

90 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

January 2026

Over the 90 years of the life of the Accra Ridge Church, lots of achievements have been chalked. We started off as a single church with a single congregation meeting together weekly, supported by a single Minister on a part-time basis. Today, the Accra Ridge Church exists at four locations (Ridge, Tudu, Manet and Pokuase), with the newest addition being the congregation at ACP Pokuase. We are now supported by three full time Ministers, and two part-time Ministers, and are blessed with a vibrant Youth Ministry. There have also been many disappointments and missed opportunities along the way, but through it all, God has remained faithful.

It is always important at these milestones to assess the extent to which we have fulfilled the aspirations of those who set up the church, and so throughout this year the different activities will help us take stock of the progress we have made, whilst we give thanks for how far God has brought us.

Our series of Bible Studies this year will therefore reflect on celebration and reflection in tune with marking this major milestone.

Evening Online Bible Studies

Every Sunday evening at 7pm GMT, an online bible study is held on the Zoom platform following this study outline. If you miss the in-person Bible studies for any reason, you are welcome to join us online. Just scan the QR Code below and you will be logged in to join us!



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STUDY 1: CELEBRATING OUR HERITAGE

Ephesians 1:3-10

Introduction

90 Years is a major milestone, and we have a lot to be thankful for as a church. We thank God for all the blessings we have experienced, but also for the setbacks and challenges we have overcome. It is important at these milestones to assess the extent to which we have fulfilled the aspirations of those who set up the church, and throughout this year the different activities will help us take stock of the progress we have made, whilst we give thanks for how far God has brought us.

This is true for us both as a church and as individual Christians. Paul begins the book of Ephesians by celebrating the heritage of the Ephesian church, and the aspirations of its founder – who is none other than God the Father himself. He is the founder of the Universal church, and as such these words from the book of Ephesians apply to all assemblies of Christians (or churches), including the Accra Ridge Church!

Read Ephesians 1:3-10 in three different Bible versions

Observation

1. What does verse 3 say God has blessed us with?

2. From verse 7, what else have we received as a result of God's grace?

3. What has God made known to us according to verse 8-10?

Discussion Questions

Interpretation

4. What is the “mystery of God’s will” that he has made known to us? (Check verses 4-5)

5. What role does grace play in all this? (see verses 6 and 7)

Reflection / Application

6. From this passage, what should be our primary response to reaching a milestone in our lives as individual Christians or as a church? (check v3 &15-16)

7. What lessons can you learn from this passage about how to celebrate major (or minor) milestones in your life?

STUDY 2: ACKNOWLEDGING OUR PAST

Ephesians 2:1-5

Introduction

We cannot truly celebrate what we have become unless we acknowledge where we started from.

The Christian church has not always clothed itself in honour. Instead of standing for truth and justice, it has often condoned evil, and sometimes been the instigator of considerable wrongdoing. So, when the church re-discovers its true mission in service of God, it is a thing to celebrate! Likewise, the Accra Ridge Church has not always sought to put God first, and there have been times when social norms and expectations ranked higher in consideration than the actual word of God. We may not yet be where we want to be as a church, but we rejoice in how far we have come after 90 years, and can be confident that now that as we “fix our eyes on Jesus”, He will ensure we get to the right destination!

The same is true for us as individual Christians – in fact Ephesians tells us that we all started our life journey as enemies of God! As such one main thing we celebrate as Christians is the fact that God rescued us from the destruction we were headed for, and changed the course of our lives.

Read Ephesians 2:1-5 in three different Bible versions.

Observation

1. From verses 1 and 2, what was the original position of the Ephesians?

2. From verse 3, what was the original position of Paul, and every other Christian?

3. What is our position now that we have become Christians? (v4-5)

4. From verses 4 and 5, why did God save us?

Discussion Questions

Interpretation

5. What have we been saved from?

6. Did we all need to be saved? What if we have never really done anything *seriously* wrong?

Reflection / Application

7. As a church, we baptise our children, and when they are old enough, they go through confirmation.

a. Does Ephesians 2:1-3 apply to our baptised and confirmed children? If so, how do they stop being “objects of God’s wrath”?

b. Confirmation formally enables our young people to become members of the church. Does that not ‘save’ them and make them ‘alive with Christ’?

c. Is regular church attendance, trying to live a ‘good life’, and supporting the church evidence that we have been saved?

