

MPC SMALL GROUP REMINDERS

Over the next 6 weeks together, there will be small group materials provided to each small group leader and will also be available to download from our website.

GUIDELINES FOR MEETING TOGETHER

As we begin to meet, it is good to be reminded about some of the basics of what it means to be a part of a group. Here are five topics you might consider as part of that initial discussion.

CONFIDENTIALITY: What is said in the group stays in the group. Talk about this and make sure everyone is on the same page with this value and what it means.

LISTEN: Value one another during the discussions by really listening to what is being shared. Try to avoid thinking about how you are going to respond or fixing someone's problem.

SHARING: Be sensitive about the amount of time you share. Try and hear somewhat equally from all members of the group.

SENSITIVITY: There is a lot happening in the world. On top of all the stuff that we can see, there are things that people are going through that are unseen. Be sensitive to the fact that there may be people who are really hurting or very anxious, or stressed, or scared, or angry.

FORMATION OVER INFORMATION: My hope is that being a part of a small group would shape you into a more faithful follower of Jesus – and not just more information about Jesus. What are your thoughts on this? How does this inform how you spend your time together.



"WEEK #1 - Interrupted by a Miracle"

Preached: February 26, 2023
Preacher: Keenan Barber
Series: "Miracles of Jesus" – Lent 2023
Scripture: Matthew 9:18-26

SECTION 1 – SMALL GROUPS QUESTIONS

1. Do you believe in miracles? Have you ever been a part of a miracle? Have you ever been witness to a miracle? If you are comfortable sharing your observations, please share.
2. What is your main takeaway from this story of 2 miracles?
3. Notice that in Matthew's telling of the story, the particulars of the woman's condition are not revealed. How does that inform how we might pray for one another when there is sensitive and personal information involved?
4. When Jesus declares that the little girl is just asleep, how do you think you would react if you were her parents?
5. If you pray for healing for someone, and they are not healed, what do you think that means? What kind of message is Jesus trying to send you?

6. Do you think there is anything that you do that could help make a miracle happen in or around you? If so, what do you think your part in a miracle would be?

7. Do you think we should spend more time trying to see miracles in the world today or are there other ways in which God would want to use us?

SECTION 2 – PRAYER

Take some time to share some prayer requests with one another and then spend some time praying for each other. Specifically, are there things in your life where you feel you need God to show up with a miracle.