

# The Well

SLOW · SMALL · SIMPLE · STILL  
A CONGREGATION OF CITY DISCIPLESHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

COME AND ABIDE: FALSE DISCIPLES

September 15th, 2024

## HOW WE DO WHAT WE DO

Welcome to The Well Church. In a city that defines success as Bigger! Better! Faster! More! we are a group of friends that want to practice **Slow** Church, **Small** Church, **Simple** Church, **Still** Church.

To us, these words - Slow, Small, Simple, Still - signify "rest". We believe worship should provide space for us to slow down and become like small children again, a place where we can remember the simple joys of relationship with one another and with our Father, a time for stillness before the One who created us all.

If this is your first time with us, we are glad to have you along for the ride! We know it can feel a little weird to walk into a new place, so don't worry: we will not be calling special attention to you. Feel free to follow along in this worship guide. Participate as much or as little as you would like.

So relax! Take your time to get to know us — and the God we worship.

## TWO THINGS:

**First:** if you have a particular need you would like us to pray for, please sms/whatsapp your request to **011 7521 9450** and we will pray for it during our service. Even if you have never spoken to God before, please: don't be afraid! He is waiting to hear from you.

**Second:** worship will be followed by a 15 minute tea-break, and then a Q&A session. If anything you experience or hear today does not make sense, if you have any questions about the sermon or about Christianity in general, please ask! We will do our best to answer any questions you have.

## The Lord is My Shepherd | WORSHIP IN SONG

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**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.**

**[Chorus]**

**And I will trust in you alone,  
And I will trust in you alone,  
For your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.**

**He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And he anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on his pure delights.**

**[Chorus]**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24:7-10

[7] Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.  
[8] Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!  
[9] Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.  
[10] Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory! *Selah*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

## The King of Glory | WORSHIP IN SONG

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**The King of Glory reigns over all the world  
His mighty hand sustains the heavens and the earth.  
Who may come to him and seek his holy face?**

**He calls the pure in heart, all whose hands are clean  
And those who love his name above all other things  
Humbly I will bow and Jesus' name confess**

**SLOW CHURCH?  
SMALL CHURCH?  
SIMPLE CHURCH?  
STILL CHURCH?**

What does it even mean?

Well, in a pleasantly post-modern way, right back achya: what do these words mean to you? Is slow a good thing or a bad thing? What about small? What if "Simple Church" means "church for the simple-minded"? Are you in, or are you thinking maybe don't want to be associated with that? After all, what would people think!

To us, these words **Slow**, **Small**, **Simple** and **Still** represent our commitment to take our time, to ignore our world's definitions of success, to focus on relationships and all the basic things that really make life worth living, and to stay connected with those who have walked this road ahead of us. We don't want to leave people behind just because they can't keep up; we don't want to grow so big we lose track of each other's names; we don't want to get lost in the frantic; we don't want to reinvent the wheel.

**[Chorus]**  
**He reigns, he reigns**  
**Jesus the Lord**  
**He reigns, he reigns**  
**Forevermore**

**Swing wide you ancient gates, let the King come in**  
**His glory never fades, our hearts delight in him**  
**Every knee will bow, every tongue confess**

**[Chorus]**

**Who is this King of glory**  
**The Lord strong and mighty**  
**He bore the cross of shame**  
**Sing Hosanna**  
**Who is this King of glory**  
**The Lord strong and mighty**  
**He rose up from the grave**  
**Sing Hosanna**

**[Chorus]**

**Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus | WORSHIP IN SONG**

Words: Louisa Stead (1882) Music: William Kirkpatrick (1882)

**Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus**  
**And to take Him at His word**  
**Just to rest upon His promise**  
**And to know, "Thus saith the Lord"**

**[Chorus]**

**Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him!**  
**How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!**  
**Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!**  
**O for grace to trust Him more!**

**O how sweet to trust in Jesus**  
**Just to trust His cleansing blood**  
**And in simple faith to plunge me**  
**Neath the healing, cleansing flood!**

