

2021 Year In Review
Look What God Has Done
December 26, 2021

Notes:

Questions for Personal Reflection & Group Discussion

Read Galatians 5:13-14.

How will you use your freedom to serve others in the coming year?

What does it mean to you to love your neighbor as yourself? What could you do to live that out in a practical way in the coming months?

Read 1 John 1:5-7.

Notice this passage talks about *living* in the light, not *knowing* in the light. Living or walking in the light is about obedience. Is there a dark corner of your life where you need to take a step or steps of obedience? What step will you take and when will you take it?

Read 1 John 2:5.

Is there anything you know you *should* be doing that you have avoided or ignored? What is keeping you from doing it?

How does obedience to the truths of God's Word reveal our love for Him?

Read 1 John 2:7.

Love one another. Who do you need to work on loving this year? What one thing could you do to express the love of God to that person?

How are you different today than you were last year?

How have you grown in your relationship with Jesus in the past year?

Exploring Christ

- Investigating but undecided about the claims of Christianity.
- Struggling mostly with belief in Christ, not with belief in God.
- Attending but not involved in church.
- Possibly a long-time churchgoer.
- Asking questions and taking steps to find answers.

- **Salvation by Grace**
- **The Trinity**
- Personal God
- Christ is First
- Authority of the Bible

- **Serve the Church**
- Weekend Services
- Small Groups

- **Reflection on Scripture (rare to frequent)**
- Bible Reading (rare to frequent)
- **Prayer to Seek Guidance (occasional to frequent)**
- Prayer to Confess Sins

- Spiritual Friendships

Growing in Christ

- Needs help taking personal responsibility for all facets of spiritual and emotional health and development.
- Faith begins to take root through significant testing with increasing confidence in and surrender to Jesus Christ.
- Exploring intimacy with Jesus through basic spiritual exercises, including, but not limited to: occasional Bible reading/reflection, prayer, corporate worship, occasional service.
- Beginning to understand and live out basic biblical theology.
- Developing the joy of giving, demonstrated in occasional offering and service.
- Beginning to understand the character of Jesus.
- Learning the importance of Christian community primarily through weekend church attendance.
- Learning to share their faith story with others, excited by occasional opportunities to serve those in need.

- **Personal God**
- Salvation by Grace
- Authority of the Bible
- Christ is First
- Identity in Christ

- **Serve those in Need Through my Church**
- Serve the Church
- Small Groups
- Weekend Services
- Adult Education Classes Focused on Spiritual Topics

- **Reflection on Scripture (frequent)**
- **Prayer to Seek Guidance (frequent to daily)**
- **Tithing**
- Journaling (rarely)
- Solitude (frequent)
- Bible Reading (frequent)

- **Evangelism**
- Spiritual Friendships
- Serving Those in Need on my own
- Spiritual Mentors

Close to Christ

- Learning to take personal responsibility for all facets of spiritual and emotional health and development.
- Responding in faith through significant testing with increasing confidence in and surrender to Jesus Christ.
- Developing intimacy with Jesus through an increasing variety of spiritual exercises, including, but not limited to: regular Bible reading/reflection, prayer, occasional Bible study, corporate & personal worship, active church membership, consistent service.
- Understands, can explain, and live out basic biblical theology while exploring advanced biblical theology.
- Developing an understanding of stewardship, demonstrated in consistent tithing and service.
- Learning to model the character of Jesus, beginning to demonstrate the Fruit of the Spirit.
- Beginning to understand and live in deeper authentic Christian community.
- Looking for opportunities to share their faith story, and actively seeking opportunities to serve those in need, in their community and around the world.

- **Giving Away my Life**
- **Christ is First**
- **Identity in Christ**
- **Authority of the Bible**
- Stewardship

- **Serve those in Need Through my Church**
- Additional Teaching/Worship Service

- **Reflection on Scripture (frequent to daily)**
- Bible Reading (frequent)
- Tithing
- Journaling
- Solitude (frequent)
- Prayer to Confess Sins (daily)
- Prayer to Seek Guidance (daily)

- Evangelism
- Spiritual Mentors
- Serving Those in Need on my own

Christ-Centered

- Takes personal responsibility for all facets of spiritual and emotional health and development.
- Faith proven over time and thru significant testing with increasing confidence in and surrender to Jesus Christ.
- Actively pursuing intimacy with Jesus through spiritual exercises, including, but not limited to: daily Bible study/prayer, corporate & personal worship, active church membership, sacrificial service, solitude, fasting.
- Understands, can explain, defend, and live out biblical theology.
- Fully integrated understanding of stewardship, demonstrated in tithing and service.
- Motivated to serve in love, modeling the character of Jesus, consistently demonstrating the Fruit of the Spirit.
- Lives a grace-filled life marked by unity and accountability in authentic Christian community.
- Intentionally lives out the Great Commission in everyday relationships, as well as serving those in need, in their community and around the world.

Spiritual Beliefs & Attitudes

Church Activities

Personal Spiritual Practices

Spiritual Activities with Others