More Than Just a Helpful Guide
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I'm not sure if I should admit it, but before the good ol' internet, I was quite the connoisseur of Cliff's Notes. I may or may not have purchased a healthy number of "_____ for Dummies" books to help me fast track my learning. Since the invention of the blog, I have read my fair share of "Tips and Tricks" posts. Never mind the joy I experience when I find a "Shortcut" video on YouTube.

Sometimes, the Bible gets treated like one of those "good ol'" books and is used more like Cliff's Notes or "For Dummies" books. However, it isn't like those, nor is it a "Top 10 Tips for a More Spiritual Life." It isn't a self-help guide or a condensed recipe to hack life. It is much more than just a helpful guide. It is THE guide. Paul tells Timothy that it is the complete equipper in life.

2 Timothy 3:16-17
16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Peter says God has given us all the tools necessary for a life in Him:
2 Peter 1:3
3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

Now, don't get me wrong. I've got nothing against books, blogs, and podcasts. There is some helpful information out there; but, we have to make sure that it is always secondary.

If we truly want to navigate this life in a way that is faithful to our creator, we can't go wrong with using His word to illuminate our steps.
Psalm 119:105
105 Your word is a lamp to my feet
  and a light to my path.

May God's word always be first!

Starting January 1st, 2020 we will embark upon a journey to read through the Bible in a year. You are encouraged to join us. Schedules can be picked up in the foyer or downloaded from the church website. Join in the conversation online in our private Facebook groups. For more information visit with Ryan.