

Beyond Sunday Sermon Bible Study Series

Engage

What are some of the New Year's Resolutions you've made in the past? What is your track record for actually following through?

Have someone briefly review what they remember from the sermon

Learn

Read Mark 1:9-11

- 1. What are the three elements of the blessing that Father speaks over Jesus in verse 11?
- 2. What does it mean to you to be called God's Child?
- 3. Why do you think the Father says he is pleased with Jesus at this point in his ministry? Remember, Jesus hadn't begun his ministry yet.

Deepen

As you enter the New Year, God wants you to know how he sees you. Like Jesus' baptism, the Father sees you as his child, whom he loves and he is delighted in you.

How do you respond to the idea that God speaks this blessing over your life? Is it easy or difficult for you to receive? Why?

Which of the three blessings (Identity, Affection, Affirmation) do you most need to hear right now? Why?

How does this Fatherly blessing influence your thoughts about this past year and all that you hope to change in the year ahead?

Live

Pastor Keith called us to commit ourselves to 1) Forget our Failures, 2) Forgive Others, 3) Ask, "What Can I Give?", and 4) Fix Our Eyes On Jesus in 2015. Which one of these do you most resonate with? Is there a resolution not listed here that you feel God asking from you?

Share with the group at least on resolution God is calling you to. Have someone make a list of them and then Spend some time praying into them, asking God to move you forward into his future. Keep the list in your Bible so you can review and encourage one another throughout the year.