

THE WEEK AHEAD: Week 6



In *Philippians 3:12–14* Paul declares his determination to “press on” as a Christian. The studies this week will help you think about how you can “press on”.

Sunday

Read the passage that will be preached at the church service you attend. If English is your second language, read the passage in your own language and also in English.

On the other six days...

Day 1

Re-read **Philippians 3:10 – 4:1** and think about the answers you gave to the study questions on pages 25–28.

Memorize this week’s memory verse:

“I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings.” Philippians 3:10

Ask God to help you to “press on” as a Christian and to know Christ more and more.

Day 2

Read **Matthew 6:19–24**.

These verses are part of a passage known as the “Sermon on the Mount”. Jesus was on a mountainside with his disciples when he taught them these things.

1 Jesus tells us to store up “treasures in heaven” rather than “treasures on earth”. Why? (see verses 19–20)

2 What does Jesus mean when he says: “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (verse 21)?

3 How do you use most of your time and energy? What does this show about where your heart is?

4 Jesus says in verse 24 that no one can serve two masters. What are the things in your life that make it hard to serve Jesus?

5 What should you do about that?

Ask God to help you choose treasures that will last through eternity.

Day 3

Read **Matthew 6:25–34**.

This passage carries on from Day 2’s reading.

1 What do you learn about God’s love for you from verses 26 and 30?

2 According to verse 32, why shouldn’t we worry about food or drink or clothing?

3 What should we do instead, according to verse 33?

4 In what practical ways can we do that?

Pray that you will be able to trust God and depend on him for everything.

Day 4

Read **Matthew 7:24–29**.

Jesus finished the Sermon on the Mount by telling his followers a parable – a story with a meaning.

1 There are two men in this parable. How are they described?

2 Something is the same and something is different about the two men. What are they?

3 The two houses are built on different foundations. What is the difference between them?

4 There are two results in this parable. How are they described?

5 Is it enough to listen to Jesus' words? Why or why not?

Pray about the areas of your life where you need to put into practice what Jesus teaches here.

Day 5

Re-read the Bible passages you have read over the past week. Choose a verse that you found particularly helpful, write it down in the space below and memorize it.

Day 6

Read **Philippians 4:2–9** in preparation for **Discipleship Explored**.