



Crossroads 2020
Year of the Bible

Sermon Study Guide
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Vision for CR 2020

First, let's review some of the steps forward we took in 2019:

Part 1 – Highlights in 2019

1. We clarified our church's vision and came together as a staff and as a body to begin moving in the same direction.
2. We created better infrastructure for our church, which now includes each of the elders, so that our staff/people are being led and managed more effectively. As a result, we have seen overall improvement in most, if not all, areas of ministry.
3. We added key positions to our staff (some were a financial step of faith) to position ourselves for growth.
Yet we were still able to not only break even financially, but to have a surplus for the year.
3. In partnership with United House, we were able to become a church that strategically helps people in need to have a second chance.
4. We were able to help build the kingdom by hosting 2 churches in our facility, at no cost to either of them, and we were an instrumental part of starting a church in Ghana.
-We plan to use our facility to help more congregations start and function, as the Lord leads.

5. We started a “Safety Team” that provides us with protection if we are attacked.

6. We began to improve our facilities.

In the spirit of what Paul shared in Philippians 3:13-14

-We are going to press on toward the goal of the prize of the upward call of God in Jesus Christ.

Part 2 - Goals for 2020 – with our theme of MORE

1. Continue to improve our safety protocols, with the desire of providing our church family with **MORE** protection during meetings.

2. Continue to see each of our ministry areas improve and as a result

see the church have **MORE** people.

-particularly our Sunday Morning Gatherings, Young Adults, Youth Ministry, and Kid’s Ministry.

3. See each of us take a step forward and do **MORE** in the areas of
Following/Pursuing/Reaching

Follow:

2020 is the **Year of the Bible**

-see **MORE** people participate in a regular reading program in God's Word.

-Study Guide

-Other Devotional Plan

- "How to Study the Bible" Pathway Course – 4-week study starting January 19.

-**More** participation/engagement in the Worship times in our gatherings.

Continue to grow in the discipline of giving, as we continue to become a church where everyone is doing their part, with the result that we have **MORE** finances available to us.

As leaders, we commit to follow Christ with all our hearts and diligently teach God's Word.

Pursue:

More people in a relational community where we can encourage and be encouraged in our walk with Christ

- new midweek program for kids
- Women's Bible Studies start the week of the 15th
- quarterly Midweek Gathering
- Life Groups/something new is coming

Leaders commit to provide and support ways for people to come together in relationships that will help each person grow in his or her walk with Christ.

Reach:

“And One” strategy to bring **MORE** people to church

- identify
- pray
- invite

As leaders, we commit to provide **MORE** opportunities for you to use your gifts and abilities as we spread the Gospel all over the world.

- Center for Transforming Lives – family is coming soon
- Ghana
- Indonesia

-Young Adults initiative forming as we speak

Closing:

What will it take for you to do your part so we become all that God wants us to be in 2020?

Let's do it!

Notes:

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