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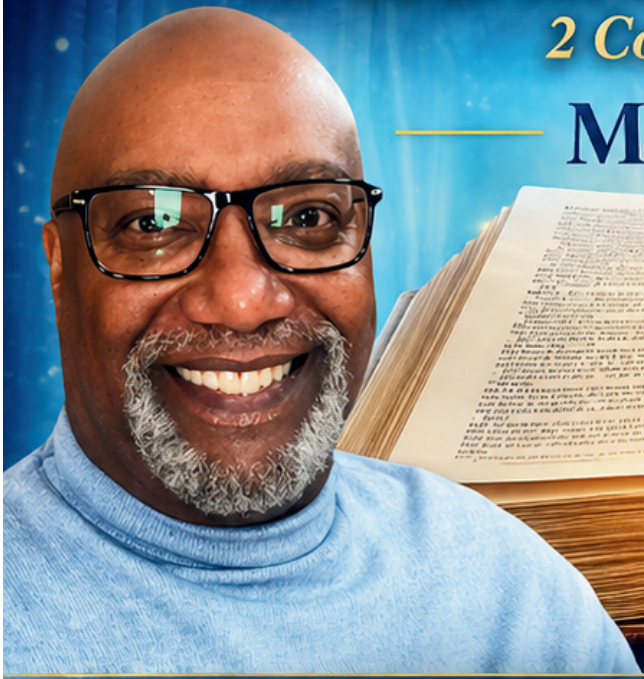
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Welcome to the Metropolitan Community Church
Ministry of Biblical Study Classes
Week 1 - May 6, 2026

FROM GLORY TO GLORY

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:18 - "And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

Lesson Focus: Transformation in Christ is a continual spiritual process. As believers draw closer to God, the Holy Spirit gradually transforms our character, attitudes, and actions to reflect Christ.

Key Teaching Points:

1. Transformation Begins with Relationship
2. Spiritual transformation begins when we develop an intimate relationship with God.
3. Transformation is not merely behavioral change—it is heart change.
4. Romans 12:2 reminds us that transformation comes through the renewal of the mind.
5. The Work of the Holy Spirit
6. The Holy Spirit is the agent of transformation.
7. He convicts, teaches, empowers, and shapes believers into the likeness of Christ.
8. Spiritual growth is not self-manufactured—it is Spirit-produced.
9. Spiritual Growth Happens in Stages
10. "From glory to glory" means spiritual maturity is progressive.
11. God continues refining believers throughout life.
12. Philippians 1:6 assures us that God will complete the work He began in us.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does "being transformed into His image" mean in practical terms?
2. What spiritual disciplines help believers grow from "glory to glory"?
3. How can we recognize the Holy Spirit's work in our transformation?

Personal Reflection:

- In what areas of your life is God currently transforming you?
- What habits can you develop that help you grow spiritually?

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Week 2 - May 13, 2026

Breaking Down to Build Up

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:10

"See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

Lesson Focus: Sometimes God must remove unhealthy patterns, attitudes, or structures before establishing His divine purpose in our lives.

Key Teaching Points: God Removes What Hinders Growth

Just as a gardener removes weeds to help plants grow, God removes things that hinder spiritual development.

These may include:

- harmful habits
- destructive thinking
- unhealthy relationships
- misplaced priorities

Spiritual Demolition Precedes Spiritual Construction

God often dismantles the old to make room for the new.

This process can be uncomfortable, but it prepares believers for spiritual rebuilding.

Isaiah 43:19 reminds us that God is always doing a new thing.

God's Rebuilding Produces Purpose

God does not remove things to harm us, but to align us with His plan.

What God builds is always stronger than what was there before.

Discussion Questions

1. Why does God sometimes allow painful seasons of change?
2. What might God be removing in order to build something greater?
3. How can we trust God during seasons of spiritual demolition?

Personal Reflection

- Is there anything God is asking you to release or surrender?
- How can you cooperate with God's rebuilding process?

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Week 3 - May 20, 2026
The Potter and the Clay

Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1–6 “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand...”

Lesson Focus

God is the master craftsman shaping our lives according to His divine design.

Key Teaching Points

God Is the Master Potter

The potter has full authority over the clay.

God carefully shapes each believer with intentionality and purpose.

Psalms 139 reminds us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

The Clay Must Remain Flexible

Clay that becomes hard cannot be shaped.

Likewise, believers must remain humble, teachable, and surrendered.

Spiritual pride can prevent God from shaping our lives.

God Reworks What Seems Broken

The potter in Jeremiah reworked the clay when it became marred.

God does not discard His people when they fail. Instead, He reshapes and restores.

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to be clay in the hands of God?
2. Why is humility necessary for spiritual growth?
3. How has God reshaped your life through difficult experiences?

Personal Reflection

- Are there areas of resistance in your life where God is trying to shape you?
- How can you surrender more fully to God’s shaping process?

