



Sunday January 06, 2019  
Expect Great Things!

### Quick Review of the WoL 2019

**Word of the Lord 2019 : Advance Boldly!**  
**Take new ground to extend God's Kingdom!**

**Matthew 16:18-19**

**18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.**

**19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."**

the gates of hell = the power centers of demonic domination  
keys of the Kingdom = the power and authority of the Kingdom of God

Four instructions

**#1 : *Identify your territory***

**#2 : *Position yourself in faith***

**#3 : *Receive divine strategies***

**#4 : *Advance boldly! Take possession!***

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**Ephesians 3:20-21**

**20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,**

**21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

God is able to do BIG things, because He is a BIG God.  
He is able to do so much more than what we can ask, think or imagine.

So expect great things for your life - in every area of life - in 2019.

*"Expect great things, attempt great things" - William Carey*

On **30 May 1792** William Carey preached a sermon at the Friar Lane Baptist Chapel in Nottingham in an effort to move his fellow ministers into missionary action. He preached on **Isaiah 54:2-3**, and although the details of his sermon does not exist, what we do know of the sermon is that it consisted of two parts. The tradition is that the two parts were summed up by



two phrases in this order: **“Expect great things from God”** and **“Attempt great things for God.”** This famous sermon soon came to be called **“The Deathless Sermon”** simply because of its two main points being quoted so often, even centuries later. It is believed that the original summary of these phrases was **“Expect great things”** and **“Attempt great things.”** The traditional summary with its suffixes referring to God was a later interpretation of the meaning of this shorter two-phrase summary.

William Carey **came to India in 1793** and remained here as a missionary for **about 40 years** until he **died in 1834**. It is truly amazing to see what one man, who **began life as a cobbler** (or shoe maker), achieved, the impact he had and the legacy he left on India. After coming to India, Carey learned and taught **Bengali, Sanskrit, and Marathi** at Fort William College. Carey **translated the Bible into Bengali, Oriya, Marathi, Hindi, Assamese, and Sanskrit**. He also translated parts of it **into 29 other languages and dialects**. He wrote Grammar texts and Dictionaries for several Indian languages. Having established a **printing press** at Serampore, published books and texts for use in schools. His mission founded the **Serampore College** to train indigenous ministers for the growing church and to provide education in the arts and sciences to anyone regardless of caste or country. Carey also founded the **Agri Horticultural Society of India** at Alipore, Kolkata. His **social work** extended beyond education to urge the government to outlaw such practices as infanticide and sati.

Like this, Christian history is full of the stories of ordinary people who expected great things, attempted great things, and saw God do great things through their lives.

Have faith in God.  
Expect great things in faith.  
Faith is your assurance for the things in your expectation.

### **The APC Dream**

As a church community - together we must expect great things.

Everything accomplished was first just a dream.

In being "salt and light to our city, a voice to our nation and to the nations" our dream..

- 1.** is to have at least **5 church locations in Bangalore city**, with each location serving at least **50,000 people**. So in any given week APC would minister to **2,50,000 people** across its 5 locations. Each location will have its own church facility.
- 2.** is to minister to at least **1,000,000 people** in Bangalore city at any point in time. This would include people in our city, who may not necessarily attend APC, yet are spiritually ministered to through APC.
- 3.** is for our **APC Bible College** to be the first-choice for many people who desire to be equipped for Christian ministry; we will train and send out many **1000's of men and women** who will have powerful impact for God's Kingdom across India and the nations.



4. is to have **1000's of churches** planted in villages, towns and cities **across India**, by people who have been trained at APC either through the APC-Bible College or those who have served at APC Bangalore.
5. is to provide **spiritual equipping** through our publications, conferences and other resources **to 1000's of pastors and churches** across the country belonging to various denominations and organizations so that their churches and ministries will be enriched and the Body of Christ across the nation will be strengthened.
6. is to see **1000's of churches planted globally** across the nations - churches that are strong in the Word and the Spirit, having impact and influence in their regions and beyond.

Our strategy to see this dream accomplished is two-fold:

**(1) Supernatural Ministry** - becoming a community where the power of God is demonstrated through signs, wonders and miracles through every believer where ever we are and each time we gather together in Sunday services, life groups, and anywhere else.

**(2) Strategic Ministry** - reaching people intelligently, strategically, being innovative, relevant and maximizing our reach, without compromising Gospel truth.

To make a difference we have to do things differently.

Let's journey together as a church family into seeing the APC Dream fulfilled.

MINISTRY TIME  
SALVATION CALL



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

**Preparation**

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at [apcwo.org/sermons](http://apcwo.org/sermons). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

**Welcome**

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

**LISTEN to God's Word**

Read the following Scripture passages: *Ephesians 3:20-21*

**INVESTIGATE God's Word Together**

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1) *What are some "great things" you would like to dream about - to see God accomplish this for you/through you in 2019?*

2) *Review "The APC Dream". Try to envision this happening and you being in a church where this dream is a reality. What would your reaction be?*

*Take some extra time to pray for each other and for our dream as a church community.*

If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey**



Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another**

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

*1, families to be protected and strengthened*

*2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*

*3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.*

Close by thanking God together.