8. Are you able to celebrate being saved from being an ‘object of God’s wrath’?

EMBRACING OUR VISION AND MISSION

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ACCRA RIDGE CHURCH VISION

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ACCRA RIDGE CHURCH MISSION

To Disciple Christians of all nations, denominations, ages and social classes using the Bible as the ultimate manual.

The Accra Ridge Church has a bold vision to impact families, communities, workplaces and nations for Christ, and a mission to disciple Christians in line with the Great Commission that Jesus proclaimed in Matthew 28. However, this will not happen unless we fully embrace this vision and fix our eyes on Jesus, rather than on the many things that call for our attention.

In this 90th year of the life of the church, we have a lot to celebrate, but we also need to take a sober look at the task ahead of us. As church members, we need to commit ourselves to play our role in ensuring that the Accra Ridge Church reaches the destination that God has set for us (as captured in our mission). Additionally, as Christians, we need to commit ourselves to respond to the call of Jesus to make disciples of all nations.

HOPE THAT MOTIVATES

(Personal Study)

“I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.” (Eph 1:18-19a NIV)

Ephesians 1:15-23

Introduction

When we look at the task ahead of us as a church, or even as members of a church, we can easily feel overwhelmed and incapable of achieving our goal. We may feel the weight of our limitations and shortcomings and feel ourselves incapable of achieving God’s purpose at the Accra Ridge Church, or His purpose in our lives. It is this sense of inability that Paul addresses in the opening chapter of Ephesians. He draws our attention to the fact that God’s power has been unleashed within ‘us who believe’, even though it may not feel like it, and that this should give us hope that we can and will accomplish His purpose in our lives.

As you study this passage today, may Paul’s prayer for the Ephesian church be fulfilled in your own life as “the eyes of your heart are enlightened so that you know the hope to which He has called you, the glorious inheritance you have received, and the incomparably great power at work in you”!

Read Ephesians 1:15-23 in three versions including at least one paraphrase version

Observation

1. Why does Paul thank God for the Ephesian church? (v15)

2. What does Paul ask God to give the Ephesian church in verse 17 and why?

3. What three things does Paul pray will result from the eyes of the Ephesians being enlightened? (v18-19)

4. What is special about the “power at work in us who believe”? (v19-23)

Discussion Questions

Interpretation

5. What (or who) is the “Spirit of wisdom and revelation” that Paul asks God to give to the Ephesians, and what is its effect?

6. How is the “Spirit of wisdom and revelation” related to the “eyes of the heart being enlightened”?

Reflection / Application

7. How well do you understand God’s plan for the salvation of mankind and how it impacts you? Are you doing anything to better understand the gospel and how it affects you?

8. What steps can you take to better understand the gospel and God’s plan of salvation, and allow it to transform your outlook on life?

STUDY 1: RECOGNISING OUR MISSION

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Mt 28:19-20 NIV)

Ephesians 2:6-10

Introduction

The mission of the Accra Ridge Church is “to Disciple Christians of all nations, denominations, ages and social classes using the Bible as the ultimate manual”, but in effect it is simply a reframing of the mission that Jesus Christ gave to all Christians in Matthew 28. The mission of every Christian (or disciple of Christ) is to “make disciples”, and this goes beyond leading people to make a profession of faith in Christ, or even to begin attending church regularly.

Discipleship does however **begin** with a person receiving the gift of salvation that Christ offers, and willingly submitting their life to the control of Christ. In our study at the end of January, we saw that each and every one of us was originally “dead in our sin” and deserving of God’s anger, because we were effectively following the suggestions and instructions of Satan in all we did. The Christian journey (or discipleship) therefore begins with being saved from the consequences of our rebelling against God and following Satan. In our study today, we will revisit the concept of being “saved”, and what it takes to receive the salvation that Christ offers.

