

# HOME GROUPS

Discussion Questions  
Week of January 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Warm Up** Are you a New Year's Resolution kind of person? Why or why not?

- Consider some of the following questions as you reflect upon your life in 2009. As a group discuss the ones that jump out to you *personally* and share your responses, as you feel led.
  - What were the highlights, joys and blessings of this last year? What were my growing edges last year? Where did I feel like I was significantly challenged? How did I do?
  - What was it that caused me pain or loss last year? Where did I really experience suffering? Have I grieved it well?
  - Where did I really miss an opportunity last year?
  - How did I do living out my priorities? Which of these relationships do I need to improve in the coming year?
  
- Oswald Chambers writes, "The goal of faithfulness is not that we will do work for God, but that He will be free to do His work through us. God calls us to His service and places tremendous responsibilities on us. He expects no complaining on our part and offers no explanation on His part. God wants to use us as He used His own Son." What impacts you most in this statement? Do you agree? Why or why not?
  
- Read **1 John 2:15-17**. Discuss what is meant by each of the following: "**the lust of the flesh**", "**the lust of the eyes**", and "**the pride of life**". Where do these things lay within a person? What is Jesus' antidote to these revealed in **Mark 12:30**?
  
- Discuss as a group the specific ways you plan to love God more with your 1. HEART. 2. SOUL. 3. MIND. and 4. STRENGTH. What could it look like?

**Wrap Up**: Close by praying specifically for the year ahead. What apprehensions do you need to yield to Jesus? Surrender these things personally and lift one another up before the Lord, trusting 2010 to be an incredible year of God's favor, blessing, and restoration.