

Times Are Changing! **“Timing Is Everything” – Jim Burgen** **September 22-23, 2018**

Group Creed

We come together as a Group with the goal of Spiritual Formation; encouraging one another to become the same kind of person that Jesus is, so that we can live out every part of our lives inside of His Kingdom.

Bible References: Matthew 5:7-11, Proverbs 3:5-6, Matthew 7:6-7

Community:

1. Have your thoughts, ideas, and understanding of the “kingdom of God” changed since this series began? If so, how?
2. How would you answer, “The kind of person I want to be is...” today?

Core:

1. **Read Matthew 5:7.** Do you see yourself as a merciful person? Looking at God’s mercy toward us (through Jesus), has this ever motivated you to show mercy?
2. **Read Matthew 5:7-8.** Have you ever experienced, what you’d consider, God purifying heart? What parts of your heart did God work on the most?
3. **Read Matthew 5:9.** Where have you been a “peace-maker” and a “peace-keeper”? Where do you need to be a peace-maker in your relationships today?
4. **Read Matthew 5:10-11.** Have you felt persecuted or insulted for holding onto what God says is right and true? Does the approval and recognition of others get in the way of you standing firm in what God says is right and true?
5. **Read Matthew 7:6-8.** Jim talked about sharing the right things in the wrong way at the wrong time (i.e., pearls to pigs). How would you discern to “right way at the right time”? What does it look to ask, seek, and knock in the right way?

Challenge:

Read **Matthew 5:7-11** a few times this week, then ask God to help you discern who you need to “ask, seek, and knock”—to introduce them to the kingdom of God.