

BEST YEAR EVER

"Don't Give Up"

Philippians 1:12-18

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Discussion Questions:

1. Last week was a special time for Cornerstone. How have you seen God at work in the midst of struggles and transition over the past year? How has this been a time of growth for you personally, for your small group and for the church?
2. How would you describe your life right now? Running on all eight cylinders, driving with cruise control, pulled over at a rest area, in the auto repair shop, crashed in a ditch and no one will come help me? (share personally but be mindful of other's need to share as well)
3. Oftentimes when we are going through struggles people that know us try to encourage us? What are some of the worst **words of encouragement** you have ever received? What has been helpful?
4. Perhaps you have some one important in your life who is in the midst of some "life is not fair" situations. Telling them "life isn't fair" is probably not what they need right now. But, what do they need? How can you both communicate and demonstrate that you are with them? How do you call out the work of God in and through the circumstances without denying the pain of the situation? Remember Job's friends did fine when they sat in silence but got in trouble when they tried to be the experts with all the answers.
5. Spend some time in prayer with each other and for each other.