OWN IT 2018
#Blessed

Ice Breaker

- Do you like or dislike Christmas Music? What would you say is the best Christmas song? The worst? Why?

Key Questions

- What's one idea from Sunday's message that really stood out to you? Why did this grab your attention?
- *"God can do anything when loved above everything."* Jesus taught not to worry about this life but to instead seek 1st the Kingdom of Heaven. Why does putting God first in our lives result in a blessed life? Why is it not enough to have God as the 2nd or 3rd priority in our lives?
- Read John 3:16 aloud. Giving is about love, not law. Jesus gave His life because He loved us – not because He "had too". Do you find it easy to give to the things you love? Why or why not? What can we learn from Jesus' example of love based giving?

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

- Read Malachi 3:10 aloud. This verse is the only place in the entire scripture where God asks us to test Him. Tithing requires trust. We trust that God is a promise keeping God. Do you find it easy to trust God with your finances? Why or why not?
- According to research from the Barna Institute the average American Christian will only give 2.5% of their income away in 2018 (to all causes, include church). Does this surprise you? Why or why not?
- Ps Blake shared a story of his parents moving to Jacksonville to start a church in the early 90's. They had very little money and didn't know how they were going to survive. They chose to trust God and love him above everything. As a result, a chance meeting at Publix resulted in their mortgage being paid for 5-years! Do you think stories like this should be the normal Christian experience? Why or why not?
- What is your word for 2018? How can we pray for 2018 to be your best year?

Own It Sunday: Own It Sunday is this Sunday, December 10th. 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!