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Bethel 2023 Scripture Memory Journey

I am excited for 2023 and our emphasis on memorizing scripture. I know it may sound a little crazy for a person my age (carefull) to lean in on memorization, but I know that there is nothing like the Word of God that will help us grow and be transformed. Let me give you a few reasons why memorizing Romans 8 and Psalm 139 (for kids) might be helpful for all of us!

1) Scripture memorization helps me meditate on what God is saying to me. Deb and I just read that while praying is us talking to God, meditation is us listening to what God is saying to us. Memorizing scripture helps us do just that!

2) Scripture memorization helps me in my prayers. That's right—just like it helps me hear what God is saying, knowing scripture by heart helps me in talking to God. There is something that is out of this world in praying God's Word back to Him!

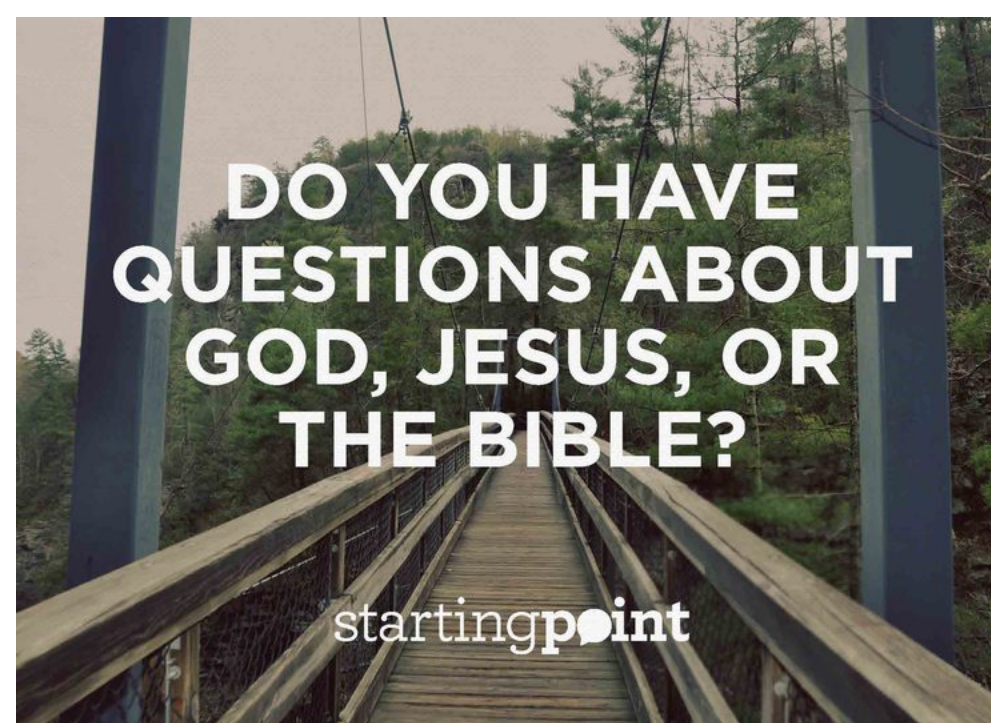
3) Memorizing Scripture helps me renew my mind. The very first verse I ever memorized is Psalm 119:11 "Thy word have I treasured in my heart that I might not sin against you." When I treasure God's Word enough to memorize it, I renew my mind so that I might think about the things that God would think—and that renews my mind.

4) Scripture memory helps me understand what God is saying in other passages. The very best way to study what God is saying to us is to compare scripture with scripture. As I get to know God's Word more and more—I understand it more and more.


Memorizing Scripture may never grow to be your favorite spiritual discipline. That's okay. Don't let that keep you from trying it this coming year. The rewards that it brings will far outweigh the trouble that it may seem to be. I want to invite you to join us in 2023 as we memorize God's Word!

- Pastor Geoff -

Starting Point | Wednesdays beginning January 11th, 6:30 - 8 p.m.



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You've come to the right place.

Church might not seem like the best place to voice your doubts or ask your questions about God. But we think it should be.

STARTING POINT is an 8-week conversation where you can discuss the questions or concerns you have about faith—*free from pressure and judgment.*

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Join Any Time!
Wednesdays 6:30-8 starting January 11th

Contact Pastor Jim at jim@Bethelp.org

<https://bethelp.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1573687>



God's Story SHAPES US! | Sundays beginning January 15th, 10:45 a.m. | In The Loft
God's story says you are "wonderfully complex." You are God's one-of-a-kind creation, and God created you with a purpose! This course is a journey into God's Word to discover how He has designed you and called you to serve. We will take an in-depth look at your SHAPE for ministry and help you get connected inside and outside the church. Taught by Pastor Jim Strecker.

Wise Stewardship | Sundays beginning January 15th, 10:45 a.m. | Room 306
The Bible speaks plentifully on the topic of money and stewardship. Good stewardship is a key component of a growing Christian life. Through this course, you will learn God's heart concerning money, time, and resources and how to apply biblical wisdom to your life. Taught by Greg Wilke.

Bethel Church online attendees | Communion

If you would like to celebrate communion along with us, please contact the Bethel office at 308.532.7040 to request the Elements be brought to you.

Sunday Worship Services

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