

Sunday, January 1, 2023 - "Three Building Blocks for Transformation in 2023" - Matt Mancinelli

Key Passages: Luke 19:1-10, Luke 18:18-22, Luke 18:35-43

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- 5 Problems with planning for the new year
 - 1) I've been a Christian for ___ years, but my life is still full of issues
 - 2) I've set New Year's resolutions some years, but not kept them
 - 3) I feel overwhelmed when I think of all the things in my life I want God to fix
 - 4) Romans 7:15 - For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the things I hate
 - 5) Romans 7:18 - For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out
- Luke 19:1-10
 - Zaccheus couldn't see what was around him
 - When we have the right perspective we can see properly
- 3 Building Blocks for Transformation in 2023
 - Block One: Get Perspective (go to: <https://gracewired.com/current-series-2/> to find templates)
 - 12 month timeline of the past year
 - 4 Big Questions
 - What's right?
 - What's wrong?
 - What's missing?
 - What's confused?
 - Block Two: Ask God for one word
 - Luke 18:18-22 - Jesus tells the man to think about one thing
 - Luke 18:35-43
 - Block Three: Take action
 - Zaccheus took action
 - Advice to do this
 - 1) Less is more (make everything filter up to your one word)
 - 2) Think training, not trying
 - 3) Give space for grace
 - 4) Start silly small (ex. Matt's friend journaling one sentence a day)

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. How do you go about gaining the right perspective?
2. What has your experience with New Years resolutions been like in the last?
3. Have you done the one word challenge before? How has it been for you?
4. What's your one word for this year? If you don't have one yet, what do you need to do to allow God to give it to you?
5. What are some immediate actions for you to take in your walk with God this year?
6. What does it look like for you to start "silly small"?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this message or passage?

Songs from the weekend:

[Ancient Gates - *Brooke Ligertwood*] - [Reason to Praise - *Bethel Music*] - [How He Loves - *John Mark McMillan*] - [Worthy of it All - *Bethel Music*]