

Sermon Discussion Questions

This Year I Mean It

Romans 12:1-9

January 7, 2018

1. Any New Year's Resolutions?
2. Romans 12:1-3 lays out how we are to be self-aware. When Romans 12:1 says we must be a living sacrifice, what hinders us from staying on the altar so God can take control and shape us to be who He has made us to be? How, in 2018, are we going to stay on the altar?
 - Romans 12:3 tells us to not think more highly of ourselves than we ought. What does that mean? How can we do that without thinking we are "dirt"? Give Biblical examples (or examples out of your mind) of how we are to think of ourselves.
 - The fill in the blank is "I will live by faith in God and His mercy — I mean it!" What gets in the way of this and how will we address those barriers in 2018?
3. Have you ever been on a team or in a group where you felt like you were in sync—like the tug-of-war team? Have you ever been on a team or in a group when you weren't in sync? In what ways were those experiences different? Read 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4:11-16 and pull out principles or applications from those texts for how to be in sync as a church.
 - What can we do to help each other and others we are reaching out to be a part of the Faith Church team? How will you be a part of the Faith Church team in 2018?
4. When Jeremy went through the 7 spiritual gifts and the spilling and cleaning of the dessert, could you relate to any? In what way?
 - Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? Did you take the test? How will you strengthen them in 2018? What does Hebrews 5:12-14 hint at with the benefit of using our spiritual gifts, and the warning with not using them?
5. There was a bonus at the end of the sermon: Love-Awareness. Read again Romans 12:9 and discuss what hypocrisy in our loving each other looks like so we can avoid it. According to this verse, how does evil and good play into having love-awareness?