

Shepherd Notes

Happy New Year! If you are like me, you enter into the year with mixed emotions. I'm excited for the opportunities that the New Year brings, but I'm also mindful of the challenges ahead. Today I'll be sharing the theme and direction of our teaching for the year. Even as I speak God is calling out to many of you. He has thoughts and plans for your year that are good and important. Listen for His voice and join me in anchoring our faith in His Word. Enjoy the message.

Always pulling for you.

Pastor Luis

Based on today's message how would you answer the following questions?

1. What was the biggest challenge for you in 2017? What did you learn from it? What do you think you were supposed to learn from it? What are your biggest hopes for 2018?

2. Read Matthew 7:24-27 What is Jesus trying to teach us about faith and works? How might we apply this lesson to our lives this year?

3. As you think about defending your faith or sharing it with others what are some of your greatest fears and concerns? How can we as a small group help one another?

4. If you could ask God anything, what would it be? Would His answer determine whether or not you loved Him more or less? Why does this question matter?