
Sunday, May 21, 2017
Did You Know?

2017 Goals: A Reminder

Hey, church. You're probably sick and tired of hearing this by now, but then there's nothing like repetition to drive a point home. This year marks the 500th anniversary of The Reformation—that great event in history where the true church emerged from a church that had gone astray in so many ways. In a very real sense, we owe our existence, as Christians, to what happened in 1517 in Europe. Because of this great anniversary, our church has made the aim of this year, even more than ever, on the great treasure that is the Holy Bible. In addition, we've been touching upon the Five Solas, five essential truths that were rediscovered during the Reformation - Sola Scriptura, Sola Gratia, Sola Fide, Solus Christus, and Soli Deo Gloria. I hope you'll [make these truths your own, where you'll find your assurance and delight.

Also, we set out to do some other things this year. One was to pray for 15 minutes every day. Even if you've failed miserably up to this point, don't get discouraged, ask God to help you to pray, to give you the desire and motivation to pray, so that you may know and enjoy him more.

We also determined that every member of our church would share the Gospel with a friend who is not yet a Christian. Use the Gospel tract, "Two Ways to Live" or share with them the meaning of John 3:16. If you haven't started, begin by strengthening your relationship with that person, meeting up with them, and serving them, and remember to pray and pray and pray. If you have already shared the Gospel with someone, tell us how it went. Share with your pastor or at your LG.

Finally, we said that this is the year of bringing back a lost sheep. So many of us have friends that have drifted away from Jesus and the church. Reach out to them and re-start that relationship. Invite them back through sports or a fellowship event or LG or to Sunday worship and pray and pray and pray for them.

Persevere in these things as they all have eternal value and our God is able to do more than we could ever ask or imagine, for his glory.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Pastor Peter