

End of Year

Readings: John 21:20-25; Revelation 22; Psalm 150; Ecclesiastes 12:9-14; Esther 9-10.

Focus Verse: "And the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' And let him who thirsts come. And whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely." (Revelation 22:17)

Key Concept: "And Let Him Who Thirsts Come" (Revelation 22:17). The options have been clearly presented. We can choose the easy course of self-serving and sin, or the more difficult path of submission to the will of God. From Genesis 3, when Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, to Revelation 22, where this last great invitation is offered, the choice has been before us. God has done everything necessary to equip us to make a wise decision. He has shown the fatal consequences of sin, and He has depicted the beauty and grandeur of heaven. He wants us to do two things:

- (1) Come to Him.
- (2) Invite others.

Action: Be sure that you are serving God today, and then shine the light to invite others to come to Him.

You've Finished the Course!

If you have stayed with these readings all year, here is what you have accomplished:

- 1) You've read the entire Bible one time.
- 2) You've read Psalms, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes twice.

If you have also taken time to ponder the readings, you've had daily opportunities to meditate on:

- 1) The life and teachings of Jesus.
- 2) New Testament writings (Acts through Revelation).
- 3) Old Testament wisdom literature.
- 4) Other Old Testament writings, including books of history and prophecy.

And, if you have followed suggestions accompanying the daily readings, you've had a number of things to pray about, and numerous challenges to stimulate personal growth and to encourage you to tell others about the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Building Lifelong Habits

We hope you have found your commitment of time each day to be rewarding and edifying. If you were not already in the habit of daily reading, prayer and meditation on Scripture, We hope this year has helped you build the self-discipline necessary to make these your lifelong habits.