**[Chorus]**

**Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus**  
**Just from sin and self to cease**  
**Just from Jesus simply taking**  
**Life and rest and joy and peace**

**[Chorus]**

- [1] And God spoke all these words:
- [2] **"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.**
- [3] "You shall have no other gods before me.
- [4] **"You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.**
- [5] You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,
- [6] **but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.**
- [7] "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.
- [8] **"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**
- [9] Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
- [10] **but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates.**
- [11] For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.
- [12] **"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.**
- [13] "You shall not murder.
- [14] **"You shall not commit adultery.**
- [15] "You shall not steal.
- [16] **"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**
- [17] "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

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[Chorus]

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For you are with me, and your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

[Chorus]

### WHY READ THE 10 COMMANDMENTS?

A long time ago, God rescued his people from real, physical slavery in a real, physical country, and made them a free nation.

As part of the process, God gave his people this short list of commandments. These laws were designed to keep his people centred around a shared set of values, designed to keep them from abusing, enslaving, and tyrannizing one another.

They still work the same way, even all these thousands of years later. When we read these commandments together in worship, we are reminded of the values we share. Just think: if our nations were actually able to follow these simple commandments, we would be living in a world without workaholism, without physical or sexual abuse, without cheating and unfaithfulness, without stealing or lying or gossip or even jealousy.

What a great hope to centre a community upon?

### TO THE PARENTS OF SMALL CHILDREN, MAY WE SUGGEST:

RELAX! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's House!

Sit toward the front, where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what is going on. They get bored looking at the backs of other peoples' heads. Wouldn't you?

Quietly explain the different parts of the service. Sing the songs, voice the prayers, read the responses. Children learn to worship by copying you.

If your child becomes noisy or disruptive and you feel you need to take them outside, that is okay! Just remember to come back. As Jesus once said, "let the little children come to me!"

## TO EVERYONE ELSE, MAY WE SUGGEST:

RELAX! The presence of children is a gift to our church, and they are a reminder that we all need to grow in various ways!

Please welcome our children, and give their parents a smile of encouragement, *especially* when it looks like someone under their care is having a tough time sitting still. The bible says that Jesus loved us and died for us even while we were still being deliberately, rebelliously naughty (Colossians 1:21-22). The least we can do is show a little kindness to those children who are having the same struggle.

Remember that the way we welcome children directly affects the way they respond to worship, to God, and to one another. Please let them know that they are welcome (wiggles and all) in this house of worship!

## WHY CONFESSION?

Having read the 10 Commandments together, one of the first things we notice is that we are not very good at keeping them. Even if we are sure we have kept the first nine perfectly, it is certain that each one of us has coveted something that belongs to someone else at least once in our lives!

Our God knew this, however. So he designed a way out: confession and sacrifice. "When anyone is guilty, he must confess in what way he has sinned and, as a penalty for the sin he has committed, he must bring to the LORD a female lamb or goat from the flock as a sin offering; and the priest shall make atonement for him for his sin (Leviticus 5:5-6)."

This system of animal sacrifices continued from the time of Moses until the time of Jesus — 1500 years! But with Jesus' death on the Cross, he became the last sacrificial Lamb, and the final Priest to make atonement for our sins.

Now, when we confess, we no longer bring an animal to be sacrificed; now we call upon God to remember the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus, and apply his atonement to us — not because we deserve it, but simply because we have asked.

## WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION

*congregation sits down and reads the bold print aloud*

Let us confess our sins:

**O Lord, you have mercy upon all--take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of the Holy Spirit. Take away the false belief that I am better on my own without you, Jesus. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and to enjoy you. May our confession restore us by your grace alone in Christ alone through faith alone. Amen.**

*(Take this moment to confess your sins to God in silent prayer)*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Jesus, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## Lord, I Need You | SONG OF CONFESSION

Words & Music: Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher, Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson ©2010 sixsteps Music

**Lord, I come, I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
Without you I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart**

**[Chorus]**

**Lord, I need you, oh, I need you  
Every hour I need you  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need you**

**Where sin runs deep your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where you are  
And where you are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me**

**[Chorus]**

**Lord, I need you, oh, I need you  
Every hour I need you  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need you**

**[Bridge]**

**Teach my song to rise to you  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you  
Jesus, you're my hope and stay**

**[Chorus]**

**Lord, I need you, oh, I need you  
Every hour I need you  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need you**

[4] Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due.

[5] And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly,  
his faith is counted as righteousness,

[6] just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one  
to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

[7] "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;

[8] blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

Our gracious God forgives you your sin, strengthens you by the Spirit,  
and will keep you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Blessed Assurance | SONG OF PRAISE

Words: Fanny Crosby (1873) Music: Phoebe Knapp (1873)

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

**[Chorus]**

**This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above,  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**[Chorus]**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blessed,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

**[Chorus]**

Ku berbahagia, yahin teguh  
Yesus abadi kepunyaanku!  
Aku warisNya, ku ditebus,  
Ciptaan baru Rohul kudus.

**[Reff]**

Aku bernyanyi bahagia  
Memuji Yesus selamanya.  
Aku bernyanyi bahagia  
Memuji Yesus selamanya.

Pasrah sempurna, nikmat penuh;  
Suka sorgawi melimpahiku.  
Lagu malaikat amat merdu;  
Kasi dan rahmat besertaku.

**[Reff]**

Pasrah sempurna, nikmat penuh;  
Suka sorgawi melimpahiku.  
Lagu malaikat amat merdu;  
Kasi dan rahmat besertaku.

**[Reff]**

### Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me | SONG OF PREPARATION

Words & Music: Johnny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson ©2018 CityAlight Music

**What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me**

### WHAT DOES TRUE FORGIVENESS MEAN?

Forgiveness does not mean that God simply waves his hand and pretends nothing happened. That would be a terrible injustice, leaving abused and abusers alike without resolution!

Forgiveness means that God has taken what we did wrong and made it right. Everything that we owe to those we have hurt will be repaid; everything that has been stolen from us will be restored.

How does this happen? We don't know exactly how it works, but somehow when Jesus, the God-Man, died on a Roman cross two thousand years ago, he atoned (payed the debt) for all our sins, and rescued us from slavery to the powers of fear and death.

For Christians, accepting our Father's forgiveness is an act of faith. This is because we do not always see clearly in this life how everything we have lost or stolen is being restored. We have only the words of his promise that it is true even now, and that one day we will see it clearly.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Savior He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

## GIVING

Generosity is one of the marks of being in true community. At one point, the bible asks, "But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?" (1 John 3:17)

The tithe is an act of worship commanded by God. Traditionally, Christians give at least 1/10th of their income to their home church for the support of their pastors, for those within the congregation who are in need, and for the care of orphans, widows, and refugees.

This part of our worship is especially for those who call The Well Church their church home. Visitors, please, keep your cash! Spend it on dinner with your family.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

As a church centred on the throne of Jesus Christ, every week we approach that throne boldly to ask our God for help with the daily cares of life. We speak up like children, and we go away having drunk our fill. As one of our shepherds prays for our requests, for our church, for our city and for the rulers of our nation, join with him. Add to this prayer your own cares and troubles - and your joys as well.

