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Did You Know?

## 2017 Goals Revisited Again

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 500<sup>th</sup> 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. We are now only a couple months away from October 31, the day when the Reformation began. In a very real sense, we owe our existence as Christians because of what happened in 1517 in Europe. Because of this great anniversary, our church has made the focus 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 re-discovered 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.

In addition, we also 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" (available at the CoaH Bookstore or the Welcome Centre) 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 Life Group (LG).

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.

Finally, start going through the New City Catechism as a part of your personal or family devotions. Purchase the copies you need and begin.

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

Soli Deo Gloria

*Pastor Peter*