

MADE for THIS

Matthew 6:33

*But seek **first His kingdom** and **His righteousness**, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

We've got to develop a passion for PAGES so we can understand how to seek Him FIRST

The entire Bible was written by PROPHETS and APOSTLES

The Bible is a collection of books written over 1000 years!

Old Testament = Jewish Bible = TaNaKh

- T - Torah (law)
- N - Nevi-im (prophets)
- K - Ketuvim (writings)

Problem of the TaNaKh (Old Testament): the leader/hero never arrives!

The gap between the Old Testament and New Testament
400 YEARS OF SILENCE!

Jesus is and will always be everything that we are looking for!

We can trust God's word

Psalms 19:7-14

God's Story in the Scriptures

*Yahweh's Word is **perfect in every way**;*

how it revives our souls!

*Yahweh's laws **lead us to truth**,*

*and his ways **change the simple into wise**.*

*Yahweh's **teachings are right** and **make us joyful**;*

*his precepts are so **pure**!*

*Yahweh's commands **challenge us to keep close to his heart**!*

*The revelation-light of his Word **makes my spirit shine radiant**.*

*Yahweh's decrees are **trustworthy**.*

The fear of Yahweh is pure, enduring forever.

*The rarest **treasures of life** are found **in his truth**.*

*That's why **God's Word is prized** like others prize the finest gold.*

Sweeter also than honey are his living words—

sweet words dripping from the honeycomb!

*For they **warn us**, your servants,
and keep us from following the wicked way,
giving a lifetime guarantee:*

great success to every obedient soul!

How would I discern the waywardness of my heart?

Lord, forgive my hidden flaws whenever you find them.

Keep cleansing me, God,

and keep me from my secret, selfish sins;

may they never rule over me!

For only then will I be free from fault

and remain innocent of rebellion.

So may the words of my mouth, my meditation-thoughts,

and every movement of my heart be always pure and pleasing,

acceptable before your eyes, Yáhwéh,

my only Redeemer, my Protector.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

Hebrews 4:12-13

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. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.

How should I study the Bible?

1. look
2. learn
3. LIVE it!

Study of the Bible should lead to OBEDIENCE and TRANSFORMATION

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Talk It Over

1. Pastor Jeff said “We need to be PEOPLE of the PAGES” - What kind of things come to your mind when you think of reading your Bible? It doesn't have to be all good - BE REAL!
2. Read through PSALM 19 again as a group. As a group, discuss the text and what it means to you as you read it.
3. Why do you think we struggle with making time in the word of God, a priority in our lives?
4. As a group, come up with a commitment/challenge to encourage one another to study the word of God
5. Pray over one another and ask God to help you make His word a priority