



Ministry of Biblical Studies

FEBRUARY BIBLE STUDY SERIES

[SELF-STUDY: No In-Person or Facebook Live Session]
February 26th | Signs and Wonders in the Early Church



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Welcome to the Metropolitan Community Church
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“Living a Life of Expectancy: Walking in Signs and Wonders”
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Scripture Focus:

- Mark 16:15–18

Opening Reflection (Self-Study)

Begin with Prayer:

- Ask the Holy Spirit to open your understanding and stir your faith to walk in expectancy of God’s power working through you.

Personal Reflection Question:

- What does it mean to live a life of expectancy? Write down your initial thoughts.

Scripture Study

Read Mark 16:15–18:

- **Verses 15–16:** Jesus commissions His followers to preach the gospel to all creation, promising salvation to those who believe.
- **Verses 17–18:** Jesus describes the signs that will accompany believers:
 - Casting out demons in His name.
 - Speaking in new tongues.
 - Protection from harm (e.g., handling snakes, drinking deadly poison).
 - Healing the sick through laying on of hands.

Key Themes from the Passage:

- **Faith and Belief:** These signs follow those who believe (verse 17).
- **Empowerment of Believers:** Signs and wonders are a result of God’s power working through believers.
- **Living with Boldness:** Expecting God to confirm His Word with signs when we act in faith.

Lessons on Living a Life of Expectancy

Expectancy Starts with Obedience

- Jesus calls believers to act: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel."
- **Self-Reflection:** Am I stepping out in faith and sharing the good news of Jesus?

Signs and Wonders Confirm the Gospel

- Signs are not the goal but evidence of God's presence and truth.
- **Key Insight:** When we obey God's Word, He validates it with His power.

Faith Unlocks Miracles

- Expectancy is rooted in believing that God will act.
- **Key Verse:** Hebrews 11:6 – "Without faith, it is impossible to please God."

Walking in Boldness and Trust

- Fear hinders expectancy, but trust in God's promises empowers us to act boldly.
- **Self-Reflection:** What fears or doubts might hold me back from living a life of expectancy?

Self-Guided Reflection Questions

- How can I cultivate a heart of expectancy for God to work through me daily?
- What steps can I take to align my actions with the signs Jesus promised would follow believers?
- Have I witnessed or experienced signs and wonders in my life or the lives of others? How did it strengthen my faith?

Take Action in Faith:

- Pray for someone in need of healing, deliverance, or encouragement, believing that God's power will move.
- Speak boldly about the gospel to someone this week, trusting God to confirm His Word.

Develop a Life of Expectancy:

- Begin each day declaring your faith in God's ability to work through you (e.g., "Lord, I expect You to move through me **today for Your glory.**").

Closing Reflection and Prayer

Reflection Exercise:

- Write down three ways you can actively live in expectancy of God's power.

Closing Prayer:

- "Lord, help me to live a life of faith and expectancy, trusting that You will work through me to reveal Your glory. Give me boldness to share the gospel and confidence in Your promises. Let signs and wonders follow as I walk in obedience to Your call. Amen."

Homework Assignment

- Read Acts 5:12–16 and reflect on how the early church demonstrated signs and wonders. Write down what stands out to you about their faith and expectancy.
- Commit to sharing one testimony of God's power with someone this week.

NOTE: No MBS on March 5th

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