

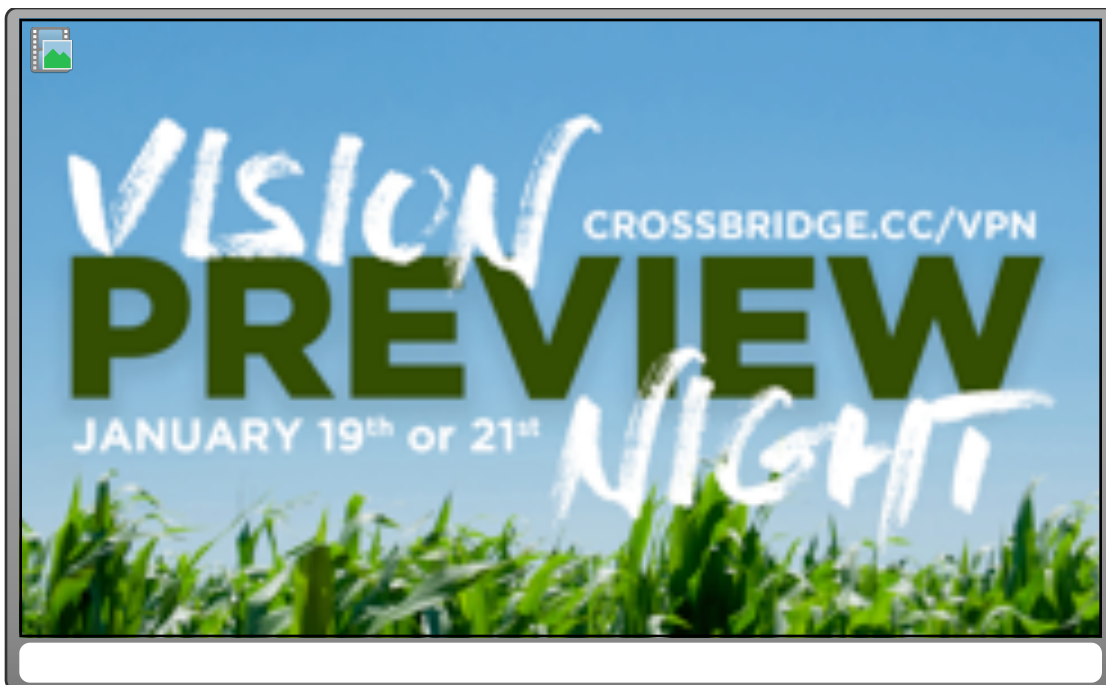


NEXT STEPS

JANUARY 14TH AND 21ST
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2. Community Group Sign Up January 2018





21 Days of Prayer

21 days of Prayer | Day 7

• January 14th – Our Church, for our people to be filled with the Spirit and develop a deep spiritual vibrancy and zeal for God.

- *Pray that the Spirit would lavish Himself on our church, filling each individual believer so that the overflowing of God's love is abounding.*
- *Pray for new passion, fresh faith and genuine worship to sweep in and throughout our congregation.*
- *Pray that the spiritually weak/dry would be revived with new growth for God's glory.*





Psalm 1
p. 448



**Holy Habits are distinct things we do over
and over to help us live set apart for Jesus**





train yourself for godliness;

- 1 Timothy 4:7b



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14. Holy Habits Slides



**“Meditation kindles the fires of love
for God in our cold hearts”
- Brian Hedges**



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 - **Connects Hearing and Doing**





²²⁻²⁴ Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. Act on what you hear! Those who hear and don't act are like those who glance in the mirror, walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are, what they look like. ²⁵ But whoever catches a glimpse of the revealed counsel of God—the free life!—even out of the corner of his eye, and sticks with it, is no distracted scatterbrain but a man or woman of action. That person will find delight and affirmation in the action.

- James 1:22-25



How Do We Meditate on the Bible?





*Oh how I love your law!
It is my meditation all the day.*
- **Psalm 119:97**



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*Open my eyes, that I may behold
wondrous things out of your law.*

- Psalm 119:18



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*Incline my heart to your testimonies,
and not to selfish gain!*

- Psalm 119:36





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4. Read Slowly



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5. Prayerfully Reflect





Ask...



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- What do I learn about God in this passage?





Ask...

- What do I learn about God in this passage?
- What do I learn about myself? Something I need to repent of or pray into my life?



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- What do I learn about God in this passage?
- What do I learn about myself? Something I need to repent of or pray into my life?
- What do I learn about life that I could aspire to, ask for or act on?





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WHAT BIBLICAL MEDITATION PROMISES...



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- 3. A STABLE LIFE**





Dear God, I need you. Please forgive me
of all my sins because of Jesus.
I believe that you sent Jesus to die for me
and He is alive today. I surrender my life to you
completely. Make me your child
and a part of your family forever.
In Jesus' name, Amen.



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