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STRENGTHEN WHAT MATTERS MOST



Life Group Questions: Starting The Year Off Right

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Read

John 14:5; Proverbs 17:24

Reflect

We all come into a new year with high morale and expectations. We imagine all the ways in which we can improve ourselves and our lives. But something happens between January 1 and December 31; by the end of the year we have... revised our expectations. What would it take for you to have a great year? What is standing in your way? On December 31, 2014, where do you hope to be in your relationship with God?

Pastor Greg taught us four things we need to do if we're going to have a great year:

1. Assume responsibility for my life
 - a. It's always easier to blame someone else for our problems. Why is it hard to take responsibility for our lives? What is attractive about placing the blame elsewhere?
 - b. What would it look like for you to assume responsibility for your life in 2014? What excuses do you tend to make for yourself?
2. Decide what is important
 - a. Have you ever thought to yourself, "I want to do _____, but I just don't have enough time." The truth is that we give our time to what we value. If we don't do a certain thing, the problem isn't a lack of time; we simply value something else more. Consider what a typical week looks like for you. What does your time say about your values? What are you giving time to that you shouldn't? What is being left out?
3. Don't wait to begin
 - a. You can make all the plans and resolutions you want, but none of them matter if you never start. What is keeping you from starting to change right now? Why do you wait to begin?
4. Expect God to help
 - a. We aren't on our own. God doesn't expect us to change without his help; in fact, without God our attempts at change are doomed. Where do you need God's help this year? What changes have you been trying to make without his help?

What was your biggest take-away from the weekend message?

Respond

- What do you feel like God is asking you to do in response to the weekend message? What is your next step?
- How can your Small Group support you and hold you accountable in this?