

# HERE'S WHAT WE KNOW

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## INTRODUCTION

We are starting the new year with a message from Pastor John entitled *Here's What We Know*. He explains that before 2020, Jesus "got it." He loved us and died for us, no matter who we were or what we did or what was done to us. During and after 2020, Jesus "got us" in His church. He is the head and paid the price for our freedom. Our church's 2020 desire is for you to give God more and more room to transform you into a NO MATTER FOLLOWER of Jesus. Toward that end, our sermon series this coming year are meant to help us be "so full of Jesus that it spills out whenever we get bumped."

## DISCUSSION

1. What are some spiritual resolutions you have for the upcoming year? Do you have a plan to make those resolutions measurable and attainable? Discuss with your group what that looks like for each of you and pray for each person's resolutions.
2. **Read Colossians 1:15-17.** How can you use Jesus to "hold together" your spiritual resolutions? It is easy to make even spiritual goals and not include Jesus! What spiritual rhythms of prayer and/or meditation have you included in your resolutions? What do you need to learn more about before you can implement some of your resolutions?
3. Discuss what you think it means to be "so full of Jesus it spills out when you get bumped." What does that look like in daily interactions with family, friends and coworkers? What is lacking right now in your spiritual journey that would prevent you from spilling Jesus on people? Is it included in your spiritual resolutions?
4. Discuss some hot topics for you for this coming year: politics, social justice, culture shifts, historical events, etc. Think about these topics as they relate to your spiritual resolutions. Will your resolutions help you navigate the tough spots you're anticipating this coming year? If not, what do you think you need to add or take away from your plan?

## DO SOMETHING

1. Pray about the discussions resulting from the questions above. Were you able to come up with a measurable and attainable plan for this coming year? If so, put it in writing and post it in a place where you see it as you prepare for your day. Be sure to share your plan with a trusted friend or family member to help keep you accountable.
2. Gather with your small group or some close friends and make a plan to hold each other accountable for the spiritual resolutions you have. Set times for check-ins, preferably face-to-face, on a weekly or bi-weekly basis.
3. Begin praying for whom God would like you to reach out to this season as a No Matter follower of Christ. You might be surprised whom He points you to!

## RESOURCES

1. [\*Every Day With Purpose\*](#) is a five-part video course by John Maxwell on [RightNow Media](#) designed to give you the tools you need to experience the most fulfilling life possible.
2. A. W. Tozer claims this thirst for an intimate relationship with God is not for a select few but should be the experience of every follower of Christ. Tozer uses Psalm 42:1 in his book [\*The Pursuit of God\*](#) to explain what it looks like to thirst for God.
3. Find a daily devotional that will challenge and inspire you to stay in the Word and spend time with our Savior. Some well-known titles include *My Utmost for His Highest* by Oswald Chambers, *God is with You Every Day* by Max Lucado, or *Jesus Calling* by Sarah Young, all available on Amazon.