

Sermon Date: Sunday, 14 July 2019

Speaker: Pastor Kondwani Zgambo

Sermon Title: New Life, New Walk: Walk in the Likeness of Christ

Key Scripture: Ephesians 4:17-24

Greetings,

Welcome to this week's Connection Group meeting! **The goal** of our Connection Group meetings is to provide everyone with a safe and friendly environment which is characterized by grace, truth, authenticity and transparency to enable you **build relationships** so that you can be known, loved, accepted and challenged. Here, you also learn how to apply the Truth from Gods word and **become more like Jesus** in attitude and behavior. As you become more like Jesus, you will **give more of yourself** by supporting others in prayer and **intentionally reaching out** to the lost people with the love of God. Life is better Connected. Stay Connected.

This week we started a new series: **New Life, New Walk**. Pastor Kondwani started the series with a sermon title '**Walk in the Likeness of Christ**'. The series will be based on a few selected chapters of the book of Ephesians. This book has so much information pertaining to resources that have been made available to Christians. So, circle up with the group and discover the riches that Ephesians has for you and learn how to walk in the likeness of Christ.

Psalm 139:14 tells us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. You are uniquely designed and wired for a particular purpose that only **you** can fulfil on Earth. School for Life invites you to explore your Uniqueness through the **Unique Design** course on Saturday, 20 July from 09:00 hours to 12:30 hours in the Prayer Room. Sign up at the School for Life table in the Foyer after the service.

Be part of the **Corporate Prayer** by joining a prayer session that happens daily: morning, afternoon and evening at the Church premises. Check for the time and day that suits you from the prayer schedule in the bulletin.

Prayer is a **cardinal** part of the Connection Group meeting. For members to learn how to pray we need to **practice** it. Make time to **pray together** as a group with different kinds of prayer and enjoy the fruits of praying together.

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God bless you!

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THIS WEEK'S STUDY: NEW LIFE, NEW WALK: WALK IN THE LIKENESS OF CHRIST

A Getting to Know Each Other

What was your favorite childhood outdoor game and why?

B Digging Deeper and Application

Key Texts: Ephesians 4:17-24

1. In Pastor Kondwani's preamble, he read from **Ephesians 1:1-2** and pointed out how Paul identified himself as an *apostle by the will of God*. Why is it important for you to know the will of God for your life?
2. It would be so much easier if you were immediately zapped into heaven the moment you get saved. Instead you linger on in this world to work out your salvation. With scriptural backing, explain why this happens.
3. **Read Ephesians 4:1** and identify what you have been called to do in the body of Christ.
4. How are you supposed to "walk" worthy of this call? **Ephesians 4:17-24**.
5. Pastor Kondwani outlined three areas that, the Gentiles in Ephesus, influenced their ungodly walk.
 - i) What they know (Futility of your mind) - **Ephesians 4:17**
 - ii) Who they are (darkened understanding) – **Ephesians 4:18-19**
 - iii) They go past the feeling (they were without feeling) **Ephesians 4:19**Explain how you can prevent these from your life?

C Take Home

Don't let the walk of other Gentiles draw you into alienation from the life of God and into lasciviousness – it isn't worth it – learn Christ, put off the old man, be renewed in the spirit of your mind and put on the new man!