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Reading God in 4G LTE
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1. What was one of the best things to happen to you in 2016?

2. Was there a worst thing to happen to you in 2016?

3. *“Around here we don’t look backwards for very long. We keep moving forward opening up new doors and doing new things because we’re curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.”* Walt Disney

Would you describe yourself as curious? What new thing would you like to learn or experience or accomplish in 2017?

4. John 16:4-6 says, “Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.” How do we remain in him so that we can be spiritually healthy and grow to be more like Jesus?

5. David Anderson, a “writing pastor,” says that prayer is more than a list of requests but is also “a simple resting in the Presence.” For many, praying this way doesn’t seem to “work.” But Anderson says “if we stay with it . . . we develop a keener sense of the Spirit, a memory bank of extraordinary moments when we know we have slipped through a thin place and met with glory . . .”

*Have you ever had a prayer time that could be considered “silence” before him and “rest” in him?

*Do you have a special prayer time in your “memory bank”?

6. Jesus prepared his disciples for hard times that were coming as he approached his death. He then said, “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world!” (John 16:33)

*Has there been a time when you have known great trouble but at the same the peace that comes from being in Jesus?

*When so many horrific things happen here and all over the world, how do we understand Jesus’s words: “I have overcome the world”?

7. Read Psalm 119:9-16.

*Describe how the speaker in these verses feels about God’s Word.

*Which line describes you most, or which line would you like to describe you in 2017?

8. Psalm 119:32 says, “I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free.” In what way has following Jesus set your heart free?

9. Josiah took the throne when he was very young and “began to seek the God of his father David.” The people were far away from God and had done evil in his sight. Josiah smashed idols and did what he could to purify the land and the temple, where the “Book of the Law” was found. Josiah is known as a good king, and this is what God said through his spokesperson, the prophetess Huldah: “Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before God when you heard what he spoke against this place and its people, and because you humbled yourself before me and tore your robes and wept in my presence, I have heard you.” 2 Chronicles 34:27.

*What does this verse tell us about the qualities of humility and repentance?

*How would the quality of humility help us to abide in God and grow in him?

*Should repentance be a part of our on-going walk with the Lord? Why or why not?