



Be Hungry for God's Word in 2023

This will be my last Shepherd's Pen for 2022, so I wanted to encourage you to plan for your personal Bible study in 2023. I have found it very helpful to enroll in a daily Bible reading schedule through the YouVersion Bible app. It can be set up so that it even gives you a daily reminder! They have a huge number of Bible-reading plans, and you can undoubtedly find one that fits your needs for a focused short-term study or for a year-long plan. The one that I am currently using is The Bible Project's daily Bible reading through the New Testament. At the beginning of each book there is a short video that gives the structure and major themes of the book, and I like it because it ties all of the books together to show God's design for all of scriptures.

Regardless of how you approach your study, or whether you use an app or simply design your own study, make Bible study a priority in the coming year. We all live busy lives, but not taking time for studying God's word is a strong statement that it is not a priority in your life. I find that the more I study, the more it whets my appetite for more. So, develop your hunger for God's Word in 2023.

Grace and peace,

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