



Icebreaker:

What is a New Year's resolution you've made for 2019? What is one way you would like to grow your faith in 2019?

Announcements:

Invite someone to join you for our Cannonball series.

Prayer Time:

Pray for our building project as demolition begins soon in our east wing.

Study Questions:

What is the biggest splash you've ever seen or ever made? What impact did that splash have on others?

Why are many people today worried whether they've done enough to please God? What messages have they heard from religious people that have created this guilt and uncertainty?

What does Ephesians 2:8–10 tell us about trying to earn God's favor with our good works? What do the following verses also tell us about the problem we all have with ever being good enough– see Romans 3:10–12,23.

According to this Ephesians 2 passage, what is God's goal for our life? See also 2 Timothy 3:16–17. Why is it important to see works as the actions that follow our salvation rather something we do to earn our salvation? Why is grace so liberating? How does grace remove fear and insecurity?

How might pride and insecurity impact us if we were saved by works? What might heaven look if God let us in based on what we do?

Discuss the statement– *“The truest indicator that Jesus has made a splash in our lives is the kind of fruit, and the amount of fruit, our lives yield.”* Why should every Christian person yield fruit?

What does it say if we as Christ followers are not different from others? What do the following verses say about a fruitless life– John 15:1–5; Mark 8:34–37; Matthew 7:17–21?

How can we make sure we are living a fruitful life– a life where Jesus has made a splash– in the use of our time, treasure, talents, words, deeds, attitudes– our outlook and the way we treat others? How should we be different from those who don't have faith?

Conversational Prayer: Dear God help me...