Read Ephesians 2:6-10 in three versions including at least one paraphrase version

Observation

1. According to verses 8 and 9, how are we saved?

2. From verse 6 what is the result of being saved?

3. From verse 7 what is God planning to show us “in the coming ages”?

4. From verse 10 what does God expect us to do once we are “saved”?

Discussion Questions

Interpretation

5. What is involved in being “saved”? What must we do to be saved and how do we receive salvation?

6. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. How does this help to explain verse 10?

Reflection / Application

7. Are concepts like being “saved” or “born again” part of our traditional liturgy, or are they part of the influences that have come to us from other churches? Can we be good Anglicans, Presbyterians or Methodists without all these “new ideas”?

8. What are the “good works” that God has prepared for us to do?

9. Are you doing the “good works” that God has prepared for you to do?

STUDY 2: ASSESSING OUR PROGRESS

“Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,” (1Pe 2:2 NIV)

Hebrews 5: 11-14

Introduction

Making disciples starts with leading people to receive Christ and be saved, but it does not end there. Just like life starts with being born as a baby, becoming a disciple also starts with being saved and becoming a “baby in Christ”. In both cases, we do not stay as babies, but are expected to grow up into adults. When that does not happen, there is a problem that needs to be addressed.

As we celebrate 90 years of the Accra Ridge Church, we need to assess the progress we are making towards achieving our mission. Are we making disciples, are we disciples ourselves, and what do we need to do to make better progress towards achieving our mission? Our study today addresses this question both for our church and for ourselves as individuals.

Read Hebrews 5: 11-14 in three versions including at least one paraphrase version

Observation

1. What is the problem identified by the writer about the church members he is addressing? (v11-12)

2. How do verses 12 and 13 describe an infant (in the faith)?

3. What does verse 14 say is characteristic about the person who is mature (in the faith)?

Discussion Questions

Interpretation

4. Is the passage saying that it is wrong to be an infant in the faith? If not, what is the passage saying?

5. How is the infant supposed to move to maturity? (check 1 Peter 2:2)

Reflection / Application

6. From this passage, what are we supposed to do once we become disciples of Christ (i.e. Christians)?

7. How do we know whether we are still infant Christians or whether we are growing towards maturity?

8. Are you an infant or are you mature? If you are an infant, what are you doing to ensure your grow in your faith? If you are mature, who are you teaching or discipling in the faith?

STUDY 3: FIXING OUR EYES ON JESUS

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” (Heb 12:2-3 NIV)

Hebrews 12:1-3

Introduction

We often remind each other as a church to “fix our eyes on Jesus”, and as we begin this period of lent in our 90th year, it remains as important as ever. In Hebrews 12, we are encouraged to fix our eyes on Jesus as he “endured the cross and scorned its shame”. What does that mean for us as a church and as individuals today? In what way are we following Christ’s example to endure the cross, and to what extent have we scorned (or ignored) the shame that everyone tells us is associated with such a choice in life?

In our study today, we will once again engage with the cross and the message it has for us and the church.

Read Hebrews 12:1-3 in three versions including at least one paraphrase version

Observation

1. Who are the ‘cloud of witnesses’ referred to in verse 1? (check Hebrews 11:32-38)

2. What 3 things does the passage call us to do in response to the example of the ‘cloud of witnesses’?

3. What does verse 2 say that Jesus did?

4. What does verse 3 ask us to do, so we do not lose heart?

Discussion Questions

Interpretation

5. What example do you think Jesus and the people mentioned in Hebrews 11 set for us?

6. What is the difference between “things that hinder” and “sin that easily entangles”, and what do they have in common? How are we asked to treat them?

Reflection / Application

7. How should we respond to this passage? How do we “fix our eyes on Jesus”?

THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS

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“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” (Heb 12:1-3 NIV)

As a church we seek to “Fix our eyes on Jesus”, and Hebrews 12 reminds us that Jesus is the author and perfecter of our faith. He is the model we are to emulate, and the key thing that He did was to “endure the cross” for the joy set before Him.

In this period of lent, it is important for us to reflect on how we have both shared and responded to the message of the cross in the 90 years of the life of the church, and commit ourselves to actively carrying God’s message of reconciliation – the message of the cross.

THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS

(Personal Study)

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” (1Co 1:18 NIV)

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Introduction

This passage confronts us with the reality that as Christians, the path we have been called to take is “foolish” to most people. It might even appear foolish to we ourselves, and we may have a big challenge in choosing this path against our own ‘better judgement’. Why would a right thinking person willingly choose a path that appears to be foolish? Our study today addresses this challenge.

Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 in three versions including at least one paraphrase version

Observation

1. Who is the message of the cross foolishness to? (v18 & 23)

2. How do those ‘whom God has called’ and ‘who are being saved’ see the same message? (v18 & 24)

Discussion Questions

Interpretation

3. What is the “message of the cross”? (check verse 17)

4. How does James 3:13-17 help explain why the message of the cross appears foolish?

Reflection / Application

5. Are there people you know who think it is foolish to respond to the message of the cross? Does that make you unwilling to share it (or admit you live by it)?

6. Is the message of the cross a stumbling block to you (or a Christian you know)?

STUDY 1: TAKING UP OUR CROSS

"Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Lu 9:23 NIV)

Luke 9:23-26

Introduction

Self-denial and suffering are not a choice any "sensible" person would make for themselves. Yet, it would appear that in Luke 9:23, Jesus makes this "foolish" choice a requirement for discipleship. Is Jesus saying that Christians must choose a life of misery and suffering? In our study today, we will seek to understand what Jesus meant by asking his disciples to "take up their cross", and what it means to us today.

Read Luke 9:23-26 in three versions including at least one paraphrase version

Observation

1. Who does Jesus say must take up their cross? (v23)

2. What does Jesus say happens to anyone who wants to preserve or save their life? (v24)

3. What does Jesus say will happen to anyone who is ashamed of him and his words? (v26)

Discussion Questions

Interpretation

4. Is this passage promoting a life of misery for the Christian, in the hope of a 'better life after death'? (see John 10:10, Romans 15:13, Luke 12: 27-31)

Reflection / Application

5. How should we respond to this warning from Christ?

STUDY 2: THE CRUCIFIED LIFE

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” (Ga 2:20 NIV)

Galatians 2:15-22

Introduction

How should we respond to the message of the cross? What does it mean to take up our cross? Our study today looks at Paul’s response to the cross. He describes a position of being “crucified with Christ”. What does this mean, and is it a response we should all have?

Read Galatians 2:15-22 in three versions including at least one paraphrase version

Observation

1. How is a person justified (or made righteous) according to verses 15-16?

2. What does Paul say he died to in verse 19?

3. Who does Paul say is “living in him”? (v20)

Discussion Questions

Interpretation

4. What does Paul mean by saying he “died to the law” in verse 19? How does this explain the incident described in verse 11-13?

Reflection / Application

5. Reliance on the grace of God can be used as a cover for sin and disobedience to God. How can we be sure that we are not using the message of the cross to abuse the grace of God?

6. Do all Christians need to be “crucified with Christ” as Paul describes? Are you?

STUDY 3: AMBASSADORS OF THE CROSS

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2Cor. 5:17 NIV)

2 Corinthians 5:14-20

Introduction

The cross is central to the gospel message, yet it is not always clear how God expects us to respond to it. Our passage today points us to Christ and the example He set by dying on the cross, and gives us some instruction on how we are to respond to His example.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-20 in three versions including at least one paraphrase version

Observation

1. What are Christians convinced of according to verse 14?

2. Who are the people referred to as "those who live" in verse 15? Who or what does the verse say they should live for?

3. What two things does verse 18 say that God did?

Discussion Questions

Interpretation

4. What does it mean to be "in Christ" and how should it affect how we live and what we live for?

5. What is the ministry of reconciliation that God has given to Christians?

Reflection / Application

6. Verse 17 says that “if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation”. How can we know that we are “in Christ”?

7. Are you “in Christ”?

If so, are you active as one of His ambassadors, carrying his message of reconciliation?

If not, “We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God” (2 Corinthians 5:20)

“Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realise that Christ Jesus is in you— unless, of course, you fail the test?” (2Co 13:5 NIV)