



Digging Deeper this week...

BiG iDEa: God invites me to choose the hard right over the easy wrong.

Set aside some time throughout this week to read and reflect on what God's word says on the subject from the Bible passages below. Some questions are provided for you or a small group of friends to provide focus for your reflection. Before your start: Breathe, pray, ask the Holy Spirit for help.

Identify

Have you ever had to lay a new foundation in your life before? How did it turn out? Explain.

Read

Scriptures to grow by... Haggai 1, Ezra 1-5, Matthew 6:33, Ecclesiastes 9:10, Galatians 6:14-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 1 John 4:4, Ephesians 2:19-22; 3:19.

Reflect

1. What words, phrases or ideas stand out to you from the Bible readings you read today? How do these passages help you think about overcoming the constant drift toward *easy road* priorities?
2. How do these words, phrases or ideas connect with your everyday life? What do they lead you to think or to do?
3. On Sunday, Pastor Doug said "whatever we focus on we give power to." When you consider your life and habits, what are you giving most power to? What might be preventing you to take a "hard right" toward God as the highest and best priority in your life?

Respond

Moving forward...

If it is your heart's desire to seek God's first priorities, consider praying this prayer or one like it throughout this week: *Holy Spirit, I need your help to see where my life needs remodeling in this New Year. I need Your strength to stay dedicated to the work You want to do in and through me. Will You come today and refresh my passion for You, Your honor and the desire to do Your will? In Jesus' name. Amen.*