



# HERITAGE

COMMUNITY CHURCH

## **Missional Community Discussion** **Week of January 22nd**

### **Opening thought:**

Over the past three weeks, we have learned that our “Best Years” don’t have to be associated with stuff happening in and around us but our “Best Year’s” can surface as a result of peace that comes from knowing God and his Word and applying it to our lives regardless of the circumstances.

As we finish up our series this week, we will be challenged study God’s word and take our understanding of God’s word to a deeper level. To “hold on” to the scriptures as well as memorize them so that when those times of difficulty come, we will have a weapon to use and not be powerless against the challenges we will face. As we “hold on” to the God’s Word, we will not only be prepared for the times of difficulty but we will also gain confidence.

Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. 32 And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” – John 8:31-32 NLT

### **Questions to discuss:**

1. What bible do you presently own and why do you like it?
2. What were some of the things we might have a tendency to build a foundation on? (reasoning, feelings, culture or tradition) Which one seems to have the most influence in your life and why?
3. How do you begin each day? What is your routine? Do you feel that God’s Word is a priority in your morning schedule? If not, how could God’s word become the first priority in your day and what difference do you believe it might make?
4. Do you ever journal when reading God’s word? How might journaling help you to take the next step in applying God’s word to your life? Here is the journaling method Pastor Sidney talked about: S: Scripture, O: Observation, A: Application, P: Prayer.
5. Paul said in Ephesians 6:17, that we were given God’s Word to use as a weapon to fight against satan and the junk he throws our way. What are some challenges that you are presently facing or could possible face this next year? Take a couple of minutes and go to God’s Word and discover some passages that you could commit to memory and go on the offensive and gain confidence and encouragement?
6. Is there a passage of scripture that you can commit to memory this week? If so, which one?

### **Looking ahead:**

Think about the next month and how you have access to God’s incredible Word to help you navigate the journey. Don’t be afraid to make a commitment to build your life upon God’s Word and to grow deeper. Every day ask the Holy Spirit to help you not only hear God’s Word as you read it but to have the courage to apply it. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you hide God’s Word in your heart so that when the challenges of life come, you will be able to stand and not be destroyed.

### **Challenge:**

Make God’s Word the first priority of your day. Get a bible with a translation that you enjoy. If you don’t have a study bible, consider getting one. Make a commitment to a daily bible reading plan. If you haven’t already joined the Heritage “Read the the New Testament over 2017”, consider doing it. Don’t be afraid to keep a journal. Take steps to practice scripture memorization so that you can be prepared for the attacks of that will come your way.

***Read through the New Testament in 2017 - This week’s reading - Matthew chapters 16-20***



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## SERMON SERIES: The Best Year Ever

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### Things to help us "HOLD ON" to God's Word

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

What not to \_\_\_\_\_ your foundation on:

1. Tradition
2. Reasoning

There is a path before each person that seems right but it ends in death. Proverbs 14:12

3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

In those days Israel had no king: all people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes. Judges 21:25

### What do you do when you are reading God's Word and you don't \_\_\_\_\_ something you are reading?

"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9

### What do I do when I \_\_\_\_\_ understand but just don't like what the scripture is saying?

Make God's Word the \_\_\_\_\_ of the day  
Matthew 6:33

### SOAP Method:

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Your word is a lamp to guide my feet & a light for my path. Ps. 119:105

Make the decision to \_\_\_\_\_.

Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Colossians 3:16

### Things That Encourage Spiritual Growth:

a.) Bible \_\_\_\_\_

Three different types of translations:

- \_\_\_\_\_ - literal equivalency - word for word (KJV, NKJV, ESV, NASB)
- \_\_\_\_\_ - dynamic equivalency - thought for thought (NLT, NIV, TEV)
- \_\_\_\_\_ - paraphrase - English text & rewrote (Living Bible, Message)

PROVERBS 14:23

KJV "In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury"

NLT "Work brings profit, but mere talk leads to poverty!"

MESS "Hard work always pays off; mere talk puts no bread on the table"

b.) Invest in a Study Bible

c.) Missional Community, small group or Access Point

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d.) Recognize that God's Word is a \_\_\_\_\_

Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm... Ephesians 6:13

Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:17

Matthew 4:4,7,10 = NO!! The Scriptures say...

\_\_\_\_\_ Scripture

How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word. I have tried hard to find you—don't let me wander from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Psalms 119:9-11

**Read the NT in 2017 - This week's reading - Matthew 16-20**