**“Strive for the Prize!” – C*rowns for Our Savior***

**(Revelation 4:10-11)**

**Whether it be for the Super-Bowl trophy or some other grand prize,**

**people give every ounce of effort to win!  The Bible instructs us to**

**strive for crowns in Heaven that we will one day cast at Jesus’ feet.**

**Today we will learn about these crowns and be challenged to pursue…**

**1. The Incorruptible Crown (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)**

**Also called the RUNNER’S Crown**

**2. The Crown of Rejoicing (1 Thessalonians 2:19-20)**

**Also called the SOUL-WINNER’S Crown**

**3. The Crown of Righteousness (2 Timothy 4:6-8)**

**Also called the WATCHER’S Crown**

**4. The Crown of Life (James 1:12)**

**Also called the LOVER’S Crown**

**5. The Crown of Glory (1 Peter 5:4)**

**Also called the SHEPHERD’S Crown**

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**Small Group Discussion Guide**

**1. Read and discuss 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 about the Incorruptible**

**Crown.  What are some spiritual disciplines that God wants us to**

**do on a regular basis?  Why are these important?  Why are they**

**easy to neglect?**

**2. Read and discuss 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 about the Crown of**

**Rejoicing. Imagine who will be with you in Heaven.  Share a bit**

**about a person who influenced you toward Christ.  Who is**

**someone that you had a part in helping to come to Christ, or**

**someone for whom you are praying to get saved?**

**3. Read and discuss 2 Timothy 4:5-8 about the Crown of**

**Righteousness.  What does it mean to “love His appearing”?**

**What does a person look like who is eager to see Jesus return?**

**4. Read and discuss James 1:12 about the Crown of Life.  Share about**

**someone you observed going through a difficult trial with grace**

**and joy.   How were they able to do it?**

**5. Which of these crowns motivates you the most?  Why?**

**Digging Deeper:**

**1. Review the Scripture for 1 of the 4 crowns mentioned above each**

**day for 4 consecutive days.  Write down an action step you will**

**take to pursue each crown.**

**2. Read over the passage about the Crown of Glory in 1 Peter 5:2-4**

**a couple times along with 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 and Hebrews**

**13:17.  With these thoughts in mind, take some time each day this**

**week to pray for your pastor and your congregation.**