

Lengthen and Strengthen January 5, 2020

I. WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

No matter what our <u>past</u>, God brings <u>hope</u> for the <u>future</u>. We are instructed to <u>celebrate</u> and <u>prepare</u> for His blessing.

II. PRINCIPLES:

- A. God can make the <u>desert</u> <u>bloom!</u>
- B. <u>Increase</u> comes from the Lord!

- C. Prepare for increase before it comes.
 - 1. We must <u>rearrange</u> some things.
 - 2. We must embrace some new things.
 - 3. We must <u>release</u> some things.
- D. Anticipate <u>adversity</u> and <u>hardship</u>.
- E. <u>Trusting</u> God is the key to <u>hope</u> for the future.