

## MAIN POINT

*God has a vision for our lives and that vision is most defined by who we are in Christ.*

## INTRODUCTION

What goals or aspirations have you set for you or your family for this year?

What steps are you taking to meet those goals? What challenges do you expect to face?

**It's one thing to have dreams or aspirations of great things; it's another thing to have and implement a plan for meeting those goals. Often, when we set out to achieve new things, we come across many obstacles: some of which we anticipated, others we did not. As we begin a new year, it is vital that we pursue God's vision for our lives and not only our own.**

## DISCUSSION

> **READ PROVERBS 29:18; 4:25-27; PSALM 139:16.**

According to Proverbs 29:18, what are the consequences of a lack of vision in life?

How have you experienced this reality in your own life?

When was a time you were helped by a clear vision? When was a time you or a group you were part of were hindered by a lack of clear vision?

What does Proverbs 4:25-27 teach you about the importance of following God's vision for your life?

What are some ways you are tempted to "swerve to the right or the left"?

What are some subtle ways we might do this without even realizing it?

How are you encouraged by the truth of Psalm 139, that God knows each of our days, even before they happen?

How does this give you confidence to pursue God's vision for your life? How does it challenge you?

Read Ephesians 1:11-12. How do these verses remind you of God's ultimate vision for your life?

Where have you let something or someone other than Christ alter the vision you are following?

## APPLICATION

How will you pursue God's vision for your life beginning this week? What is one step you can take to pursue what God is calling you toward?