

Introduction:

The new year is a time of fresh starts, audacious goals, and renewed hope. The past year has not been perfect, but God has been gracious. We have grown as individuals & as a church, and we continue to sense God calling us to follow him into something deeper; something more. In the year to come, we are going to be presented with countless opportunities to be generous, countless opportunities to be gracious, and countless opportunities to point a world in desperate need of hope towards a savior that offers the only hope that lasts. As we prepare to go where God is calling us, today is a great day to reflect on where we have been.

Scripture:

2 Corinthians 5:17 - "Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life [begins]!"

Discussion Questions:

1. What is your favorite memory or story from the past year?
2. Is there a message or series of messages from this year that stands out to you? Why? (Some series titles include: *Fully Alive*, *Impact*, *Guardrails*, and *God Is On The Move*.)
3. When you look at where you were with Jesus a year ago & where you are now, how have you grown in the past year?
4. Considering where you feel Jesus calling you, how do you think you might need to grow this year?

Take the Next Step:

Resolutions are often vague, superficial, and forgotten. Do something different: set a goal for your spiritual growth this year. Talking to three of your friends about Jesus is too specific to be vague. Being generous with your resources is too important to be superficial. Making an impact is too memorable to be forgotten. You know where you came from. Where will you go next?