



LESSON 1 // THE POWER OF A PROMISE

Big Idea: The celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas is full of mystery and wonderful discoveries. One of these discoveries is the power of God's promises. God's promises refocus you on what matters—the benefits and blessings of loving and serving God. His promises inspire you to live with vision and purpose. They assure you that the Lord is in control and will take care of the details of your life. And when God's promises get in you, they redirect you toward His highest and best—the destiny He has planned for you.

2 Peter 1:4 (NIV) *Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.*

Start Talking:

What promise in God's Word has been most meaningful to you?

How has this promise impacted your life?

Start Thinking:

Read Philippians 3:13-14. How do God's promises help you refocus on what matters most?

Read 2 Peter 1:4. In what way does this verse inspire you about the potential of God's promises in your life?

Read 2 Corinthians 1:19-20. How do these verses give you confidence to claim God's promises?

Read Hebrews 10:23, 36. What is the value of holding on to God's promises in the face of challenges?

Start Praying:

Have the group pray with you about a promise from God's Word that you want Him to fulfill in your life.

Start Doing:

Take time to meditate on and declare a specific biblical promise this week with confidence that God will fulfill His Word as you trust Him to do it!

Pray for wisdom for our church leaders about beginning to meet in person for worship services and ministry opportunities. Also prayerfully consider supporting outreach efforts at Church of the Redeemer. For more information, visit: <https://church-redeemer.org/ministries/outreach/covid-19>.