

where?  
we at?

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**In Psalm 40, King David states:**

*This is where I was...*

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. <sup>2</sup>He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;

*This is where I am...*

...he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. <sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, "Here I am, I have come— it is written about me in the scroll.

*This is where I'm going...*

<sup>8</sup>I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." <sup>9</sup>I proclaim righteousness in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, as you know, O LORD.

<sup>10</sup>I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation. I do not conceal your love and your truth from the great assembly.

*This is my reality...*

<sup>17</sup>Yet I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me.

*This is my hope...*

You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, do not delay.

**On the edge of a new decade, we must each ask the questions:**

- Where has God brought me from?
- Where does God have me now?
- Where does God want me to go?
- What does God want me to do?

(Continues on back)

## On the edge of a new decade, CTK must look:

### Back

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,  
for his compassions never fail.  
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.  
– *Ecclesiastes 3:22-23*

### Around

I do not hide your righteousness in my heart;  
I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.  
I do not conceal your love and your truth from  
the great assembly. – *Psalms 40:10*

### Forward

May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put  
our hope in you. – *Psalms 33:22*

### Up

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of  
witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the  
sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance  
the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the  
author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him  
endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the  
right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured  
such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow  
weary and lose heart. – *Hebrews 12:1-3*

## On Your Way Home

Count how many traffic direction signs you see on the way home.  
Why is going in the right direction so important when it comes to  
following God?

### Small Group Discussion Questions



- 1) When it comes to New Year's resolutions do you:
  - a) Make one and strive to keep it?
  - b) Make none because you know yourself too well?
  - c) Laugh at how many people can't last a week?
  - d) See them as an opportunity to follow God better?
- 2) What did your life look like one year ago? What has changed the most? What has changed the least?
- 3) How would you describe your relationship with God today? Growing? Status quo? Stagnant? Exciting? Adventurous? Overwhelming?
- 4) Read Psalm 40 as a small group. Which verse captures your heart? Why?
- 5) Which direction do you spend most of your time looking to as it pertains to your life: back, around, forward or up? Is the direction good or bad?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?