

# Getting Connected

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**Dear Small Group Leaders,**

Welcome to the New Decade! It is hard to believe that it's been 10 years since we all went through the Y2K scare (does anyone still have a rather large generator sitting in their garage?) Yet, we find ourselves feeling rather glad that 2009 is behind us, and looking forward with hope that the New Year and the New Decade will bring us favor and God's fullest blessings.

Although the turning of the calendar is probably not a huge deal with God, it does serve as a marker on our journey through life. It reminds us that another year has passed, we have become a year older, and we have one less year remaining in our lives here on earth. The changing of the year can serve as a time for us to pause, ponder and reflect on how we are choosing to conduct our lives. Am I making the most of my life? Am I any closer to becoming the person I really want to be? Are there any character or lifestyle adjustments that I need to implement in my life?



The beginning of the New Year and New Decade can be more than simply making mental resolutions and exhibiting a renewed level of will power. It can be a great opportunity for us to gain a renewed perspective and to implement some lifestyle practices that will address the deeper desires of our heart. 2010 truly can be the best year of our lives!

I have been developing over the past several months a "marker" tool that each of us as leaders can use to assess where we are on our life journey. The **Personal Growth Processor** you will find under this newsletter listing on the web page is designed to help us explore and evaluate the areas of our lives that collectively make up our growth and development as a person. Personally, I work through the content of this Processor regularly throughout the year and hope you will find this tool useful for your own life journey.

Download the **Personal Growth Processor** from the web page found below this newsletter listing and print it out. Then follow the instructions in the introduction.

For many of us, myself included, it is helpful to have another person help us process the thoughts and desires that surface through such an exercise. As Small Group Pastors, Erik Dixon, Tom McGee and I are more than willing to sit down and talk through the Personal Growth Processor with you. Even more, we would welcome the chance to connect with you and hear what God is doing in and through your life. As such, one of us will attempt to contact you in the weeks ahead to see if you would let us buy you breakfast, lunch, dinner or coffee and enjoy a time of conversation with you.<

Thanks for your service to our Lord and may God bless you and your family abundantly in the New Year.

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