

## Getting Started

1. Do you feel compelled to take on something new in a New Year? Why or why not?
  - a. If so, what are you taking on in 2018?
2. How much of your life belongs to God? On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 – nothing, 10 – everything) how would rate your life? How might someone else rate you?
3. Is giving a piece of your life over to God as easy as Shawn makes it seem? Explain.
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain

## Digging Deeper

5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 28

### **Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?**

A. We can be patient when things go against us,<sup>1</sup> thankful when things go well,<sup>2</sup> and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love.<sup>3</sup> For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Job 1:21-22; James 1:3 <sup>2</sup> Deut. 8:10; 1 Thess. 5:18 <sup>3</sup> Ps. 55:22; Rom. 5:3-5; 8:38-39 <sup>4</sup> Job 1:12; 2:6; Prov. 21:1; Acts 17:24-28

Do you have the confidence that Heidelberg Q&A 28 speaks of?

6. Paul cites Psalm 24:1 in 1 Cor. 10:25&26, why? What principle is Paul trying to help Christians establish?
  - a. Does that seem like an odd use of this verse? In what other settings would Psalm 24:1 be beneficial?
7. When you read a specific Bible passage its meaning may be very clear to you. When you read the passage again it may be saying something altogether different. Romans 13:1-7 is one of those passages. The typical meaning is drawn from how we treat our government officials. What else might this passage teach us in relation to this morning's sermon?
8. God is with us from the very beginning of our lives (Psalm 139:13-16) to the very end (Job 14:5), and everywhere in between (Psalm 31:15). How do these verses help reinforce that we belong to God?

## Application

9. What one piece of your life are you going to actively work on giving over to God? Be specific. What steps are you going to take to make that happen? What changes? (Examples Shawn gave: finances, health, relationships, work, and entertainment)

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## Christian Finance

### “Belong”

The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

Psalm 24:1

- The \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
in it!
- What we have, God has \_\_\_\_\_ to us, \_\_\_\_\_  
our \_\_\_\_\_.
- We must prove \_\_\_\_\_ in our \_\_\_\_\_ of what  
God has \_\_\_\_\_ to us.

Topics: Ownership, goals, finances