

Metropolitan Community Church

March Ministry of Biblical Studies

DIRECTION: FOLLOWING GOD'S LEADING

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Psalm 32:8

SESSIONS

Mar 4: Divine GPS: How God Guides – **Isaiah 30:21**

Mar 11: Abraham's Journey: Faith in New Direction –
Genesis 12:1-4

Mar 18: When God Redirects: Jonah's Lesson – Jonah 1:3

Mar 25: The Cloud and Fire: God's Presence in
Direction – Exodus 13:21-22

Wednesdays @ 11am | In-Person & Online



GOD'S DIVINE BLUEPRINT
— **NEW DIRECTION** —

Welcome to the Metropolitan Community Church Ministry of Biblical Study Classes



Week 1- March 4, 2026

"Divine GPS: How God Guides"



Scripture: Isaiah 30:21

"And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way, walk in it,' whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left."

Background & Context

- Prophet: Isaiah
- Audience: Judah during a time of rebellion and misplaced trust (alliances with Egypt).
- The people were seeking political solutions instead of divine direction.
- God promises restoration and guidance after repentance.



Teaching Focus: How God Guides

God's "Divine GPS" works through:

1. His Word – Scripture provides clear principles.
2. The Holy Spirit – Internal conviction and peace.
3. Godly Counsel – Wise, spiritual advisors.
4. Providential Circumstances – Open and closed doors.
5. Inner Peace or Check – Spiritual discernment.

Key Truth: God's voice often corrects us mid-course.

Class Discussion

- How do we know the difference between God's voice and our own desires?
- What happens when we ignore spiritual direction?
- Has God ever redirected you after you made a wrong turn?

Small Group Activity:

List practical ways believers can tune their spiritual hearing.

Application

- ✓ Slow down decision-making.
- ✓ Pray before responding.
- ✓ Align choices with Scripture.
- ✓ Develop spiritual sensitivity through daily devotion.

Weekly Reflection Assignment

- Spend 10 minutes daily in silence before God.
- Journal one area where you need direction.
- Ask: "Lord, what are You saying behind me?"

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Week 2- March 11, 2026

"Abraham's Journey: Faith in New Direction"



Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4

"Now the Lord had said to Abram: 'Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you... I will bless you... and you shall be a blessing.' So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him."

Background & Context

- Abram lived in Ur, a prosperous but pagan culture.
- God calls him into uncertainty.
- No map. No details. Just promise.



Teaching Focus: Obedient Faith

Abraham's journey teaches:

1. Direction requires departure.
2. God often reveals direction progressively.
3. Obedience precedes clarity.
4. Blessing follows surrender.

Key Truth: Faith moves before full understanding.

Class Discussion

- What did Abraham have to leave behind?
- Why is leaving sometimes harder than going?
- What comfort zones may God be calling you from?

Interactive Reflection:

Write down one "Ur" (comfort place) you may need to leave.

Application

- ✓ Trust God with incomplete details.
- ✓ Obey the last instruction given.
- ✓ Step even when the path is not visible.

Weekly Assignment

- Read Hebrews 11:8-10.
- Identify one faith step you've delayed.
- Take one measurable action toward it this week.

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Week 3- March 18, 2026

When God Redirects: Jonah's Lesson



Scriptures: :Jonah 1–3 (Selected Focus Verses)

Jonah 1:3 – “But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.”

Jonah 2:2 – “I cried out to the Lord because of my affliction, and He answered me.”

Jonah 3:1 – “Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time...”

Background & Context

- Jonah was a prophet to Israel.
- God sends him to Nineveh (enemy nation).
- Jonah resists due to prejudice and fear.
- God uses a storm and a great fish for correction.



Teaching Focus: Redirection & Grace

Lessons from Jonah:

1. You can't outrun divine direction.
2. Disobedience brings disruption.
3. God's correction is not rejection.
4. God gives second chances.

Key Truth: Redirection is often mercy in disguise.

Class Discussion

- Why did Jonah resist?
- What storms have redirected you?
- How do we respond to divine correction?

Group Exercise:

Identify “storms” that may actually be spiritual course corrections.

- ✓ Recognize warning signs early.
- ✓ Repent quickly.
- ✓ Accept second chances gratefully.

Weekly Assignment

- Reflect: Where might you be resisting God?
- Pray a prayer of surrender.
- Act on one area of delayed obedience.

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Week 4- March 25, 2026

The Cloud and Fire: God's Presence in Direction



Scripture: Exodus 13:21–22

“And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light... He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night from before the people.”

Background & Context

- Israel just exited Egypt.
- They were free but unfamiliar with the wilderness.
- God did not just give freedom — He gave presence.



Teaching Focus: Direction Through Presence

The Cloud:

- Guidance
- Covering
- Shade from heat

The Fire:

- Light in darkness
- Protection
- Warmth

Key Truth: God doesn't just give directions — He goes before us.

Class Discussion

- Why didn't God give them a map instead?
- How does God's presence bring comfort in uncertain seasons?
- What does it mean to move only when the cloud moves?

Activity:

Discuss the danger of moving ahead of God's timing.

Application

- ✓ Follow God daily, not occasionally.
- ✓ Wait when He pauses.
- ✓ Move when He moves.

Weekly Assignment

- Read Exodus 14.
- Journal about a “Red Sea” moment.
- Ask: Am I waiting on God, or rushing ahead?

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When He builds, He **leads**. When He calls, He **guides**.*

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