

ON PURPOSE A 2010 CHALLENGE

Aim: reflecting on the past year, our goal will be to look towards the coming year at Washington Street... seeking the Lord's renewal & guidance for what lies ahead!

Open: *What's the strangest New Year's Resolution you've ever made?*

Read *Psalm 51:8-10*

- What situation in David's life had prompted this psalm? How do you imagine David felt at this point in his life? Why?
- How did God continue to use David in the months and years that followed these events?
- When have you ever felt similar to David here? How did God answer your prayer?

Read *Romans 12:2*

- What kinds of things do you do to "renew" your mind?
- What kind of "renewing" are you in need of right now?
- What kind of "renewing" would you like to see take place in our church family?

Discuss

- Why is the start of a new year the typical time that folks think about making changes in their lives?
- Why do you suppose many people do NOT make new year's resolutions?
- Why is change sometimes uncomfortable? Are you one that invites change or do you avoid change?
- What resolutions or changes would you like to see the new year bring in your life? At Washington Street?
- Are these things that will bring 'comfort' or 'discomfort'?
- What challenges do you see our congregation facing in the coming year?
- What can each of us do to help meet these challenges/ opportunities?

Pray

How can our group pray for YOU tonight?

