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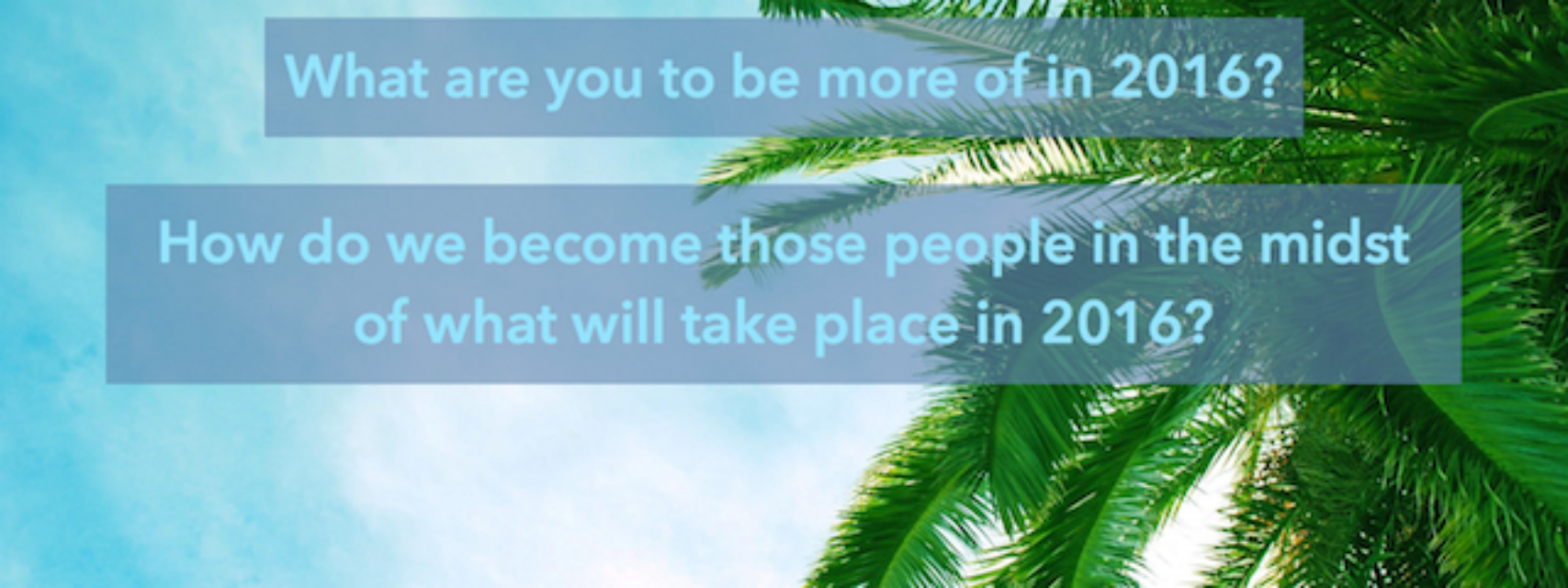
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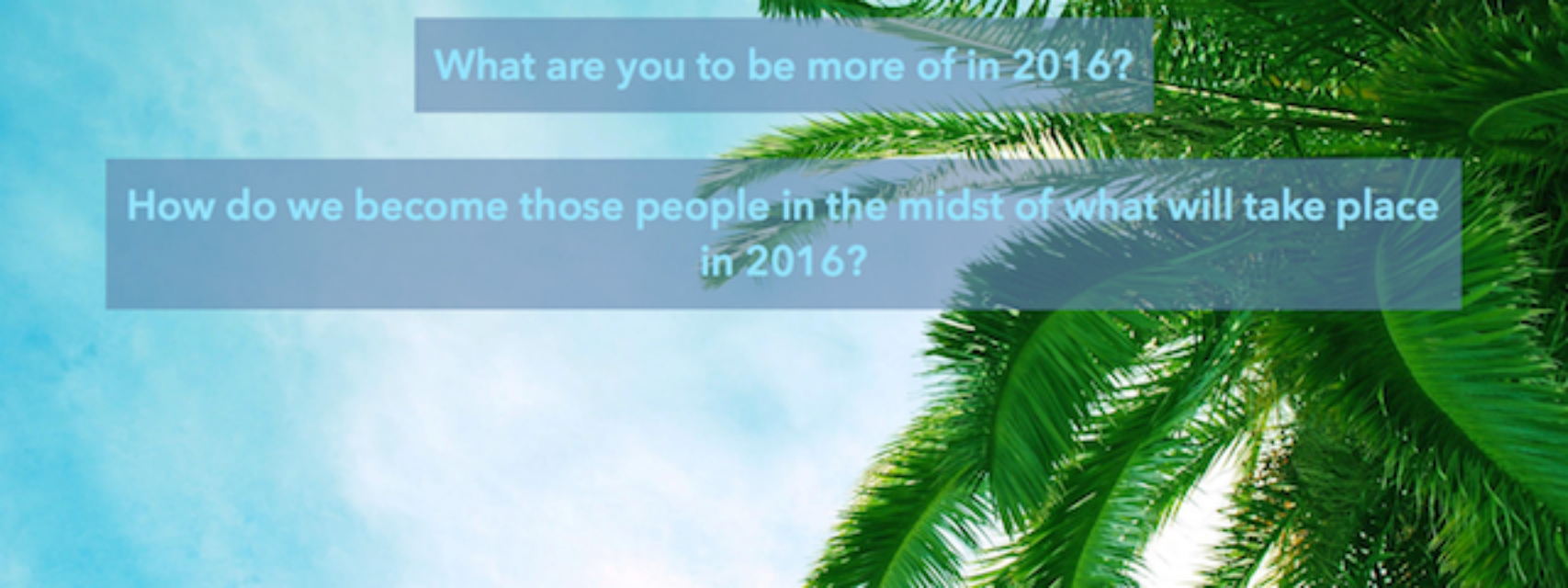
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WELCOME TO SCRIPTURE ENGAGEMENT!

This section of Bible Gateway, created in partnership with the [Taylor University Center for Scripture Engagement](#), outlines a set of practical exercises and activities you can undertake to interact more meaningfully with the Bible.

We invite you to explore the different topics in this section at your own pace and in whatever order you prefer. We recommend beginning with the [Introduction](#) section below, then exploring the specific topics that interest you.

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE ENGAGEMENT

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SCRIPTURE ENGAGEMENT PRACTICES

The different Scripture Engagement practices are listed below; each section consists of an overview of the practice, a set of practical tips for engaging in it, and a list of resources for further exploration.

If this is your first time exploring these Scripture Engagement articles, we strongly recommend that you begin by reading through the [Overview of Scripture Engagement Practices](#); it describes each practice in detail. However, for the sake of convenience, each of the practices is also listed below.

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- Praying Scripture
- Memorizing Scripture
- Singing Scripture
- Journaling Scripture
- Hand Copying Scripture
- Scripture Engagement Through Visual Art
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IntentionReality

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- ⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure.
Who can understand it?
- ¹⁰ "I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind,
to reward each person according to their conduct,
according to what their deeds deserve."