

**Big Idea:** Are you ready for the new year ahead? Preparing for a successful year requires an intentional new start, fresh hope and making important "now" decisions.

**Psalm 104:30 (NIV)** When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

**Isaiah 40:28-31 (NIV)** Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

## Start Talking:

What are you most thankful for as you look back on how God brought you through 2022?

## Start Thinking:

Read Psalm 104:30. In what ways are you looking to the Lord to renew you in 2023?

**Read Isaiah 40:28-31 and Romans 15:13.** How does this verse speak to you about the unique hope that only God can give you in this new year?

**Read Romans 8:1-2.** How can you shut down voices of condemnation and shame that want to hold you back as you enter 2023?

**Read 1 Samuel 10:6 and Acts 2:1-4**. Why is the power of the Holy Spirit so important as you look ahead to what God has in store for you this year?

## **Start Praying and Doing:**

Pray about the "now" decisions you need to make as you head into 2023.

Focus in on one decision that could be especially important at this time. Take a step now (or as soon as possible) to move forward with that decision in a meaningful way.