

- I. Overview: Four-part teaching series approximately 90 minutes in length on Wednesday nights from 7:30-9:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- II. Abstract: The passage Philippians 3:13: “Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,” is one of the most familiar passages of scripture. Often, however, it is quoted without a full understanding of the text. This teaching series will be used as a foundation to teach a Summer Series about the Apostle Paul, his theology, what this passage means and its relevance today.
- III. Target Audience: The Summer Series will be geared towards young adults between 25-35 years old. While open to anyone, this group, who are part of my church’s young adult ministry, has not been as active in church since prior to COVID-19. In addition, the young adult youth pastor relocated during COVID-19. Although she still does some teaching at the church, her replacement has not been identified.

This four-part series will be taught using a combination of Biblical history and theology, current events, journaling, and testimonials.
- IV. Rationale: The rationale is to minister to this age group in a manner that promotes biblical truth practically and relevant to this demographic’s daily lives. The series will be undergirded by the Holy Spirit and promote a deeper understanding of a passage beyond the way it is commonly known.
- V. Sources/Dialog Partners: Bibliography

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