

**S**tarting next year, our church is going to be looking at the importance of Scripture during our Discipleship Journey.

As Christians, we just may presume that quoting Bible verses will convince the unbeliever that there is a God, and He loves him, but this is circular reasoning because it assumes that the unbeliever already accepts Scripture as truth; but if he did, then he would not be an unbeliever. Do you see what I mean?

Now, the Bible tells us something different: Here let me read Genesis 1:1  
(NIV)

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

Rather than proving God's existence, it announces Him.  
Boldly.  
Throughout its pages.

Here let me show you what I mean:

A little over 2013 years ago in and around Jerusalem, there were religious and political groups trying to persuade one another that their way of doing things had the stamp of God's approval.

And, into, this hotbed of controversy, Jesus is born announcing that the kingdom of God had come among men...and you know the rest of the story.

God will show up regardless of proofs, regardless of attitudes towards Him, regardless of situations.

So let's continue to examine the evidence of God's word, but let's also be watchful for God's showing up...in the fullness of times