
Meeting Newsletter, March 22, 2022



Welcome to WoW2, Women of Worship, Women of Witness. This newsletter captures topics discussed during our March 22, 2022, meeting. This newsletter seeks to capture some, but not all, key points from our evening together, with like topics being conveniently grouped together. We hope you are blessed as you join us on our journey.

Declaration of Faith: We will gain emotional wellness and strength for the Promised Land by believing, receiving, and obeying the truth of God's Word when it comes to deliverance from bondage, deliverance through sanctification, and deliverance from bitterness and doubt.

CLOSING THE LOOP on past meetings

We did not meet on March 15th, so no Meeting Notes for that night.

OPENING

We opened with the song, "In Your Time." We then began our meeting in prayer followed by our discussion to finish Ecclesiastes 3.

DISCUSSION

We started the evening by reviewing Ecclesiastes 3:1-15. That review sparked a conversation about "a time to be silent and a time to speak" was not included in the list Solomon provided, nor was a time to understand. We concluded a "time to understand" is not mentioned as a season, because it's required for life. To understand is always needed, as is discernment!

We also concluded that "a time to search" can include searching for wisdom and gaining revelation as a result.

The opportunity with God is what counts. It's about learning how to ask Him how to proceed when opportunity arrives. It's also about letting go of our expectations when obeying God doesn't look like we want or expect.

Upcoming Events

April 5

Off – Spring Break

April 26

Social Week

May 1

Summer Break Entire Month

Current Vision

Revive! Restore. Refresh.
Renew – Emotional wellness
in the wilderness and
strength for the Promised
Land.

Scripture(s)

Isaiah 57:15; Isaiah 43:19

Additional Verses: Romans 8:15, Romans 6:4, 2 Timothy 2:15, Ephesians 4:23, Romans 12:1-2, Hebrews 12:14-15, James 1:5-6, and John 6:29

Inspirational Song(s)

"On Our Way" by MercyMe
feat. Sam Wesley

"Revive" by WorshipMob

Current Study:

Ecclesiastes

Just because there is resistance or opposition to what we see, and/or pain doesn't mean it's not God or that we're not on the path God has for us. When God is working in our lives, the "why" nor the "what" are our responsibility. In our obedience to Him, there's always something He is pruning in our heart. That's why, if we have an analytical personality, we have to be careful to not allow that to cause us to analyze what God said and come to our own assumptions, because analyzing is contradictory to discernment. As a result, we squash the Holy Spirit from being able to give us the discernment we need. So, the prayer we saw in this is "God give me more discernment rather than me trying to analyze."

Analyzing is a gift for His purpose, not to block us from hearing what He's saying.

In v16-23, we concluded don't do work God didn't call you to, because that's meaningless, and so is doing work we don't enjoy, which led to a discussion on Jeremiah. In Jeremiah 1:4, God tells Jeremiah, He formed him in his mother's womb, and then in v8, He assures Jeremiah He will be with him and rescue him. Yet, as Jeremiah goes along doing what God told him to do, Jeremiah ends up telling God in 20:7 that God had deceived him. Thus, sometimes, we don't realize the price to be paid while walking in God's purpose.

We can look at those before us like Joseph and his journey and all things he endured before the king and the palace. We have to understand the journey to the palace (or whatever God has promised us) is not always going to be pretty and all laid out. It's the fine print of our walk that's written in bold that we need to pay attention to!

In general, the Western church, doesn't know how to suffer or persevere well, because we've not really dealt with hardship and suffering.

It's not about the results, but the journey and what happens to us during the journey. It's not about us chasing the concept of "fulfilling our potential," but concentrating on doing God's will. For example, Jesus has the potential to fix everything and heal everyone, but He didn't. He did what the Father told him to do. Therefore, our potential may not necessarily be God's will. Thus, we can have gifts we don't use, because that's not what God's called us to do. Discernment is the key for being able to walk in God's will.

In v17, "there is a time for every activity and every work." So, there's a season where we may feel productive and getting things done, and we have to recognize that's a season. In other words, there's a season for the work and everything will line up in that season. But, if we don't recognize that's a season, we can miss our season of rest and wear ourselves out!

In v21, that animals have spirits stood out to us.

In v22, "there is nothing better than for a person to enjoy his activities," led to the "thing" itself has to be the reward. Moreover, it doesn't say "all activities." Sometimes, we're grouping things under every umbrella that don't belong there. For example, lumping potential with purpose when they don't necessarily belong together.

Some highlights from our takeaways

Our discussion was once again jammed packed, so we didn't do takeaway.

RESOURCES

Links to our inspirational Song(s) supporting our vision:

"MercyMe feat. Sam Wesley - On Our Way (Official Lyric Video)," (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9R8x5YlbQ0Q>).

"Revive," (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rYEOCM9rbMg>).

Links to the Song(s) from this meeting:

"In Your Time | WorshipMob original by Colten May & Aaron McClain (+spontaneous)," (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkErY2eaBVI&t=593s>).

"God's Promises of Rest & Peace: 3 Hour Peaceful Piano Worship Music," (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E_RkeMfUAf0).

CLOSING

We collected our **prayer requests** for the evening and then closed in prayer while listening "God's Promises of Rest & Peace."



Homework

Ecclesiastes chapter 4

Read Jeremiah chapters 1-20 for context about his suffering

Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 29, 2022 @ 7:00pm.

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