

Bible Study, God's Plan For The New Year That Is Coming, Week 2

Day: 1 Light In The Church

Read Ephesians 2: 11-22

1. What is the definition of the church?
2. What is the definition given in Ephesians 2: 19-22?
3. Why is it some people's experience that when they attend church services things generally go better with them?
4. What does Psalm 84: 5-8 about it?
5. Think about the reasons why you go to church and share it with your care group.
6. What does your attitude have to be when you go to church so that God's light can shine through you?
7. How do you prepare yourself for a church service?
8. What does Satan do to rob us of our blessing?
9. Why do some people stay away from church?
10. What does the Bible teach us about church attendance?
 - 1 Peter 4: 10-11
 - Hebrews 10: 25
11. What are the steps your congregation can take to fill the church?
12. Further Reading:
 - Ephesians 4:11-16. One big growing body
 - Romans 12:5-8. We need each other
 - Ephesians 5:21-33. The church is God's bride
 - Colossians 1:15-20. Christ is the head of the church
 - Psalm 150:1-6. The church service is not only meant for you

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Day: 2 Supernatural Light

Read Hebrews 2: 1-4

1. Discuss the following and name examples from your own life and from your church: "God is a God of the impossible"
2. What does Hebrews 2: 4-5 say about God and religion?
3. Name a few of the miracles that happened in Biblical times.
 - Exodus 14:29-31
 - Joshua 10:12-14
 - John 2:3-11
 - John 11:39-44
 - Acts 28:3-6
4. Do we still believe in miracles and do miracles still find in with the spirit of our times?
5. Why do some theologians want to take miracles out of the Bible?
6. How can you, in your congregation, give the space for miracles to happen?
7. Further Reading:

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| • Exodus 3:7-22. | Delivered from Egypt |
| • Matthew 8:14-17. | Peter's mother in law is healed |
| • Mark 2:1-12. | The man that was paralyzed is healed |
| • Acts 16:25-34. | Paul and Silas in jail |
| • Joshua 6:15-21. | The walls of Jericho tumbles |

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Day: 3 Healing Rays

Read Malachi 3: 13 - 4: 3

1. What is the qualifying requirement according to Malachi 4: 1-3 in order to receive salvation and healing?
2. How did Peter and John, according to Acts 3: 6 & 16 heal the paralyzed man?
3. Are we allowed to have an expectation that God will heal us in a supernatural way, even in this day and age?
4. What do the following teach us about it?
 - Matthew 15:29-31

- James 5:14-16

5. Why does it happen that we pray for healing for someone and they are not healed immediately?

6. Why do some people for whom we pray for healing not heal and even die?

7. What more can you and your congregation do for the sick people around you and in your congregations?

8. Further Reading:

- Isaiah 53:3-5. Through His wounds we are healed
- John 9:1-7. Healed by grace
- Acts 28:1-10. The laying on of hands
- Mark 16:14-18. Jesus' command
- 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. Take care of your body

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Day: 4 The Light Of The Holy Spirit

Read Acts 2: 1-13

1. What difference did the outpouring of the Holy Spirit make in the lives of the disciples?

2. What should the features of a Christian's testimony be according to Titus 3: 3-8?

3. What difference did The Holy Spirit bring in your life?

4. Think and discuss the following: "No church or Christian can reach their purpose without the fullness of the Holy Spirit."

5. What stops the fruit of the Spirit and The Holy Spirit in our lives according to Galatians 5: 16-25?

6. How are we filled with the Holy Spirits according to Luke 11: 13?

7. How does one stay filled with the Holy Spirit?

- Ephesians 4:30
- 1 John 1:9

8. How does one know when you are filled with the Holy Spirit according to John 7: 37-39?

8. Further Reading:

- John 14:15-20. The Spirit in us
- John 16:7-15. The Spirit convneces u of sin
- Acts 1:5-8. Baptized with power
- Romans 8:4-17. Controlled by the Spirit
- 1 Corinthians 3:1-4. Lead by the Spirit

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Day: 5 Follow The light

Read Psalm 119: 105-112

1. Define God's light according to Psalm 119: 105, 130 and 133.
2. What does Daniel 6: 6-12 teach us about dedication without compromise?
3. Discuss the biggest sacrifice you had to make for your obedience to God?
4. Is partial obedience a sin as well? 1 Samuel 15:20-23
5. What are the consequences of partial obedience?
6. What is the result of obedience, following God's light?
7. Name specific thigs God has spken to you about recently in connection with:
 - Your own life
 - Your care group or your church
 - Your job
8. Why is obedience one of the most important principles in the Bible?

9. Further Reading:

- Acts 4:16-22. Obey God rather than people
- Jona 3:1-10. Obedience saved Nineve
- Genesis 6:11-22. Noah's obedience
- Judges 6:14-28. Gidoen overcomes his bad self-image
- Daniel 3:24-30. Saved because of obedience

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Day: 6 Let The Light Increase

Read Hebrews 5: 11-6:12

1. Is spiritual growth compulsory? Hebrews 5:12-6:3
2. What does the picture of a seed growing into a tree or a baby growing into an adult teach us about spiritual growth?
3. Does God help us to grow spiritually? John 15: 2 and James 1: 2-4
4. What shows us that a person has grown to spiritual adulthood? Colossians 1: 9-11
5. What are the potholes that can prevent you from growing spiritually?
6. Think about where you are now in your spiritual growth. If you are in a care group let each say where they are.
7. Say what is the biggest obstacle in your spiritual growth.
8. Further Reading:

- 2 Corinthians 13:7-11. Reach toward spiritual adulthood
- Ephesians 4: 13-16. An adult such as Christ
- Luke 19:12-27. Work and increase
- Luke 13:6-9. Fruitlessness has to be pruned away
- Luke 8:11-15. Grow and be fruitful

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Day: 7 Filled With My own Light

Read 2 Chronicles 26: 15-21

1. What does it mean to be filled with your own light?
 2. Why do people become proud?
 3. Define pride and humility using real life examples.
 4. What does the Bible say about pride and humility?
- 2 Chronicles 26:15-21
 - Matthew 23:5-12

- Daniel 4:27-37
- 1 Peter 5:5-7

5. What is the result of pride?

6. How does one overcome pride?

7. Further Reading:

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| • Colossians 3:12-17. | The new life |
| • James 4:1-10. | Satan and pride |
| • Ephesians 4:17-31. | Directive for the new life |
| • Galatians 5:13-26. | The Spirit and our sinful nature |
| • Isaiah 13:9-13. | Judgement of pride |

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