

# FOCUS



CHURCH *of* CHRIST  
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

## Sunday Morning Worship



24 April 2022

### Living Jesus: Finale

By Adrian Lee  
Live @ 11am

We're finally at the end of our series on Living Jesus: the Sermon on the Mount! What we've seen and heard is the lifestyle of people living under the lordship of Jesus. This is what it looks like when faith in Jesus touches real life: our lives are turned completely upside down.

You might remember that we began this series saying that this is what it means to followers of Jesus, even through times of change and transition. When the whole world changes and we find ourselves in unfamiliar territory, the call of Christ remains unchanged: to love our enemies, store up treasures in heaven, and 'judge not'.

While this series draws to a close, that challenge continues. How are you Living Jesus in the various aspects of your life? Has anything changed in your life as we went through the Sermon on the Mount, or is there still some aspect where you have to grow?

# Sunday Morning Worship

## Order of Worship

Call To Worship

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Scripture: Deuteronomy 32:1-9

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Announcements

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## Reflection Questions

- 1 What are the characteristics of those who bear Kingdom fruit? What does this kind of fruit look like in the world today?
- 2 Apart from studying the Bible, praying, and attending worship services, what are some ways we can bear fruit in our lives? What is something you can do this week to bear fruit for the Kingdom?

## Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$9246**



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# Upcoming Events



**24 Apr | 9:30am**

## **Adult Bible Class**

"Putting Sin to Death"

*Numbers 25*

By Foo Yong Wee

## **GEMS Bible Class (Kinderkids)**

"Deliverance"

*Exodus 5-13*

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

## **Youth Bible Class**

"Greatness in Smallness?"

*The Gospel of Mark*

By Fun Kok Shing

## **GEMS Bible Class (P123)**

"The Second Coming of Jesus"

*Matthew 24:29-51*

Contact Joanne Foo (9683 8266)

## **GEMS Bible Class (Cradle Roll)**

Contact Audrey Lee

(9855 4957)

## **GEMS Bible Class (P456)**

"Peter was Set Free"

*Acts 12*

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)

## **GEMS Bible Class (Toddlers)**

Contact Koo Hwee Yee

(9173 2365)

## **P6 Apologetics Class**

"The New Testament Church"

Contact Catherine Leow (9270 1717)

\*Final Class\*

## **GEMS Bible Class (Nursery)**

Contact Agnes Lim

(9858 5935)



**25 Apr | 7:30pm**

## **Gladiolus Place Devotional**

Contact Lucy Kwan (9838 3131)



**27 Apr | 7:30pm**

## **Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom @ 8pm)**

"The Helmet of Salvation & Sword of the Spirit" (Eph 6:17)

Zoom ID: 852 6167 8088

Password: Logos



## NEW May Worship Series

### RESCUE THROUGH CHAOTIC WATERS

Starting from 1 May, we will have a new worship series led by John Lim and Irvin Wan. They will explore a biblical theme that appears repeatedly throughout Scripture: the chaos floodwaters that threaten destruction and the God who remains in control even then.

Our hope is that we will learn to see our own story in the light of the biblical story. As we continue in our Exodus from 347 PP Road, and even as we read or watch the news and juggle the chaos of our own lives, we find ourselves in need of assurance and rest. This five-week series is about finding ourselves in the story of Scripture, where God always rescues His people from the chaos and ushers them into a place of peace and rest.

On a practical note, this series also seeks to explore ways that enable our men-to-serve to be better equipped to lead and take ownership of the service. As we seek to empower more men to take on active and visible roles, we also want each one to be intentional and to be properly equipped in leading and serving.

As such, you will see the same faces showing up next month. This is to allow the team to grow together with the theme, to refine their preparation and delivery through repetition, and ultimately to offer the church an uplifting Sunday assembly.



## Elders Prayer Session

2 May | 10am to 12pm



Mark your calendars for our upcoming Elders' Prayer Session! We will be praying for the various ministries of the church, including worship, discipleship, member care and missions.

If you have prayer requests, please send them to the elders by Wednesday, 27 April.



