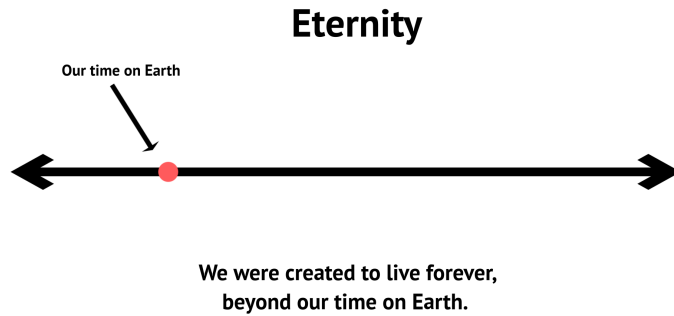


Sermon: New Year's Day: What Are You Seeking?

Date: Sunday, January 1st, 2023



Only a spiritual God and spiritual purposes _____ a spiritual being.

Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. (Genesis 2:7)

If any of those things or people are not pointing us to the ways of God, then we are actually being spiritually formed by those things or people to be _____ God.

Questions to help evaluate if we are being shaped more like God or more unlike God:

1. Are you more loving or unloving towards yourself and others?
2. Are you joyful or joyless?
3. Do you have internal peace or internal turmoil?
4. Are you patient with people and circumstances or impatient and frequently angry?
5. Do you want to do what God wants, or only what you want?
6. Are you able to submit to the ways of God or do you fight against what He wants?
7. Are you gentle when you don't get what you want or do you power up and force your way on others and through circumstances?
8. Do you have self control to resist temptation or do you just give into your sinful desires?

If you are going to seek anything this year, _____ God.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)



*“But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”
(Matthew 6:33)*

Jesus Encourages Us To Seek:

1. God’s _____

2. God’s _____

Our faith is not just meant for our benefit, but it is being His _____ bearers to those around us.

Seeking God This Year:

1. Love God with your schedule

2. Pick a plan, a time, and a place

3. Make it a point to be in spiritual community and let someone know your plan to seek God this year

4. Daily surrender to God and cooperate with His will in our lives

Bottom Line: *If you are going to seek anything this year, seek God.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

1. What is something that you need to take off your schedule in order to love God with your schedule?
2. What is your plan to seek God in the coming year? When and where will you seek God each day?
3. What is a step you can take this year to join in with deeper spiritual community? Who can you share your plan with so that they can walk with you on this journey with God?
4. What is an area of your life that you need to surrender to God and cooperate with Him in?

Songs used in service: Stand In Your Love (Josh Baldwin), In Christ Alone (Stuart Townend), The Blessing (Kari Jobe), Rest On Us (Maverick City Music & Upper Room)

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Any prayer requests?

Name: _____ **Email (so we can follow up):** _____

What can we be praying for you about?