



HERITAGE

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Missional Community Discussion Week of January 8th

Opening thought:

In talking about the “Best Years”, it would be easy to assume that the “Best Years” of our life might be associated with personal or family milestones, job promotions, or other exciting events such as a special trip, building of a home, or marriage or addition to the family. But we learned last week that the “Best Years” are necessarily a result of external happening but internal peace that flows from a trusting relationship with Jesus Christ. In this series, we have said that Spiritual Growth is vital and if we are going to mature in our faith, we must come to know and understand God’s word.

One of the motivations for this series isn’t that we just come to know about the Bible, but that we come to know the one or whom the Bible was written. When we are reading God’s word and applying it to our lives, we build a strong and firm foundation that regardless of whatever storm we may face this next year, our home will not be destroyed.

The “Best Year Ever” is because we have committed ourselves to Listen, Learn, Love God’s word while applying it to our lives.

Questions to discuss:

1. Before this message, how did you think the Bible was organized? Do you think that the discussion about the Bible and the way it is laid out will help you approach it differently as you read it?
2. What was eye opening about the revelation that the New Testament is a reverse of the Old Testament? Did you find this outline helpful? If so, in what way?

JESUS CHRIST

12 Tribes of Israel/ God’s Holy People

12 Disciples/ church/ God’s Holy people

“One World” Governmental system

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World judged and destroyed

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Satan and Sin enter

Satan and Sin exit

God and Righteous man in the garden

God and Redeemed man in the garden

3. The Subject of the Bible is Jesus. The Object of the Bible is Us. 1 John 3:16 says “We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.” The verb of the Bible is “give”. What is your response to hearing that “to give” is the main action verb of God’s Word? How are believers you know living this out?
4. Some think that Jesus doesn’t show up until the middle of the bible in the Gospels in the New Testament. Discuss where you see evidence of the Jesus in the Old Testament? (over 300 prophecies declaring his coming, in the Psalms, Jesus involved in Creation, Jesus at fiery furnace in Daniel...) Why do you think that Jesus’s presence in the Old Testament is significant?
5. See if you can name the organization of the old and new testament?

Old Testament 39 books

Law	5 books Genesis through Deuteronomy
Historical	12 books Joshua through Esther
Poetic/ Wisdom	5 books Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon
Major Prophets	5 books Isaiah through Daniel
Minor Prophets	12 books Hosea through Malachi

400 years of silence between Old and New Testament

New Testament 27 books

Gospel/ Life of Christ	4 books Matthew through John
History of the Church	Acts
Epistles/ Letters	21 letters Romans through Jude
Prophecy/ Apocalyptic	Revelation

Looking ahead:

As you spend time in God's Word, be reminded to keep Jesus as the main subject and yourself as the object. In addition, be reminded that just as our Heavenly Father "gave", we can only "give" because we have first received. Ask yourself how you will "give" of yourself this next week. Pray for revelation as you read the Word so that your faith will grow.

Challenge:

Are you committed to spending time in God's Word on a regular basis? As you spend time in God's Word, consider keeping a journal of what you are learning and what God is saying to you? A good method of journaling is the SOAP method.

S. Scripture—what is the scripture passage(s)

O. Observation- list as much as you can about what is going on in and around this passage. the who, what, when, where, why, how etc

A. Application- What do you think God is calling you to specifically apply to your life from this passage?

P. Prayer-What is it that you need to be praying for?

Memory Verse:

I will study your commandments, and reflect on your ways. 16 I will delight in your decrees and not forget your word. Psalms 119:15-16— 15 NLT

Read through the New Testament in 2017 - This week's reading - Matthew chapters 6-10



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SERMON SERIES: The Best Year Ever

Anyone who listens to my teachings and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on a solid rock.. Matthew 7:24

GOAL: _____ in our Knowledge and Understanding of God's written Word

BIBLE Facts:

"Bible" simply means "_____"

Greek word for _____ is "Byblos"

Latin word for _____ is "Biblia"

Greek city called "Byblos" importer of _____.

Most _____ book

Best _____ book

Most _____ book

Written over a period of _____ years

Over _____ different authors

Written in over a 12 different _____ and 3 continents and 3 different _____.

The Bible was _____ by: tax collectors, princes, kings, shepherds, poets, sailors, soldiers, attorney's, priests, historians, fishermen, prophets, businessmen to name a few.

The Bible was Written in homes, caves, ships, palaces, prisons, and the desert

Question: How did they come up with the same story?

"ALL scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work".. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT

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But this is the new covenant i will make with the people of Israel on that day says, the Lord...I will put my laws in their minds, and i will write this on their hearts, i will be their God and they will be my people. 11 and the will not need to teach their neighbors nor will they need to teach their relatives, saying you should now the Lord, for everyone from the least to the greatest will know me already. 12 and i will forgive their wickedness and i will never again remember their sins.

Hebrews 8:10-12 NLT

What is the SUBJECT of the whole Bible? _____

Over _____ prophecies in the Old Testament that talk about Jesus

If Jesus is the Subject, and We are the Object then what's the verb?

_____.

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