

# WELCOME TO WORD OF FAITH LIFE GROUPS

**WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER**

## LIFE GROUP LESSON PLAN

Thursday, March 17, 2022 – 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm

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### OPENING PRAYER (5 MINUTES)

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### WELCOME TO OUR GROUP (5 MINUTES)

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If this is your first time joining us, please introduce yourself! We are glad you took the time to join us today. Our group has four purposes:

1. **L... Learning together from God's Word**
2. **I... Interceding through prayer**
3. **F... true Fellowship in the Spirit of Christ**
4. **E...Evangelizing the lost**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 MINUTES)

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- **Young Adults ages 18-35, Next Friday @8:00PM the IBC is going to be meeting up at Chicken'N Bowling for some friendly competition! For more information contact Min. Promise by email at [promisewalker7@gmail.com](mailto:promisewalker7@gmail.com).**
- **There will be a Children's Church Meeting on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 9:00 am in person and by ZOOM. or more information contact Minister Abbott at [wofsttlbs@gmail.com](mailto:wofsttlbs@gmail.com)**
- **You have an invitation to join Covenant Partner's Ministry, Friday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Minister Oysterman at [wofcovenantpartners@gmail.com](mailto:wofcovenantpartners@gmail.com)**

### PRAISE & WORSHIP (5 MINUTES)

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### FACILITATION OF LESSON (30 MINUTES)

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**Sermon Title:** “Keep The Main Thing The Main Thing”

*(That’s how you quit quitting or quit giving up.)*

Sermon by Pastor Ronald D. Walker, Jr. - Wednesday, March 9, 2022

### POINT 1

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**READ:** Ecclesiastes 3:1 - *To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:*

We are about to enter what is arguably the most glorious hour in the history of the church. But we must keep the main thing, the main thing, and not veer off on these minor tangents and allow things to distract you.

**READ:** Matthew 24:3-4 - *When shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.*

There have been a lots of prophecies made, and lots of conspiracy theories put forth. Some believe we are in the midst of World War III, while others believe we are in the midst of the Tribulation Period. My advice to you is don't react to what is being said or what you are seeing and experiencing. Examine the scriptures to see what the Word of God has to say about it.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Share a time when you allowed yourself to become distracted from the main thing you needed to be concentrating on.
2. What theories about the current events have you heard? How did you respond?

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### POINT 2

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Hilton Sutton wrote a book about World War III. At the start of the book, he talks about God's conquest of Russia. God's conquest of Russia is when Russia tries to invade Israel from the north (*Side Note: they are preparing to do that now, Russia has military facilities in Syria*).

All of these events are taking place, right now. You may not hear about them, or the News may not report the truth about these event however, if you turn to the Word of God, it will provide insight into what is taking place.

**READ: Ezekiel 38:8-12** (*In this passage God is talking about Russia*)

*After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.<sup>9</sup> Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee. 10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: **(They will think that they can go in and invade Israel from the north.)** And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.*

Now, if you travel to Israel, you'll discover that they are not at peace and that they have defense systems spread throughout the land. They have walls of defense!

All of this will take place during the seven-year tribulation period. The world will be at peace for the first half of the tribulation period, at least until the Anti-Christ violates the peace treaty.

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There are a number of events that people believe are going to take place today but will not take place until after the church has been raptured. A great deal of what has been discussed will take place during the time of the great tribulation.

### QUESTIONS:

1. When Russia invaded Ukraine, what were your first thoughts?
2. How did you tie it into end time events?

### POINT 3

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**READ:** Matthew 24:3 - *Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?*

The disciples were completely unaware of the rapture. You weren't aware of the Rapture until the Apostle Paul brought it to your attention. They weren't referring to the rapture in any way when they were talking. When they were talking, they were referring to the Second Coming of Christ. There is a difference between the Rapture and the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### QUESTION:

1. What is the difference between the Rapture and the Second Coming of Christ?

### POINT 4

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According to some, we are in the midst of World War III. No! We are living in perilous times. This is what the Bible has to say:

**READ:** 2 Timothy 3:1 – *“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.”*

**READ:** Matthew 24:3-8 – *“Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take*

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*heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.*

These, according to Jesus, are the beginning of sorrows! Pestilences, according to the Bible! That's a virus, and millions of people are dying! All of these things, he said, are the beginning of sorrows.

