

Greetings,

Welcome to this week's Connection Group meeting. It's time to connect with your Connection Group family and experience an extra ordinary kind of love! We meet to *promote* spiritual growth through the study of God's word; *encourage* one another by sharing our life experiences; and to *share* the love of God through meaningful Christian relationships. **(Romans 8:29 and Hebrews 10:24-25).**

Pastor Benjamin took part two of the eight-part series on 'Hello, My Name is God.' Last week we had an in-depth introduction on the series. If you missed last week's sermon please buy the CD from the bookshop so that we keep in step and take this journey together. Pastor Benjamin highlighted that even though people around us can give some insight into who we are, the best source to get this information from is from the person themselves. In the anchor scripture, we see how God helps us know about His nature by describing Himself. In the sermon, we focus on *Compassion!* The secrets of His Compassionate nature have been revealed to us. Find a comfortable seat and enjoy being part of this discussion.

This year we urge you to be a part of the MLFC prayer sessions happening daily; morning, afternoon and evening. Find a time that works for you and be part of the prayer team as we pray out the vision and mission of MLFC. Check the Sunday Bulletin for the prayer schedule.

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 Rhema Zambia returning students:

- Thanking God for their obedience to be trained as ministers of the Word of God.
2 Thessalonians 1:3 and Ephesians 5:20
- That they will hear, accept and allow God's Word to grow and bear much fruit in their lives.
John 15:8 and Matthew 13:8
- That God will provide all their needs.
Philippians 4:19 and Psalm 23:1

THIS WEEK'S STUDY: HELLO, MY NAME IS GOD: COMPASSION

A Getting to Know Each Other

As an individual, what is (one of) your strongest attribute(s)?

B Digging Deeper and Application

Key Texts: Exodus 34:5-7 NIV and Psalm 107 NLT

1. Imagine a member of your Connection Group missed last Sunday's sermon and they ask you to explain God's compassion to them. How would you explain it?
 2. It is easy to condemn the Israelites for their rebellion and unbelief and yet we are similar in their ways. Explain how you can avoid the rebellion and unbelief the Israelites exhibited from your life.
 3. Why does God show you Compassion?
 4. Pastor Benjamin said "Character transformation is a result of an encounter with God". If you have encountered God's compassion, share with the group how your character has transformed.
 - a) If you have never experienced God's compassion or you need God to be more compassionate in certain areas of your life, ask the group to pray with you.
- Psalm 107:43 NKJV**
5. Read **Psalms 107** and identify the groups of people God showed compassion to. From this passage explain how you can access God's compassion.
 6. How can you celebrate God's compassionate nature? **Hebrews 4:14 -16**.

C Take Home

The importance of **Exodus 34:6-7** is evidenced by the fact that this statement is repeated many times in the Old Testament: **Numbers 14:18, Nehemiah 9:17 Psalms 103:8, Psalms 145:8, Jeremiah 32:18-19, Joel 2:13, Jonah 4:2. Read and identify God's act of compassion from the above quoted scriptures**