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## RECAP

This past Sunday was the first of 2024, and the message was focused around the New Year. Before starting the discussion questions with your group, pray together and invite the Holy Spirit to be present with you.

**KEY PASSAGE:** 1 Cor. 2:2, Revelation 21:1-5, 2 Cor. 4:10-12, 16-18

## DISCUSS

Share something from Donny's message that resonated with you.

**Part 1: Resolve**

Read 1 Corinthians 2:2. What does this reveal about Paul's driving vision for his life? What is Paul's telos (final goal)?

Jesus invites us to "come follow me and die to self." How is this "death to self" actually an invitation to abundant life?

Consider the kinds of resolutions we tend to make at the beginning of a new year. How do you respond to the reality that, while resolutions can be a good thing, they cannot bear the weight of our existential needs and my own resolve cannot save me?

**Part 2: Revelation**

Read Revelation 21:1-5 and discuss this quote from M. Eugene Boring: "The Christian conviction is that at the End we meet not an event but a person."

What is the driving vision for my life? What motivates and animates life for me? When you consider 2024, what do you see and where/who do you see leading it?

**Part 3: Renewal**

Read 2 Cor 4:10-12, & 16-18. Consider what Pastor Donny shared in the conclusion of Sunday's message: "The Trinitarian God can take what's broken and bring restoration, renewal, healing, and reconciliation. When we resolve to know Jesus the Messiah and him crucified – God will bring transformation by his Spirit. God the Father is good, Jesus the Son is trustworthy, and the Holy Spirit wants to do something in our lives in 2024."

What area in your life are you hoping God will renew in 2024?

**PRAYER TIME** Share requests and pray over one another.

**UPCOMING EVENTS** Learn more at [fairoaks.church/events](https://fairoaks.church/events)

NOTE: Church Office is Closed for MLK Day on January 15

- **Food Distribution at FO/OV Food Bank:** 1/12 | 9:30-12:30p | Sign up to volunteer at [fairoaks.church/missions](https://fairoaks.church/missions)
- **Food Drive:** 1/13 (9a-12p) & 1/14 | Drop off donations | Details at [fairoaks.church/events](https://fairoaks.church/events)
- **Moms Group:** 1/13 | 9:30a-11:30a | RSVP at [fairoaks.church/groups](https://fairoaks.church/groups)
- **2024 Mission Trip Meeting:** 1/14 | 11:45a | Kids Assembly Room | Details at [fairoaks.church/missions](https://fairoaks.church/missions)
- **Men's Breakfast & Panel Discussion:** 1/20 | 8a-10a | FLC | RSVP at [fairoaks.church/events](https://fairoaks.church/events)
- **Annual Meeting:** 1/28 | 6pm | FLC | Details at [fairoaks.church/events](https://fairoaks.church/events)

