrity, you are aiming for the exceptional not the acceptable? How does the call to be like Christ cause you to aim higher and expect more out of yourself than you would’ve in the past?
  
6. What is a target of faith before you that you would like your small group to pray in faith with you about?