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Romans 12:1-2/ Psalm 119:105/ 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- 2 Expect it to be *progressive*  
Proverbs 4:18
- 3 Expect it to be *doable*  
Matthew 11:28-30
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## Food for Thought for the week of November 21, 2010

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Recognizing and responding to God's call in our lives will always involve making decisions. If you have been at North Coast awhile, you have likely heard that good decision making is built upon three important foundations: *Scripture*, *wise counsel*, and *the inner promptings of the Holy Spirit*. Below are some verses that shed additional light on each of these components. Read each one and jot down your insights.

#### Scripture:

Psalm 119:9-11, 59-61, 97-105  
Proverbs 2

#### Wise Counsel:

Proverbs 15:22  
2 Chronicles 10:1-11

#### The Inner Promptings of the Holy Spirit:

Acts 16:6-10  
Acts 20:22-23  
John 16:12-14

2. Pastor Larry said, "If you want to know God's plan for tomorrow, follow His plan for today." Take some time and ask God about His plan for you. Ask Him about the little things and the big things. Ask Him to show you where you can be molded, transformed or sharpened. Then spend some time listening. Listen while you read the Scriptures. Listen to those God may be speaking through. Pay attention to those areas where you may be called to a greater obedience. Consider writing down what you hear this week.

3. As we celebrate Thanksgiving this week, it's fitting to pause and remember all that we have to be thankful for. Read Psalm 118 and join the author in thanking God for who He is, what He has done, what He is doing and what He will do. The Apostle Paul also encourages this kind of prayer in Philippians 4:4-9. Check it out and give it a try.