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Week 4 - May 27, 2026
Transformation Through Trials

Scripture: James 1:2–4 “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds...”

Lesson Focus:

God uses trials and challenges to strengthen faith, develop perseverance, and mature believers spiritually.

Key Teaching Points:

Trials Develop Spiritual Maturity

Difficult seasons refine believers like gold in a furnace.

Trials reveal what is in the heart and strengthen faith.

Perseverance Produces Spiritual Strength

Endurance builds character and resilience.

Romans 5 teaches that suffering produces perseverance, character, and hope.

God Uses Trials for Transformation

Trials are not meaningless.

God uses adversity to develop deeper trust, stronger faith, and greater spiritual maturity.

Discussion Questions

1. Why does James encourage believers to consider trials with joy?
2. How have trials strengthened your faith?
3. What spiritual lessons can be learned through hardship?

Personal Reflection

- What trial has shaped your spiritual growth the most?
- How can you trust God more deeply during difficult seasons?

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Transformation Through Trials
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Monthly Reflection

Throughout this month, we have explored how God transforms believers according to His Divine Blueprint.

Spiritual transformation includes:

- growth in Christlikeness
- surrender to God's shaping
- rebuilding through God's purpose
- maturity developed through trials

God continues working in the lives of His people.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him."

Romans 8:28

Members are encouraged to bring journals and prepare for reflective study as we explore God's divine design for our lives

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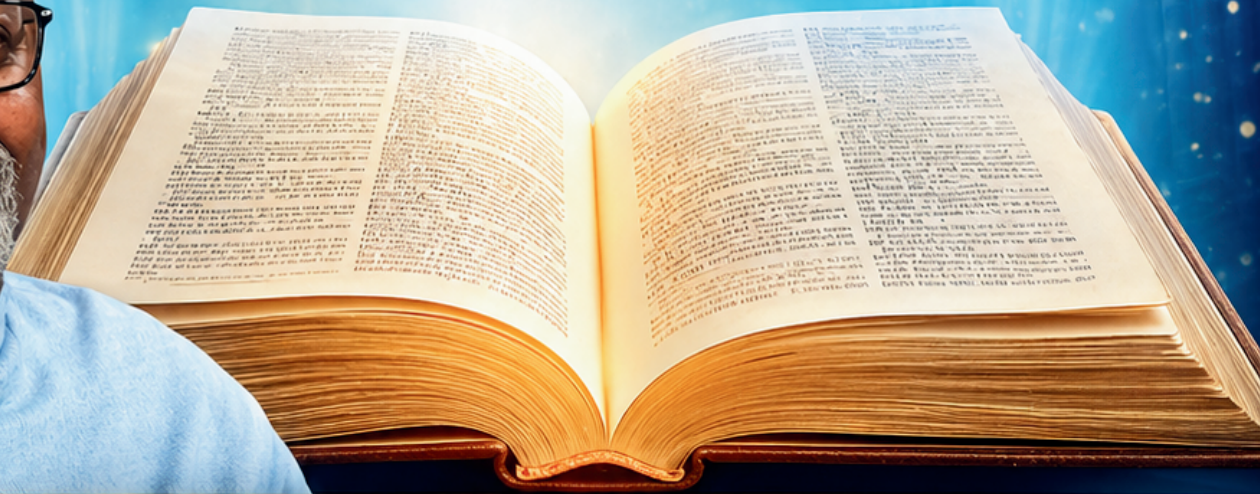
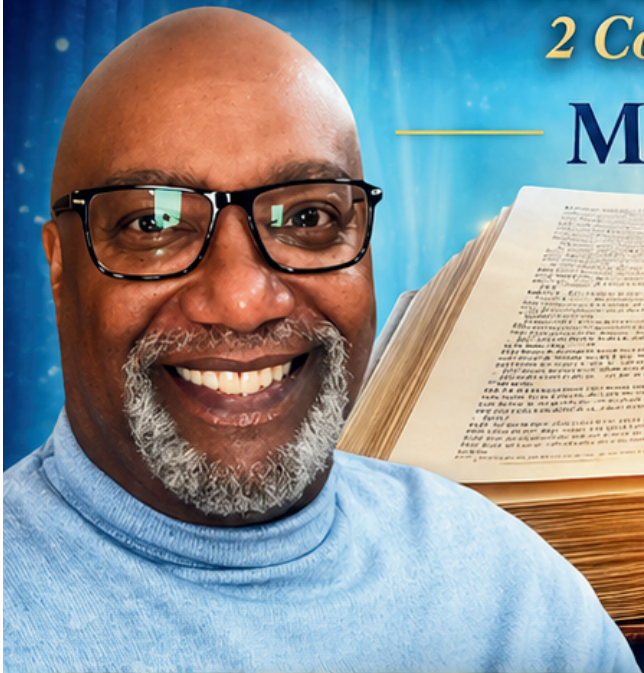
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