



# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## “PRESS ON”

### Connect to One Another

1. The Olympic Games begin on July 23. Do you plan on watching them?
2. In the message, Pastor Schlie talks about accidentally becoming a long-distance runner. Have you ever found yourself in a sport or hobby that you didn't purposefully set out to be involved in?
3. If you could compete in one event in the Summer Olympics, which would it be and why?

### Connect to God

1. In the metaphor of a race that Pastor Schlie shares, Jesus gives us His victory. He won the race, but we get the prize. What other sports metaphor can you come up with to describe Jesus's sacrifice?
2. In what ways do you become complacent in your faith journey and “rest on your laurels” instead of pursuing a deeper relationship with Jesus?
3. How does grace allow you to “press on” when regrets in life remind you that you have not run a “perfect race”? Are there any Bible characters you look to as a reminder that you are never out of God's grace—no matter what your past sins are?

### Apply the Teaching

The aim of this new series is to “get in the game” (i.e., practice engagement) in matters of faith. Pastor Schlie notes that “Discipleship is faith lived out.”

1. Challenge yourself to find one area of discipleship that needs improvement (e.g., prayer, tithing, service, etc.) and work on that in the coming week.
2. Celebrate the strides you have made lately in one area you have previously struggled with. Share this victory with your group and pray for each other's growth.