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### ONLINE GIVING

make your tithes & offering online

Name: City Discipleship  
Presbyterian Church  
Bank: Hong Leong Bank  
Account No: 045-000-47806  
Remarks: Please indicate "KL Tithe"  
or "KL Offering"

## PASTORAL PRAYER

*congregation reads the bold print*

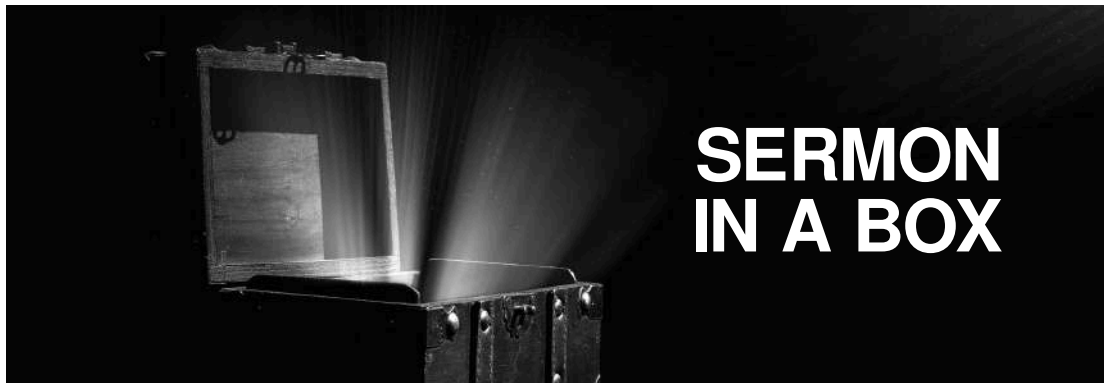
Minister: And now, as our Saviour has taught us,  
let us pray together:

Our Father who is in heaven, holy is your name.  
May your kingdom come, may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.  
For yours is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever and ever.  
Amen

[21] After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." [22] The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. [23] One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side, [24] so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus[b] of whom he was speaking. [25] So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" [26] Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. [27] Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." [28] Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. [29] Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. [30] So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**



## WHY PREACHING?

Isn't preaching a little old-fashioned?  
After all, no one these days can pay  
attention for longer than 20 minutes  
at a time anyway. That's why really  
hip, cool churches use drama, video,  
and other media to communicate,  
you know!

Yeah, we've heard that. Still, there are  
two main reasons why we've decided  
to keep preaching at the center of  
our worship:

First, we believe a sermon is not  
simply a lecture, an information  
download. Rather, it is a continuing  
story, read to us by our Father.  
Through the preaching of God's  
Word, we enter into the lives of his  
children who have lived his story  
before us; through listening, we  
become part of it, and it becomes a  
part of us. So while it is true that  
attention spans are getting shorter,  
making it harder for us to remember  
details, we have faith that no one  
ever has trouble remembering the  
plot of a great story! — especially  
one they are part of.

Second, scripture itself tells us that  
preaching his Word is the best way to  
introduce people to God, and the  
best way to connect our small church  
to the rest of God's People.

Of course, in ancient times preaching  
was the only way ordinary people  
could interact with God's Word.  
Books were very rare and expensive,  
and few people could read. But  
things are very different today. So  
why do we still insist on preaching?  
Why can't each person simply read  
God's Word for themselves and then  
just move on to lunch?

Well, actually we do want everyone  
to read God's Word for themselves,  
in whatever language makes most  
sense to them! Still, recent advances  
in neuroscience confirm the bible's  
claim that preaching has a different  
effect on us than simply reading (or  
watching a drama):

“Erica Michael and Marcel Just of  
Carnegie Mellon University did a brain  
scan study to test whether the medium is  
indeed the message. They showed that  
different brain areas are involved in  
hearing speech and reading it, and  
different comprehension centers in  
hearing words and reading them... This  
finding refutes the conventional theory of  
comprehension, which argues that a  
single center in the brain understands  
words, and it doesn't really matter how  
(by what sense or medium) information  
enters the brain, because it will be  
processed in the same way and place.  
Michael and Just's experiment shows that  
each medium creates a different sensory  
and semantic experience - and, we might  
add, develops different circuits in the  
brain.” - from [The Brain That Changes Itself](#), by  
Norman Doidge, M.D.

So there you have it: preaching  
affects your brain differently from  
reading! — and it could also change  
your life.

