**Last Year on Earth Part 1**

**GOALS & GUIDELINES:**
**ICEBREAKER:  I wish I had more time to…**
**AGREEMENT PRAYER**
**PRAISE**
**EDIFY:**

The Mayan Calendar predicts we all have 345 days left. We aren’t here to argue if the Mayan prediction is correct or incorrect. We want to take this opportunity to contemplate living our last year on earth.

**Q-** How important is 1 day?

**Q-** How important is your last day?

**Q-** Is there really a difference in the value of 1 day and the value of your last day?

The rarity of an object makes it more valuable. Gold, silver, platinum, diamonds, and oil are valuable because they are rare. For this reason, we tend to place more importance on final moments.

**Q-** Tell us about a final time you spent with someone. What was that like?

**Q-** Are final moments really more valuable than other moments? Why or why not?

Our days are limited. There are only so many moments for us in this life. This makes every moment valuable and rare. Many times we put off getting things right today and tell ourselves we will get things right tomorrow. We aren’t guaranteed a tomorrow… **Q- Why do we do this?**

The real truth is – Every moment is important and not to be taken lightly. Those stories we shared about last moments… We could be experiencing a last moment ourselves. We really believe Jesus could come back, and we also know that life is a vapor – Our lives could end. This moment we are in right now shouldn’t be taken for granted.

**Q-** What is something you want to see happen this year?

**Q-** Does God cares about what you would like to see happen this year? How do we know? {Psalm 37}

God wants to give you the year you desire. Delight in the Lord and Commit to the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart. The desires in your heart, no matter how big or small are promised to you if you will commit to God. This doesn’t mean we can or should sit back and put in little effort. But often we do just that…

Many people have big dreams to change their life on January 1 – And that’s great, but most lack the effort from day to day. They have the dream. They know that their dream will take hard work, but they usually put off the hard work they could do today and plan on doing it tomorrow… but tomorrow never comes.

The word for this is apathy…

**Q-** How do we avoid living a life of apathy? How have you dealt with it?

It’s time to COMMIT to the Lord. COMMIT to your dream. COMMIT to a great 2012 everyday.

Internal Q- If this is your last year, how do you want to live it?

 Have you been living a life of apathy? **<Pray>**

**Vision: In the next 3 weeks we are going to continue talking about this year and how we want to live it. When it comes to our relationships – how do we want to live 2012? When it comes to faith in God – how do we want to live? When it comes to our personal growth – how will we live out 2012?**

All these things start with taking advantage of today. Let’s take advantage of every day and come back and share the great things that are happening.

Goals and Guidelines

1. Grow in relationship with each other
2. Grow in relationship with God
3. Grow in number and multiply

 This is a non-denominational meeting where everyone's thoughts, ideas, and opinions are to be respected. Everyone is welcome and we encourage all to share their feelings.

We will not argue or debate!

We place God's Word as the highest authority.

We all share equally in the ownership of this Connect Group*,* therefore we will all participate in hosting meetings from house to house on a weekly basis.

We will be committed to attendance and arriving on time.

When sharing, we follow 3 simple rules...
Stay on subject
Keep it short
Keep all comments appropriate.

We will build confidence and trust with each other and become transparent.

What is said in here stays in here. No gossip!

Last but not least… We will invite others to our Connect Group!

**John 4:13-17**Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” **14** Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes. **15** Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” **16** As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. **17** If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.

**Psalm 37:4-5** Take delight in the LORD,
   and he will give you the desires of your heart.

 **5** Commit your way to the LORD;
   trust in him and he will do this: