



Icebreaker:

What is your favorite thing about a new year?

Announcements:

Even if your group is not new, please review the Guidelines for a Healthy Group.

Prayer Time:

Continued progress on our Facility expansion.

Study Questions:

What is the biggest problem you've ever had with your vision? What are some of the things that can keep us from having 2020 vision?

How is it possible to be successful in the world's eyes but not in God's eyes? What do the following verses say about the limits of earthly wisdom and success—Proverbs 14:8–12; Matthew 7:24–27; Matthew 16:24–27; Ecclesiastes 2:4–11.

Read 2 Peter 1:1–11. Who are the recipients of this letter? What are some of the things Peter wants these believers to guard against? See verses... 4,8,9,11.

Why is it so important to make our calling and election sure (2 Peter 1:10)—to know our purpose and what God wants from us in this life?

Discuss the following points...

You are called to be a spiritual learner so you can better access God's power... what happens when we are ignorant of God's word? How can this cause us problems in our relationships, careers, and lead to bad decisions? What do we miss out on when we are not increasing in spiritual knowledge? What are some key ways we can grow in knowledge? What do the following verses say about this... 2 Peter 3:17–18.

You are called give serious effort to grow your faith... your life is a choir and there are seven voices God wants to add to the chorus of your life... read and discuss all seven—what do they mean (2 Peter 1:5–7)? How well are you doing? What voice is a little weak or out of tune? What can you do to make a weak voice stronger?

You are called to make progress so your "chorus" grows stronger... how can good intentions undermine progress? Why does disciplined action take us further than wishful thinking?

Conversational Prayer: Dear God help me...