

Greetings,

Connection Groups serve to connect people with others through sharing the love of God. We believe that people grow best when they are connected through meaningful transformational relationships. MLFC Connection Groups offer an opportunity to grow in your walk with the Lord as you grow in your relationship with other Bible believing Christians. A Connection Group is where you are known and grown. Life is better connected. Stay connected. **(Romans 8:29 and Hebrews 10:24-25).**

The sermon title for this week is **'Shine as Lights'**. This is part five of our series from the book of Philippians. In this sermon, Pastor Walker explains what it means to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. He further exhorts us to live blameless lives by doing all things without complaining. Let us get into our study and find out how we can apply these teachings to our lives.

As we grow in number as Connection Groups and as a Church, we will need more Connection Groups in our communities. If you would like to acquire the skills needed to lead a Connection Group, sign up for the ***Dynamics of Small Groups Training*** which will take place on Saturday, 20 October from 10:00 hours to 13:00 hours. Sign up at the Connection Group table in the foyer after the service or send your name via the email listed below.

Miracle Life Family Church provides many platforms to help mature its members. Some of these are through the School for Life classes. Currently, School for Life is registering for the **Ministry of Helps course**. This course will equip you with Biblical knowledge on how to serve in the local church. MLFC believes every member is a minister and has a role to play in the body of Christ so everyone is welcome to enroll. The next classes take place on Sundays 14 and 21 October from 13:00 hours to 14:30 hours in classroom 2. Sign up at the School for Life table in the foyer after the service.

For more information call the Church office on 260 211 840746 or email: connect@mlfc.org

God bless you!

Pastor Kondwani

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO PRAY OVER THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS

Pray for the Rhema Campuses in Africa:

- That there will be a move of God among the students and the Word of God would dwell richly in their hearts. **Ephesians 1:17-18 and Colossians 3:16.**
- That God will give the respective Directors wisdom and insight on what He wants them to do as they lead. **Proverbs 2:6, and James 1:5**
- For finances and all the resources that they need to do their work. **2 Corinthians 9:8 and Philippians 4:19**

THIS WEEK'S STUDY: SHINE AS LIGHTS

A Getting to Know Each Other

What are the things you complain most about and how can you work towards stopping?

B Digging Deeper and Application

Key Text: Philippians 2: 12 - 17

1. In Pastor Walker's preamble, he strolled back to **verses 5-11 of chapter 2** and highlighted Christ's example of perfect obedience and self-sacrifice. As a follower of Christ, how can you put this mode of obedience and self-sacrifice into practice?
2. The Philippians showed high levels of integrity by being obedient even in Paul's absence. **Read Philippians 2:12.** Evaluate your personal integrity levels and rate yourself against a scale of 1 – 10. What is your score?
 - a) How can you improve this score to 10?
3. Pastor Walker explained the phrase **“work out your salvation” in verse 12** as reflecting your inward transformation on the outside. Does your inner attitude match your outward actions? Discuss.
4. **Read Ephesians 4:20-24.** How can you ensure that the old nature does not suppress the new nature?
5. Explain how you can work out your salvation ‘with fear and trembling’?
6. **In Philippians 2:15** we are told to shine as lights. How are you letting your light shine in the midst of a crooked and perverse world?

C Take Home

Let us work at promoting the new nature in us. God has fashioned the new nature in each one of us according to His likeness in true righteousness and holiness. With this Godly character in us, we are able to shine as stars in this crooked and perverse generation. As living epistles our conduct speaks louder than our words. So let us always shine bright where ever we are!