

# OWN IT 2018

Passing the Test



## Ice Breaker

- What was the high/low point of the past week?
- **Recap:** How did you attempt to grow in your trust with Jesus? Is there a particular promise of God you are praying for right now?

## Key Questions

- What's one idea from Sunday's message that really stood out to you? Why did this grab your attention?
- "*What is tested can be trusted.*" Ps Blake shared that even though we don't like testing we like things that have been tested. How does testing prepare you to receive the promises of God? How has God used testing in your life to prepare you for a new or better season?
- Read James 1:2-5 aloud. This verse teaches about the role "trials" play in our lives. What sticks out to you most about this verse?
- How would you explain the difference between a temptation and a testing? Is there a current trial that you've viewed as a temptation that you might need to view differently?

**Optional Questions** – If needed, include one or more of these scriptures and questions to extend your conversation.

- Read Hebrews 11:17-19 aloud. These verses show us that it was by faith that Abraham believed God could raise Isaac from the dead. There are times when we don't understand the process but we can trust God has a plan. How have you seen this to be true in your life?
- "*Am I willing to walk by faith to see God's purpose shine through my circumstance?*" God's promises to us are always "yes" – but sometimes we respond with a "conditional amen". How does living life with an "unconditional amen" empower you to pass the test?
- Ps Blake shared the story about his father's prayer while undergoing chemotherapy. He prayed that the doctor's would see Jesus through him! Is there someone in your life who inspires you to believe in the promises of God? What have you learned from them? What inspires you the most?

**Own It Sunday:** Own It Sunday is December 10<sup>th</sup>. You're invited to bring your word for 2018 and offering as we celebrate what God did in 2017 and come expectant for Him to move in 2018!