



HERITAGE

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Missional Community Discussion Week of January 1st

Opening thought:

The best year ever. It is so easy to think, "If i only had...." (you can fill in the blank) I would be so much better off or life would be easier. What if the "BEST YEARS" of our life weren't controlled by what was happening in and around us but a by the peace and assurance that radiates from a deepening faith of knowing and trusting the One who created us.

Just as our physical bodies need food to sustain life, our spiritual bodies need nourishment as well. God's word, is the sustenance we need as believers to grow and mature in our faith. Over the next four weeks in our series "THE BEST YEAR EVER!", it is our desire that we will grow to Learn God's word, Love God's word as well as be compelled to Live out what God's word teaches which in turn will lead us to experience the "BEST YEAR" of our life as we come to have a more intimate relationship with Jesus.

Questions to discuss:

1. When you think about past years, what would you consider to be some of the highlights of those years? What about some of the challenges?
2. If a believer, when did you make that decision to follow Christ? Do you believe your relationship with God impacts your everyday decision making? If so, How?
3. Read and discuss "For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires." Hebrews 4:12 What do you think the writer was saying here about the God's Word? How is this applicable to your life?
4. Discuss the "How to" of each of these three points below.
 - Faith activates the Word
 - Revelation activates our Faith
 - Meditation activates our Revelation
5. How would you describe your daily interaction with God's word? What advice would you give to a person seeking to intentionally spend more time listening, reading and applying God's word to their everyday life?

Looking ahead:

It is a great time to reflect and give God thanks for giving us access to His heart through the Word. Ask the Lord to reveal to you His truths so that you not only come to know His word but you will see how to apply the word to your life and grow towards spiritual maturity. Pray for the wisdom to apply its principles to every area of your life so that you can build a life on the solid foundation of the Bible.

Challenge:

We are challenging our church family to read through the New testament over the next year. Are you up for the challenge? What will you need to do to be successful in completing this challenge? It is more than just a challenge to read but an opportunity to get to know Jesus better this year through His Word. Make a commitment to spend quality time studying God's word. Pray as a group for spiritual wisdom to help you lean on God as opposed to leading out of your own power. Pray for each other to hear the word God has for them through your missional community or small group.

Read through the New Testament in 2017 - This week's reading - Matthew chapters 1-5