

# STUDY GUIDE

## Mike Foster - All Things New

This week is the first week of our new Study Guide format. As we had a guest speaker this past weekend, I encourage you to spend some time as a group discussing his message, then transition into your group Bible study based on the questions and scriptures below.

Mike Foster shared a message with us this past weekend. Take a few moments and share with one another your responses to these questions: **What resonated with you? What challenged you? What confused you? What is the takeaway you will seek to apply to your life this week?**

## BIBLE STUDY

Whether you do New Year's resolutions or simply use the New Year as an opportunity to make new plans and set new goals, the Bible has a lot to say about the process of making plans.

**1. Based on these scriptures, what (or who) should be our starting point? What does that look like in practical terms?**

**Proverbs 3:5-6a** *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him...*

**James 4:13-16** *Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. 15 Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." 16 As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil.*

**Proverbs 16:3** *Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.*

**James 1:5** *If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.*

## NOTES

## BIBLE STUDY

**2. As we make our plans for the New Year, what does the Bible say about the potential success of those plans? In your opinion, how is success defined in this case?**

**Proverbs 3:5-6a** *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

**Proverbs 16:6** *In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.*

**Proverbs 19:21** *Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.*

**3. Proverbs 19:21 tells us no matter what plans we make, it is God's purpose that prevails. According to the following verses, what should be our primary focus?**

*Matthew 6:33a But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness...*

*Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,*

## LIFE APPLICATION

**For everyone: What steps do you believe God is calling you to take to put His purpose into action?**

**For those who are married: How do Matthew 6:33a and Hebrews 10:24 apply to your relationship with your spouse? What step(s) do you believe God is calling you to take to make your marriage stronger?**

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### Child Dedication

January 27/28

#### Baptism

February 3/4

#### Financial Peace University

Starts January 16

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### SERVE TOGETHER

Choose a weekend service to GREET together on the front porch as a group.

#### Bumper Crop

January 13/14

#### Community Care Pantry

January 18

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