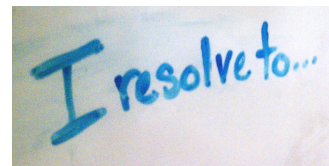


7) Discuss as a group the five levels (0-4) of “the discipleship path” (see notes). How do these levels help you understand where a person is at and the path they need to take to grow as Christian disciples?

8) What level are you at, and why? How do you plan to grow in your discipleship?

9) What resolutions might you make to help you move along on the discipleship path?

10) How does this “discipleship path” help you see the need for a variety of ministries in the church that reach and teach people at different spiritual levels?



“I Resolve”

Text: Psalm 101 pg.501

January 1, 2017

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Introduction

The Text: Psalm 101

1) Scripture speaks the language of resolutions, made as purposeful commitments before God (Ps. 101).

- Adoration (v. 1)

- Confession (vv. 2-4)

- Mission (vv. 5-8)

PRAYER REQUESTS:

2) As your pastor, I would like to encourage you to make a resolution in regard to your Christian life.

“Discipleship Path”

Level 0: Presentation – “I resolve to explore Christianity.”

Level 1: Congregation – “I resolve to attend local church and worship corporately with God’s people.”

Level 2: Assimilation – “I resolve to get plugged into the life and practices of the local church.”

Level 3: Integration – “I resolve to get established on the gospel of Jesus Christ in every area of life.”

Level 4: Application – “I resolve to serve Christ in my church, my community, and beyond.”

Response

- What resolution would you like to make before God for 2017?



I Resolve

Psalm 101

Would you like to be involved in a Small group?
Contact Pastor Brad at pastorbrad@hefc.net

- 1) Read Psalm 101 and discuss together any significant observations and/or interpretation questions.
- 2) How many times does the phrase “I will” get stated in Psalm 101? Should we be making similar “I will” statements to God?
- 3) In vv. 2-4 the psalmist makes resolution-like statements regarding the avoidance of sin and the desire for righteousness. Should Christians make such resolutions regarding sin? If so, how?
- 4) In vv. 5-8 the psalmist makes resolution-like statements regarding a missional life, as in seeking justice or fighting injustice (cf. v. 5 and v. 8). Should Christians make such resolutions regarding being missional in the church and community? If so, how?
- 5) Have you ever made a New Year’s resolution? If so, in regard to what? Were the resolutions successful, or at least helpful?
- 6) If you were going to make a couple resolutions in regard to your Christian faith, what would they be?