

From Mess to Miracle to BIGGER Miracle, July 18-21

WHY LEARNING COMMUNITIES? *Circle Two Opportunity...*

To become better and better disciples of Christ TOGETHER so we can face *anything* through...

1. Deeper learning of Biblical truth
2. Stronger “iron sharpening iron” relationships

Ephesians 4:12–16 (ESV) ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Links for Supernatural Seminar with Dr. Michael Heiser:

Part 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LxgLqXyNAjI&t=108s>

Part 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NABqtzST4U8&t=2602s>

Part 3 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0ydAf-xrA>

Part 4 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ZzCHKfx6Os>

Housekeeping:

No Learning Community next week

Objective: essential truths in John 9 and connections to the miracle we experienced with Jeannie

John 9 (ESV) (pew Bible p. 895-896)

Underlying Assumptions, vs. 2-3

Primarily about God and the Unseen Kingdom, vs. 4-5

Unconventional Methods that require and test our obedience, v. 6

God’s promises and miracles, v. 7

When God seems to let us dangle

→ Belief, disbelief, arguments like we aren’t in the room, vs. 8-12

→ Religion gets in the way (always?), vs. 13-17

→ People we most rely on often let us down – challenges our faith in what God is up to, vs. 18-23

➔ Stronger opposition designed to *strengthen faith!* (It's about training!!), vs. 24-32

➔ Note the depth of faith the man experienced *because* of the opposition, vs. 33-34

God reaches and works at just the right time for bigger, unseen purposes – PAY ATTENTION

➤ *Pay attention!*

There is always a Bigger Story with God, vs. 39-41

➤ *Stronger and stronger and stronger:* GOD'S EYES!!

We do not know what anything actually is until God reveals it through the Bible by the Holy Spirit.
Work hard to not assume we know until we hear from God.

We can't experience a miracle without an impossible mountain (with fear and danger).

Takeaways...

