

Greetings,

Miracle Life Family Church is on the crossroads, as we turn 20 years old we are not only growing older, we are growing stronger. Looking back, we have so much to be thankful for and looking ahead there is still so much ground to cover and so much work to do. This is definitely not the time to slack nor slow down, we have to run faster than we've run before, do much more and give ourselves entirely. There is a world to be won, a work to be done and a kingdom to extend.

Please join us this Sunday, during our usual service times for our 20th Anniversary service. It will be a time of celebration, reflection and forecast. Prior to Sunday, join us for a special time of concerted prayer on Saturday, 26th May from 06:00 hours to 07:00 hours. This one hour of prayer in the Church auditorium will give us opportunity as a Church family to pray thanking God for where we have come from and to pray into the future of the Church. Please do join us.

Rev. Steven Shoop is no stranger to Miracle Life, he is part of our family. This week he preached a message that was a build up to our 20th Anniversary. In his message he reminded us that the time is now for us as a Church to step up into the next season of what God wants to do at MLFC. I hope that your reflections on Rev. Shoop's message will stir you up into that which God has for you individually and the Church collectively.

God bless you!

Pastor Benjamin

PURPOSE OF CONNECTION GROUPS

Connection Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and the study of God's Word. (Romans 8:29 and Hebrews 10:24-25). Here's how it all happens:

- 1. GATHERING** with God's people.
"And let us take thought of how to spur one another on to love and good works, not abandoning our meetings, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other." - **Hebrews 10:24-25**
- 2. GROWING** to be like Christ.
"We proclaim him by instructing and teaching all people with all wisdom so that we may present every person mature in Christ." - **Colossians 1:28**
- 3. GIVING** our lives for God's purpose
"Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship." - **Romans 12:1**
- 4. GOING** into the world.
"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." - **Matthew 28:19**

THIS WEEK'S STUDY – DO YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS?

A. Getting to Know Each Other

What season of your life are you currently going through? Share as you best understand the question

B. Digging Deeper and Application

Read Galatians 4:4 and Ephesians 1:10

- a. What do the verses above tell us about time?
- b. Why is it important to recognize that God works in and through time?
- c. **Read John 4:21-26**
 - (1) What hour or time was Jesus talking about?
 - (2) Why is it important to distinguish those things that are yet to come and those things God has already given us or done?
- d. Many people wait for things that God has already given us. According to **2 Corinthians 6:2**, (1) When is the time for God's salvation? (2) What is the peril of waiting on God for the things that He has already given us?
- e. Rev. Shoop said that life is about change. How do you respond to change in your life?
- f. **Read Numbers 13:30-33** What role do we play in fulfilling God's will for our lives?
- g. **Read Number 14:2-9**. What was it about Joshua and Caleb that set them apart from the other? What can you do to develop such kind of an attitude?
- g. **Read 1 Corinthians 10:10-11 and Psalm 78:40-41**
 - (1) In certain life phases you may be waiting for certain things to happen
 - (2) What is the best attitude to have and what is the worst attitude to have as you wait? What things are you waiting for to happen-what should you do? **Read Isaiah 40:31**
 - (3) Rev. Shoop's message was largely about us discerning the timing of God in our lives and that of the Church. Spend some time sharing with each other in what timing you're in and what God would have you do in this time.

Take home

Take time to prayer Ephesians 1:15-19, over your life and ask the Lord to show you the season and the time that you're in and what you must do.