

**2021**

**New Year, Same Challenges, Same Choices**

**Icebreaker: What kind of changes do you intend to make this upcoming year?**

**Good news for any year – God is in all of your moments...**

*“What is man that you make so much of him, that you give him so much attention, that you examine him every morning and test him every moment? Will you never look away from me, or let me alone even for an instant?” (Job 7:17-19) How would this little truth change your perspective day by day? What could you do to remember this every day?*

**Challenge #1: Taking time for granted** – *“Show me, O LORD, my life’s end and the number of my days; You have made my days a mere handbreath...” (Psalm 39:4-5a)*

*Choice #1 – Where will you focus your important priorities? This day or someday? What are your priorities? What would need to happen this week to allow you to say next week, “I’ve had a no regret week?”*

*This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)*

**Challenge #2: Taking relationships for granted** – *“Again I saw something meaningless under the sun: There was a man all alone; he had neither son nor brother. There was no end to his toil, yet his eyes were not content with his wealth. ‘For whom am I toiling,’ he asked, ‘and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?’” (Eccl. 4:7-8)*

*Choice #2 – Where will you invest your best moments? People or productivity? How/what would need to happen for you to be more people focused and not as productivity focused?*

**Challenge #3: Taking opportunities for granted** – *“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” (Gal. 6:9-10)*

*Choice #3 – How will you be defined? Contributor or consumer? What are some ways we can contribute to God’s Kingdom purpose in our own little arenas?*

**Challenge #4: Taking eternity for granted** – *“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matt. 6:19a, 20a, 21)*

*Choice #4 – Where will you leave your ultimate legacy? Your kingdom or God’s kingdom? How might this look specifically?*

**What needs to change on “this day” so that you hear these words on “that day”...** *His master replied, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!” (Matt. 25:21)*

The last song we sang together on Sunday was “Goodness of God.” We sang about God’s goodness and faithfulness in order that we would surrender our lives. What in our life still needs

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to be brought under complete surrender to God for 2021?