

# THIS IS MY YEAR

. . . *I promise*

## **Part 1: A New Perspective - Sean Seay**

*The best way to live 2018 is to live in light of eternity - financially & relationally.*

### **Changing Your Mind**

*Leader Tip:* Be sure to read these verses to start your discussion with your group.

*"Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." - James 4:13-14*

### **Introduction**

We have a lot of hopes for what 2018 will be like and we have a lot of things we want to do this year. We all want life to be better and a great way for this to happen is to live in light of eternity. If we will live 2018 in light of eternity, especially when it comes to our finances and relationships, we will have the best year possible.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What are some things you are hoping will happen in 2018? What are some of your hopes this year specifically in the areas of your finances and emotional health?
2. During the message, Sean encouraged us to handle money God's way, specifically to, "GIVE first, SAVE second, and LIVE off the rest." What are your thoughts on this approach to handling money? For those of you who do this, what has your experience been like living this way?
3. Sean also mentioned that when we are feeling down or depressed we often become very inwardly focused. What do you think about this statement? What would you encourage someone do who is depressed or in a tough place emotionally? What have you done?
4. What has your experience been like being a part of Athens Church? Who is someone you know that you would love to experience what you've experienced at Athens Church?
5. As you think about this message and the passages we read from James, what is a step you are going to take to begin living in light of eternity in 2018?

### **Moving Forward**

2018 can be a great year for you and your family especially if you will trust God with the money and relationships in your life. To get to wherever you want to be in 2018 you cannot keep doing what you've been doing. Take a step of faith, trust God and watch 2018 be the best year of your life.