

Series: Great - Full

Message: Your October Surprise

October 25, 2020

Life Group Study

For week of October 25, 2020

John 9 | Luke 4:18-19 | John 10:10 | Matthew 6:22-23 | 1 John 1:9
Job 42:3-6 | John 20:31

October Surprise:

A news event that may influence the outcome of an upcoming November election.

Your October Surprise:

A Good News event that can influence the outcome of the rest of your life!

Jesus doesn't want us to live a life of blindness...
but one that is truly great and full of life!

We need an October Surprise from Jesus!

An October Surprise may not be pretty.

Confess | Repent | Believe

We invite you to use these notes to continue the conversation throughout the week. Whether online or in person, we need to connect together! During the fall we will have several Life Groups starting up. So take that Next Step and find yours today! <https://rlc.pub/groups>

Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover from our time of worship together on Sunday?

Do you like surprises? What kind do you like?

What happened this week that you didn't expect? How do you handle the unexpected things in your life?

Connect to God's story

Read Psalm 146.

What advice are you given in this Psalm? Why is God a better choice to put your confidence in?

Take a moment and list all that God does in this Psalm:

Look over your list. Is there anything surprising to you? How does God compare to human rulers and leaders?

Do you have difficulty placing your hope in the Lord? Why or why not?

Read Acts 9:1-19.

How did God surprise Saul and the church? Are we prepared to love those who have even been an enemy of God?

To get Saul's attention God had to physically blind him. Has God ever used physical means to get your attention? (i.e. sickness, pulling a muscle, breaking a bone, etc.)

When Saul could physically see he was spiritually blind. What does it take for God to bring sight to your spirit? What do you think you may still be blind to? Do you believe God can give you eyes to see?

*The LORD frees those who are imprisoned.
He makes the blind see.
He lifts up those who are weighed down.
He cherishes those who do what is right.*

- Psalm 146:7b-8

Real Life Prayer for 2020

It is God's will for us to have an intimate, personal, and dependent relationship with all of Him—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This year let us make it personal, a prayer of commitment and connection with God.

Pause Prayers

Read each of these simple statement prayers separately then pause, pray, listen, and respond:

"Abba, I belong to You."

"Come Lord Jesus."

"I surrender to You."

"Holy Spirit set my love in order."

"I trust You."

"You are enough."

As we open ourselves to a new year and a new decade, ask God to bring a personal **revival*** to you: body, mind, and spirit. As each of us fully embraces all that God has for us, He is able to work immeasurably in, for, and through us.

When we open ourselves to God reviving us we will not be the same. Real Life Church will not be the same. Our community will not be the same. Let us claim 2020 as the year of the Lord's favor and look with expectant eyes for the miracles of God!

***Revival Definition:** an improvement in the condition or strength of something.