



Hope For Everyone, Pt. 6: Review and Renew

As we look at the lives of several people in the Bible; Mary, Paul, and Solomon, we see a pattern of behavior. They took time to meditate, reflect, and rejoice on things that God had done in their lives. As we enter this time of the new year, we can learn from the behavior and, like them, set our intentions on Christ.

Bottom Line: The wise take time to review where they've been, and make adjustments to their path, and move forward toward their goal.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that you look forward to in a new year?
2. What do you think about New Year resolutions? If you've made one in the past, describe what the resolution was and what the outcome was.
3. **Read Luke 2:16-19.** Those that heard about the Messiah being born were very hurried to tell everyone what they'd seen, but the scripture says that Mary was, "treasuring up all these things in her heart and meditating on them." What are some things from this past year that you need to treasure up? What are some things upon which do you need to meditate and give careful consideration?
4. **Read Philippians 3:10-13.** The Apostle Paul described how he was making changes in his life in order to "know him and the power of his resurrection...". Looking at your own life, what are some things that you put too much value on that you now realize aren't quite as important as you previously thought?
5. **Read Proverbs 4:25-27.** What are some things that you need to forget or let go of in order to move forward? What goal do you need to focus? What distractions do you need to avoid? What priorities do you need to set?
6. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
7. How can the group encourage you this week?