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"The Joy in Victory" | The Happiness Habit Week 4, Philippians 3:7-14 – Mark Sorensen

Plant

- Take a moment to discuss this week's sermon. Ask everyone what they took away from Mark's message.
- Read Phil. 3:4-7
- Paul list all of the things that would make a 1st century Jewish audience consider him successful. Create a list of 10 ways our culture measures success. Why might it dangerous to base your worth off of these standards?
- Which of these do you feel tempted to use as a measurement of your success?

Grow

- Read Phil. 3:8-11
- Paul says that he considers his past to be 'garbage' in comparison to the promise of a
 future of becoming like Christ. Think about a past version of yourself (5, 10, 15 years
 ago). What was something that was super important to you then that you no longer
 consider to be as important?
- How have you become more like Christ?
- Jesus calls us forward! This means that our hope in the future should affect how we see our past (not the other way around). How can we be intentional to see our past through the Grace of Christ and not the guilt of sin?

Harvest

- Read Phil. 3:12-14
- Paul says that he has not already arrived at his goal. What is the goal of being a
 Christian and how do we seek that in our daily lives?
- What are you pressing towards; professionally, personally, or spiritually?

Prayers

Share prayer requests and follow up on some of the requests from previous weeks.