



New Year, Same God – 1.5.2026

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

Icebreaker Questions:

1. What new year resolutions have you made for yourself? Have you stuck to it so far?
2. What is the most attainable new year resolution you can think of?

LIFEgroup Lesson

1. During Sunday's sermon, Pastor Mike said, "Hope for the future grows out of remembrance." What important lesson from this past year do you hope to carry with you into 2026?
2. "Faith has survived because of storytelling;" the bible is full of stories that have helped strengthen, & lengthen, faith for thousands of years. Pastor Mike asked us, "Are we retelling struggles and failures, or God's goodness?" Which stories in the bible immediately come to mind when you think of God's goodness?
3. "Zakar" means, to remember, in a way that shapes now. A faith filled website, called 1517.org states, "In the Old Testament, to zakar ("remember") is not merely to rifle through the files in your head until you find that fact you've been searching for. To zakar is to employ your hands and feet and lips to engage in whatever action that remembrance requires." What habits do you currently use, or could you begin using, to engage your ability to "Zakar?" Where in your life could you make more time to be the hands & feet of Jesus?
4. Recall the meaning of "Ebenezer;" stones of help, or remembrance. "When memories fade, Ebenezers endure." What examples of biblical Ebenezers can you think of?
5. Together as a group, read Hebrews 13:8 aloud, and discuss the following: what can you do each day to help you remember God's goodness (your Ebenezers) in your life? How can that also help remind others of God's goodness in their lives?

In conclusion: Remember, share, mark the moment; leave Ebenezers! And don't get stuck in Chickfila playground slides. May your 2026 bless you abundantly!