Edgewater Growth Group Questions Philippians 3v12-17 / Week 13 4.24.2016

'Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead'

What exactly is Paul forgetting?

What do you think Paul is referring to when he talks about 'Straining Toward what is ahead? What exactly is he straining towards?

Part of Paul's past is pretty dark (persecuted the church). How is Paul able to keep moving forward even with such a dark past?

Explain the statement below: Discuss and expand this.....
'You are not the worst thing you've ever done.'

What does the Resurrection say about our Past? Present? Future?

Paul seems to be insisting that somehow Christ is able to take all things; the good, the bad, the ugly, and use it all to help us become the people he created us to be.

Do you see this in your own life? How has God used the dark embarrassing parts of your story to help you grow in life?

What have those things taught you?

How have they shaped you?

When you see everything and everyone through the Resurrection of Christ how does that change your view of others, and the world?

In verse 17 Paul says; 'Join together in following my example, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.'

This is an amazing statement considering all that Paul has done in his past. What do you think Paul means when he says; keep your eyes on those who live as we do (and follow my example)?