



Weekly Guide: January 12-19

Reading for the Week:

- 1/13: Proverbs 10
- 1/14: Proverbs 11-12
- 1/15: Proverbs 13-14
- 1/16: Proverbs 15-16
- 1/17: Proverbs 17

Three Resolutions for 2020:

1. *Read the Bible daily* (the Bible reading plan will involve 1 or 2 chapters for 5 days a week; use the weekend to catch up and reflect).
2. *Share the Gospel (the news about Jesus) with at least one person* (if you are among the few who does that regularly then we encourage you to make a goal to help someone else share the Gospel with at least one person).
3. *Grow in holiness by saying no to one thing that is hindering your relationship with God* (this could be a sinful habit but it could also be something that is not necessarily bad in itself but is hindering you from running hard after God).

Questions for personal reflection:

- What challenges will you face in trying to keep these resolutions? Who can help you?
- What is hindering your relationship with God most? Try to write it into a statement: I will say no to _____ or I will make the following change:
_____ in 2020 because _____ is hindering my relationship with God.
- What did you learn/what did God teach you as you looked at His Word this week?
- What questions do you have?
- What sins did God's Word highlight?
- What are ways that you can apply what you are read?

For Groups to Discuss:

- Discuss the questions for personal reflection above.
- Spend some time praying for each other about resolutions.
- Focal text for the week: Proverbs 1
 - **What does the text say?** Make as many observations as you can. Mark up the text (underline, circle, draw lines connecting verses/words, write short comments, etc). What are key words/phrases in the passage? What are the repeated words/phrases? Why are they significant? What are important connecting words? What themes or ideas are being emphasized? What does this passage say about God? Man? Sin? What questions do you have?
 - **What does the text mean?** What is the purpose of Proverbs? What is the big/main idea of chapter 1? What are some of the subpoints? How does Proverbs point us towards Jesus?
 - **How do I/we apply this passage?** What are we to think/feel/do? What sins does this passage expose in you/us?