## Rebuilding: Aircon and Electrical Works



The Rebuilding Committee needs to recall the tender for Aircon and Electrical Works. Following a design update, there is an opportunity to reduce costs through value engineering. If you are interested or have contacts, please provide the names of potential contractors to Minister Tan Beng Chuan. Applicants will be forwarded to our M&E consultant to invite them for the tender happening in May 2022.





“I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.” (Revelation 22:18-19)

God’s vital warning from these verses is that the Bible is now complete; no one should add to it. Neither will God add any more words to it. Whosoever adds to the Words of the Bible is guilty of tampering with the image of the Sovereign God. If anyone takes away from the Words of the Book, God shall deny that person the entrance to the New Jerusalem for tampering with the image of God.

Against this backdrop, we as a church need to stay relevant by reinforcing community life based on God’s instructive wisdom than in any other source for His truth.

Solution: Our faith at its core comes from hearing from the Words of God that is deeply rooted in the inspired Word of God. While hope lives in the mind, faith is anchored in the heart and the spirit. It is not based on personal preferences and justification.

Faith is as important as the air we breathe. While oxygen nourishes the body, faith nourishes our heart and soul. It flows through every fibre and cell of our body. It’s in every muscle and strand of thought.

## 21st Century Challenges

Consumerism's tentacles have infiltrated the church. Many go to Sunday services to "get something." Resulting in "church shopping" and "what can I get out from each sermon". We pursue such outcomes frequently. We choose churches that fit our checklist of preferences, like choosing a new car or buying a new handphone.

But churches must challenge this mentality. Church is a place where members of a body come together for purposes beyond our personal pursuits. It's an invitation from God to become His disciples. It is NOT an invitation to affirm self-actualization, success or to attain an elevated earthly status.

The second challenge is that of social media. There are positive benefits social media offers but it also poses challenges to the church, particularly the obsession for popular trends that feed egoistic pride. Nowadays, trendy fads are popularised via the social media. And there's no telling how easily "cool stuff" can contaminate God's teachings with popular opinions.

Closely associated with social media is the allure of the celebrity lifestyle. These "platforms" have become so pervasive in the 21st century that uses AI, data-mining to figure the basic human urges that seeks immediate gratification and social acceptance. Luring many away from their beliefs in God and the local church.

The third challenge is the desire to keep up with the latest trends. One prevailing trend is the challenge to "rethink and remake the church". One can be exhausted just by reading the proliferation of books that comes out yearly to set some new paradigm for church revival.

One is tempted to be 'trendy' instead of relying on God's stipulated structure and form of worship. We should not see every cultural change as an invitation to reinvent the wheel.

# Weekly Nugget | Kuek Lee Hock

In Numbers 20: 7-12, where God commanded Moses to give the Israelites water to drink by speaking to a rock. But Moses in his own wisdom struck the rock with his staff. After all, it had worked once before (Exodus 17:6). But God was displeased by Moses' disobedience to His explicit instructions and barred him from entering the Promised Land.

Simply put, the importance of obedient faith motivated by God's love for us cannot be underestimated. We are not called to overcome the world alone.

Jesus has already provided us with the ultimate example: And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." 4 But Jesus replied, "It is written and forever remains written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.'" Matt 4:3-4

## REFLECT AND RESPOND

1. Review the 21st century worldviews shared, how do these perspectives impact our daily Christian living?
2. What can we learn from God's gentle whisper (from the Bible) for God's view to counter these worldviews?
3. 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.' How are you guided by God's wisdom in your daily life?
4. Meditate on the verse(s) you have chosen.
5. Pray for God's strength and help to become more and more like Christ.

## PRAYER:

Father, keep us alert to the lures of the world. We want to be mindful, so we ask for patience to wait and listen for Your gentle whisper. Quieten the lures and calls of the prevailing voices to pursue worldliness. Instead, may we desire to listen to Your whispers of hope, peace and loving guidance so we can focus and be mindful of Your will and purpose for us. May Your peace fill our hearts today. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.



# Connect With Us

## Prayer Requests/ Feedback



<http://bit.ly/35FTEyp>



## Meet Our People

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