People say things like, "Lord, I don't get it; we've prayed, prophesied, fasted, and commended, and the virus is still here." What exactly is the issue?

**READ:** Matthew 28:6 – *“And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.”*

Recognize that while you cannot stop these things from happening, you can prevent them from happening to you.

### QUESTION:

1. Consider a time when you prayed to prevent something bad from happening and your prayer went unanswered. How did you feel?

### POINT 5

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"These things (*wars, rumors of war, famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places*) must come to pass!" Jesus said in **Matthew 28:6**. We know these things aren't from God; He isn't trying to punish us; He isn't trying to perfect us; He isn't trying to judge us; He isn't trying to force us to change our location.

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The Holy Spirit is the one who teaches us; the Holy Spirit is the one who comforts us, corrects us, and walks alongside us! The Holy Spirit will be the one to instruct, counsel, and correct you. Whom God loves; He chastens!

God does not give you cancer to teach you a lesson or break your leg to make you pay attention. If you think this way about God, you truly don't know his character. Get in the Word and find out more about him. He loves you with an everlasting love.

### QUESTION:

1. Can you recall a time when you truly believed you were experiencing difficulties because God was teaching you a lesson? Do you still have that feeling?

### POINT 6

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So, Jesus said that all of these things had to happen, and they continue to happen. All of this is the start of sorrows. He says that these are the beginning of sorrows; there will be greater sorrows to come, but the church will be caught up; raptured out.

Let us now address World War III. World War III is not a global conflict. During World War II, there were only 30 nations involved not the entire world. So, it is unlikely that the entire world will be at war. I also want to state that World War III is not Armageddon.

Globalism will not occur until the great tribulation period. When the Antichrist establishes his office. The Antichrist and the False Prophet begin to manifest themselves in the world. They are going to try to control the whole world.

There is a final solution, just as Hitler attempted. Satan's attempt to destroy Israel continues. He is still attempting to exterminate the Jewish people.

That is why we must continue to pray for Jerusalem's peace, as well as for Israel and stand with Israel.

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### QUESTION:

1. Why are Jerusalem and Israel so important to God?

### ALTAR CALL - Time of Decision (Everyone Bow Your Heads)

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#### 1) Receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior:

- a. Some may have never received Jesus.
- b. You may be a good person, give to the poor, and serve in the community.
- c. Has there been a day where you confessed Jesus and Lord?

**(Read Romans 10:9) If need to make this decision, raise your hand:**

**What to do next? Have them repeat after you:** *“I believe that Jesus is the son of God. I believe he died for me bearing my sins for me. I believe he rose from the dead and is alive right now. Dear Lord Jesus, come into my life now! Come into my heart now! I believe in my heart, and say with my mouth that Jesus Christ is my personal Lord as Savior. And I am, right now, born again.”*

#### 2) Rededicate your life:

- a. Is your life a mess? Are you struggling right now?
- b. You know something is just off in life?

**(Read 1 John 1:9) If you want to be restored with God, raise your hand:**

**What to do next? Lead the person in the following prayer, allowing them to repent before God for the area they have sinned:** *“Father, I come before you in the Name of Jesus asking for forgiveness ... (allow the person to personally speak to God about the specific thing they are repenting for). After they are finished, close out the prayer with them, thanking God for forgiveness and restoration.”*

**PRAISE REPORTS - \*2-MINUTES PER PERSON**

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### PRAYER FOCUS / INDIVIDUAL PRAYER REQUEST (10 MINUTES)

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#### Prayer focus:

- 1) Your Circle (friends and family) - *Have members complete the form and submit to you by email or in person.*
- 2) Life Group members
- 3) Word of Faith Leadership:
  - a. Pastor Ronald D. Walker, Jr., Evangelist Sharon L. Walker, Minister Promise Walker, Brittany and Christian and the ministerial staff.
  - b. Bishop Keith A. Butler and Pastor Deborah Butler

Have you reached out to your circle today?

### OFFERING

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- <https://wordoffaithstthomas.com/give-online/>
- <https://www.givelify.com/>

### CLOSING PRAYER & DISMISSAL

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