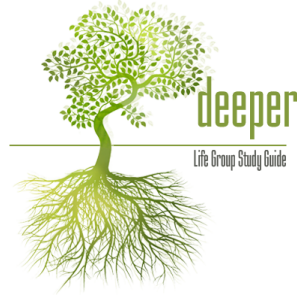


Deeper Questions

More of Less: Self

1/15/17



Welcome (You to Me, Me to You)

Have you made a New Year's Resolution and followed through with it? What was it? If not, what keeps you keeping your resolutions?

Worship (Us to God)

Read 1 Chronicles 16:11-12... Reflect back on 2016. Praise God for the good things that He did in your life this past year.

Word (God to Us)

1. What would you identify as the most important areas of your life (Work, Church, Family, Hobbies, Raising kids, Following God, etc)? Why did you choose those areas?
2. Read Galatians 6:7-10... This year you will reap what you sow. What changes do you want to see in your priorities and how you live them out?
3. Read Colossians 3:1-3... What are "things above" that we set our minds on? What are the "things of this earth" that we set our minds on?
4. Read Colossians 3:5-8... What areas are the hardest for you to put to death? Read Colossians 3:12-14... Which of these areas do you want to "clothe" yourselves with this year?

5. Look back at what you identified as the important areas of your life. Do those reflect the "things above" or "things of this earth"? In what ways does your life reflect each of these?
6. Read Romans 8:5-8... Think of specific desires of the flesh. Are they all bad? What makes a desire good, bad, or neutral? What does it mean to set your mind on the "Spirit's desires" rather than the "flesh's desires"?
7. In both of these passages Paul is talking about the importance of aligning our life with Christ. But we can't just add something. Something has to "die" in order for something better to grow. What do you need to do less of in 2017?
8. Once you have room in your life, what do you want to do more of in 2017?

Response (Us to the World)

What are some practical ways we can support each other this year in this pursuit?