

Series: STAND ALONE

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Happy 2020!

As you gather or regather this week, don't rush into the questions. Spend time catching up. Look back at '19 and tell your friends one thing God was working on in your life, and celebrate one thing God did through your group.

Bob began his message quoting Jesus' words in Mark 1:15. "The time has come, the kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" Is this a positive or a negative announcement? Why do you say that?

Bob used Simon Sinek's book The Infinite Game to kick off and focus our 2020 Ministry Season. The book challenges us to Advance a Just Cause. So much of the book mirrors Jesus' teaching! Our cause is advance the kingdom, to inspire people to know and become like Jesus. More on that below...Bob highlighted five mindsets that are for the church as a whole, for a small group or an individual. As we go through keep each in view.

The first is Be For Something. Read Mark 1:13, Matthew 5:14 & 15, and Romans 8:31-32. Discuss the following: What's the problem with always fighting against things? What just cause do you see your group advocating, praying for, joining or serving this year?

The second is to Be Inclusive. Look at John 4:39-42 and recall Kip's message last week. How did Jesus demonstrate being inclusive? What hinders us from this? Bob mentioned William Temple and his quote: "The Church is the only organization that does not exist for itself, but for those who live outside of it." What strikes you about that?

The third mindset is to Be Service Oriented. See Philippians 2:3-7. What, where or who could your group pray about and consider serving this winter?

Resilient. What's your group's kingdom purpose? How resilient are we in focusing on that? Do you believe that Jesus is leading, behind, and will use Cornwall in the New Year? Why or why not?

Idealistic. Look at Philippians 3:12-14 and Matthew 28:19-20. What does idealistic mean? What's Cornwall's Cause? Can you state our Mission? Cornwall exists to...

"Glorify God by altering the spiritual _____ one life at a time through Jesus."