

## **Bible Study, God's Plan For The New Year That Is Coming, Week 1**

### **Day: 1 God's Plan For 2010**

*Read Isaiah 40: 27-31*

1. What do the following teach us about what God expects from us and what His promises are?

- Matthew 5:3
- Isaiah 40:31
- Proverbs 3: 5-8

2. Set two or three personal goals for yourself for 2010

3. What do the verses above teach us about reaching our personal goals?

4. What do the following teach us about God's purpose for us in the New Year?

- Malachi 4:2
- Isaiah 42:16
- 2 Corinthians 3:18

5. What is God's plan for your congregation in the coming year?

- Matthew 5:14-16
- Isaiah 60:1-5

6. What can your congregation do to make your light shine better and further?

7. How can we live God's vision for us?

- In our personal life
- In a care group

8. How will you describe God's plan for you for 2010 according to all the verses from above?

9. Further Reading:

- Hebrews 10:19-25. Come to God boldly
- Ephesians 5:6-20. Live as people of the light
- Psalm 5:1-13. Do God's will
- 1 Peter 1:1-15. Christians' calling
- Proverbs 4:10-27. Walking the right path of life

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## **Day: 2 God's Light In The Inner Room**

*Read Matthew 6: 5-15*

1. What is quiet time? Matthew 14:23
2. Why do we have to get quiet in God's presence?
  - Genesis 3:8-9
  - Matthew 11:28
  - John 15:5
3. Why do I not get quiet in god's presence, name reasons that keep us from getting quiet in front of God?
4. Why don't some Christians have quiet time?
5. What do the following teach us about our failure to have quiet time?
  - Luke 10:38-42
  - Matthew 5:3
  - Matthew 16:24
  - Mark 4:18-19
6. Share with others the practical aspects of what works for you and what does not work for you concerning the following:
  - Where is the best place to have your quiet time?
  - When is the best time to have your quiet time?
  - How should one have quiet time?
7. Further Reading:
  - Isaiah 17:5-13. Do not stray
  - Psalm 1:1-9. Spiritual food
  - Isaiah 17:7-8. Anchored correctly
  - Ephesians 3:14-21. Know the love of Christ
  - 1 Cronicals 28:9. Seek God with your whole heart

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## **Day: 3 God's Light For Our Future Road**

*Read John 10: 1-11*

1. What does this piece teach us about God's relationship with man?
2. What do the following teach us about the way God communicates with us today?
  - Hebrews 1:1-2
  - John 14:26
  - James 1:5-6
3. What should you do to hear the voice of God clearly?
  - John 8:47
  - Luke 6:12-13
  - 1 Corinthians 2:13-15
  - Romans 12:1-2
  - Galatians 5:16-18
4. What is the reason we do not hear God's voice clearly?
  - Isaiah 59:1-2
  - Luke 9:23
  - Jude 1:19
5. Name a few differences between God's voice and the voice of our sinful nature (Satan?)
6. Further Reading:
 

• 1 Corinthians 2:6-13.	God's thoughts
• Isaiah 6:1-10.	Cleansed to hear
• Acts 10:1-20.	God speaks to Peter
• 2 Kings 7:1-2.	Faithlessness makes you death
• Acts 13:1-4.	Fast and pray so you can hear

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### **Day: 4 Light In The Care Group**

*Read Galatians 6: 1-10*

1. Why is it vital to belong to a care group?
2. How can we perform the task given to us in Galatians 6: 2?
3. Why do we have to "bear" with each other? Ephesians 4: 2.

4. Think about the light shining from your care group as well as from your congregation:

- Is your light shining as it should?
- What is keeping it from shining as it should?
- Make a list of the things that can change to bring more depth.

5. How bright is your light shining in the world?

6. What can you do to shine even more?

7. Further Reading:

- Acts 2:41-47.                      The first care group
- Philippians 2:1-11.              Serving care
- Colosians 3:12-17.                Each Other
- Romans 12:9-21.                 Loving relationships
- 1 Peter 5:1-7.                      Be a good shephard

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## **Day: 5 Shine To The Glory Of God**

*Read Psalm 87*

1. What is the main reason why God made us?

2. Define what you and your care group understand by "praising."

3. What do the follwing teach us?

- Psalm 89:16-18
- Hebrews 13:15

4. Define what you and your care group understand by "worship."

5. What does Revelations 4: 9-11 teach us about worship?

6. Think about the following: "worship and praise should not only happen during song and prayer."

7. What is the power of worship and praise according to Cronicles 20:21-22?

8. Say how worship and praise can be used in the following:

- In your inner room
- In the church
- In your daily life

9. Think and discuss the following: "my tithe is part of worshipping God."

10. Further Reading:

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| • Nehemia 12:40-47.     | Dedication of the wall          |
| • 2 Chronicles 20:1-30. | Victory through praise          |
| • Ephesians 1:3-14.     | Song of worship                 |
| • 1 Chronicles 23:1-5.  | Planning for praise and worship |
| • Hebrews 11:4-6.       | Faith and worship               |

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### **Day: 6 Nothing Is Stronger Than God's Light**

*Read 1 John 1: 5-10*

1. What does 1 John 1: 5 teach us about God's light?
2. What does "the Light" mean to us according to John 1: 4-5?
3. Describe the light of God as it broke through in the Christian Church. Acts 2:1-4, 4:29-33
4. Name examples of how God's light brought victory into your life in the following:
  - Sin
  - Bad habits
  - Selfishness
5. Where does modern man go to find help, power and strength?
6. What is our purpose in life according to Philippians 2: 15?
7. Why do we so often see very little of God's power in the church?
8. What can we do to make God's power work more in us and through us?

9. Further Reading:

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| • Revelations 22:1-5. | Jerusalem's Light      |
| • Isaiah 49:1-6.      | Power for a Godly task |
| • Ephesians 1:15-22.  | Resurrection power     |

- Matthew 5:14-16. Let your light shine
- Ephesians 5:8-14. God's light

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### **Day: 7 God Provides Light Through His Word**

*Read Matthew 4: 1-11*

1. Why do we eat food?
2. What is the symbolic significance of "eating the Word?"
3. What do the following say about it?
  - Matthew 4:4
  - Ezekiel 3:1-3
  - Revelations 10:9-11
4. Which practical things can we do to make the Word part of our daily life?
5. what do the above teach us about the preparation for a church service or the attendance of a care group?
6. Why does a Christian have to make time to read the Bible?
7. What is the value of the bible according to 2 Timothy 3:16-17?
8. Think about "the Word brings life" and discuss it in a care group.
9. What does it mean when it is said that the Bible is a double edged sword?
10. How can you make sure that you understand the Bible correct?
11. Further Reading:
  - Ephesians 6:10-17. The Word is the sword of the Holy Spirit
  - Acts 17:10-13. Daily Bible Study
  - 1 Peter 2:2-8. The word ensures growth
  - John 12:44-50. The Word is God's revelation
  - 2 Corinthians 4:1-6. The true and unfaked word

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