TIMES OF REFRESHING STUDY 2016

1. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 -

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God^[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Do you believe the bible is inspired by God?

2. John 12:48

⁴⁸ There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day.

Do you have Bible the standard for your life? As a Single/ Married/ Parent, is Bible the standard of your life? Do you use Biblical standards to resolve conflicts, make decisions for your life and in all the areas of your life do you have Bible as the standard of your life.

<u>CHALLENGE</u>: HOW IS YOUR BIBLE STUDY? <u>AIM TO COMPLETE THE NEW</u> <u>TESTAMENT IN NEXT ONE YEAR.</u>

3. Luke 11:1-4

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

"'Father,^[a] hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.^[b]

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. [c] And lead us not into temptation."

Are you committed and pursuing your prayer life with God? Are you growing in learning to pray? What have you been doing? What is your plan regarding this?

Luke 11:9-13 (NIV)

² He said to them, "When you pray, say:

⁹ "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

What is your attitude while praying?

Have you been shameless in asking for God's Holy Spirit to strengthen you with power and love of Christ, to counsel you, to comfort you and to give you wisdom to say NO to all sins?

4. Luke 9:23-26-

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. ²⁵ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? ²⁶ Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

Have you surrendered your life to Jesus?
Do you deny your sins and excuses to Follow Jesus?
What areas have you surrendered? And what areas are they finding difficult to surrender.

<u>CHALLENGE:</u> Be determined and purposeful in following Christ. Expose and confess areas that you have not yet surrendered and deal with them.

5. Acts 2:38

³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Have you experienced a Biblical conversion?

Are you convinced this is the God's plan of salvation?

Tell me about your conversion

Do you believe you truly repented?

Is there any sin you have yet to confess and repent off?

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<u>CHALLENGE:</u> <u>1John 1:8-10/ Proverbs 28:13</u>- Confess and get rid of your sins so that you can find mercy.

6. Luke 13:3

³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.

Are you ready to turn from sin as it arises? Is there anything that is on your heart now that you need to repent?

Unconfessed sins? Unrepentant sins?

What is your main weakness?

Purity-Pornography, Immorality, Affair-Emotional or physical, Attractions?

Finances- Loans, Cheating, etc.?

Marriage-Relationship with Spouse, children?

7. Heb 10:24-25

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Are you committed to the meetings of the body?

Which Family Group are you part of?

See unless you are part of a discipling group of Christians you cannot be a member in our church.

You need to decide to reach out and connect with a family group where someone will mentor you and you can serve to mentor others.

8. **Eph 4:14-16**

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Are you ready to help others and be helped through discipling relationship? Who is your discipling partner?-

How often did you meet?

Have you been serving in the church in anyway?

What would you like to do?

Any unresolved undealt issues with anyone in the church or outside?

<u>Hebrews 12:15-</u> ¹⁵ See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

Deal with it today before it is too late. (Offer to help the person deal with the issue as a brother or sister in Christ)

3. Mathew 28:18-20

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Do You share in the Great Mission of Jesus Christ to save this world? Are obeying the great commission?

Do you believe in this? How have you been in the last few years!!!

How has your sharing of faith been.

<u>CHALLENGE</u>: MAKE A LIST OF PEOPLE YOU WILL REACH OUT TO NOW AND START SHARING YOUR FAITH WITH THEM.

9. Mat23:23 -

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.;

<u>Lev 27:30</u>-30 "'A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.

Have you been giving? How much? Is it according to your income? Have you been giving your tithe 10% of all your income to God.? Have you been helping the poor and needy-That's our Christian duty? What is your plan to give Specials-Missions + Building Fund= twice our Monthly Tithe in the month of November every Year. It is good to plan out to give every month an extra 2 % which will take care of the Specials and the Building Fund.

10. Heb 13:7, 17

⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

Do You support and follow the leadership of the church from the heart? Do you have any unresolved issues with leadership, your Family Group leaders, other disciples in the church?

¹⁷ Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

<u>Note</u> : You can use any number of scriptures as you see the need to help the brother or sister who has moved into your ministry.