

December 30, 2012

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

- What New Year's resolutions are you making for this year? How do you plan on keeping your resolutions?

With your Bible or YouVersion read Matthew 6:25-33

Jesus encourages us not to worry in this passage and instead rely on God to meet all our needs.

- What kind of year was 2012 for you spiritually?
- In what ways did your spiritual enemy distract you? How did you handle these distractions?

Read Psalm 63:1, Psalm 119:11, Mark 1:35, Acts 20:7 and Hebrews 10:24-25

These verses encourage us to seek God and to regularly worship Him by gathering together with other believers (faithfully attending church).

- Why is it such a good thing to seek God at the beginning of each day?
- What are some of the things that keep you from having regular church attendance? How can you overcome these things?

Read Leviticus 37:30, Proverbs 3:9, Matthew 23:23, Joel 1:14 and Matthew 6:17-18

These passages encourage us to give to God first through tithes and fasting.

- Why is it important that we give to God first through the tithe before anything else.
- Where in life are you not putting God first? What changes are needed to make sure he is first?
- How different could this year be for you if you put God first in all areas of life?
- What things would you like God to do in your life as a result of fasting? What might a first step toward a fast look like for you?

Hear are some specific things you can do this week that you will help you put God first in all areas of your life.

- Put God first at the beginning of each day by setting aside time for prayer and reading the Bible. Some great plans are available at - www.youversion.com/reading-plans/all
- Consider doing a fast. A reading plan for a 21 day fast is also available at youversion.com
- Take the tithing challenge, commit to give a tenth of your income for three months and see the faithfulness of God.

Talk It Over with God:

These prayer tips can guide your time alone with God each day. Praying with a friend or a small group might help you stick to it.

- Share with God the things you want to accomplish this year. Ask for His help and guidance in accomplishing these goals.
- Tell God the ways your spiritual enemy is distracting you. Ask for His help in overcoming these distractions
- Commit to God that you will do the things necessary to put Him first in all areas of your life.
- Ask God to show you the things he wants you to accomplish this year. Seek His guidance.
- Commit to God that you will spend more time seeking Him this year by praying and reading His word more.