



A Better Year

Part 1 - Constantly Ask, "God, What's Next?"

Discussion Guide

God created us to talk to Him throughout the day, to be led by Him, to be intentional about how we live. This week we will look at how we can continually be asking, "God, what's next?" Then we'll learn how to follow through in obedience to what His has showed us.

What you will need: A Bible or your Bible app, a notebook, pen, and highlighter. The verses highlighted below are linked so that you can easily access them during your study time.

Jump Start

- Prayer:** God, thank You. Thank You for coming into this study with us and having a seat. You are welcome here. You sit on the throne of my heart. I repent for anything I have said, thought, or done this week—or even today—that did not bring You glory. I want to be led by the Holy Spirit and not by rules. I want to go out into the world and reflect Your Love. Today, as I enter this study, create in me a clean, new heart. Help me to hear You clearly; I desire to follow You. I know my desires don't always line up to Your Word, so change my desires. I have seen You do miracles, signs, and wonders; I know You can do them for me. I accept and receive Your love for me, even though sometimes I seem unlovable in my own eyes. You don't see me as a person that is lost; You see me as loved. I want to live like I am loved. So, God, thank You for loving me. You are sovereign, and I thank You for Your protection, grace, and mercy. Lord, I plead for this nation, for our country, for our world. Let the healing begin with me. Let the unity begin with me. You are with me and you won't fail. I worship You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.
- Read [2 Thessalonians 3:5](#), [Romans 5:8-10](#), and [John 3:17](#). Do you feel loved by God in this very moment? How can you have faith to believe, even when you don't see it with your eyes?
- Read [2 Corinthians 10:5](#), [Matthew 15:19](#), and [2 Timothy 2:24-26](#). What are the most powerful words you have ever heard? Why are words important? Why is it important to guard your words and be mindful of your thoughts? How will you be intentional to use your words to bring God glory in 2021?

Note: Join us this week for the [daily Cove Devotions](#) and [MDWK Deep](#) on Wednesdays at 12:00.
- Read [Galatians 5:16-18, 25](#), [Romans 8:4](#), and [John 15:4-5](#). How do these verses describe walking in the Spirit? What is your personal next step?
- Read [Deuteronomy 33:12](#), substituting your name for that of Benjamin. What would it look like to live completely confident that you are loved by God? Share with the group what emotions or thoughts this brings to your mind. Write this verse out and keep it some place where you can see it every day. Keeping this promise in mind, ask "God, what's next?"

Deeper

Here at The Cove, our mission is to Introduce our friends to Jesus, learn to follow Him, and Celebrate His Presence in our lives. We want you to be fully equipped with the Word of God by spending time with Him daily through prayer, and through studying His Word. We believe this is how you will be equipped to make disciples.

Taming the tongue, capturing every thought, and making them obedient to the Word of God are action steps this week. In order to make 2021 a better year, we must start within ourselves to bring the kingdom of God to rule and reign. You can be the change you want to see, but it starts with the Word of God in your life. Take time meditating on these verses:

- [James 3:8](#)
- [Psalm 141:3](#)
- [James 1:19-21](#)
- [Romans 12:2](#)
- [Psalm 139:17](#)
- [Isaiah 26:3](#)
- [Psalm 19:14](#)
- [2 Timothy 1:7](#)