

The New Year: WHAT MATTERS?

START: (10 min)

1. How was your week?
2. Conversation Starter (*optional*): How do you feel about NY resolutions?

GOSPEL: (20 min)

1. The beginning of a new year is a great time to evaluate what matters most.

Philippians 1:10 CEB says: *"I pray this so that you will be able to DECIDE WHAT REALLY MATTERS and so you will be sincere and blameless on the day of Christ."*

The word "decide" in Koine Greek (the original language of the New Testament), is DOKIMAZO which means to test, examine and scrutinize over what is genuine and right.

With that in mind, what matters most to you?

>>Study Note: Do you want to dig deeper into the original understanding of biblical words? A good start is to use the Strong's Concordance, published in 1890 and tied to the KJV. You can either purchase this 5 pound book, or download the free app! Simply look up "Strong's Concordance". <<

2. Read John 13:34-35. Loving one another matters to Jesus. There are over 50 "one another" New Testament verses that tell us how to love each other.
 - a. What does it look like to love one another *in the family of God* well?
 - b. What are the benefits of doing this well?
3. Each of us has a purpose. We have been called to participate in Kingdom ministry.
 - a. What does Kingdom ministry look like for you in your day to day?
 - b. What does Kingdom ministry look like for us as a church altogether?
 - c. Is the Lord urging you toward any ministry specifically in this upcoming year?
 - d. What is your greatest challenge?