## THE SERMON

Elder Phil

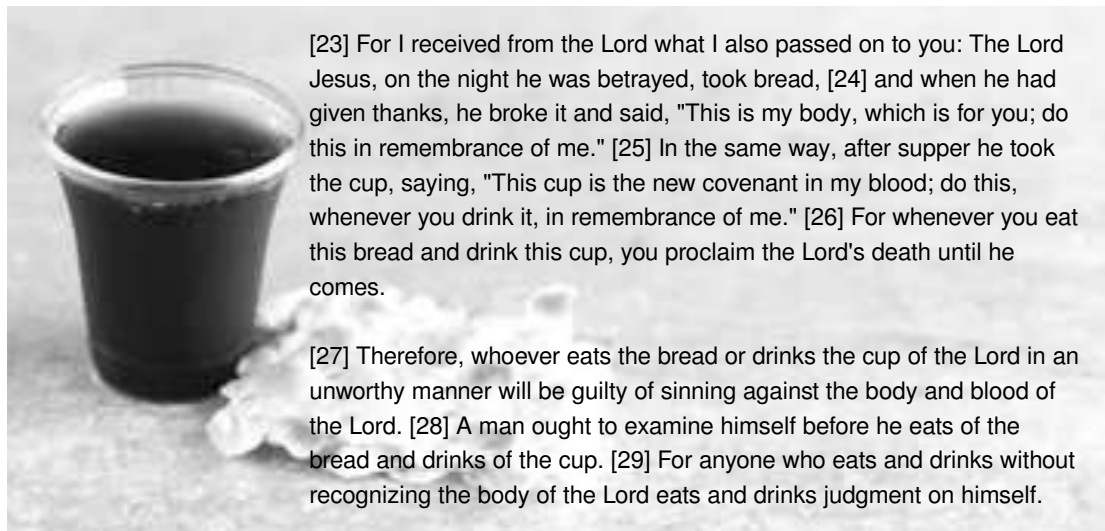
### The Fellowship of His Sufferings

#### 1. The Villain

#### 2. The Hero

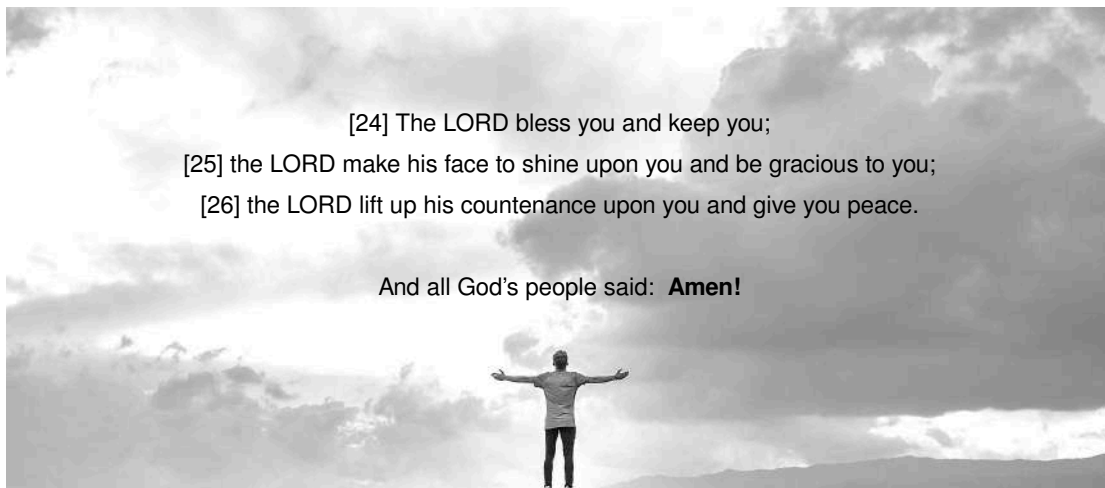
#### 3. Our Role





## BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26



## WHY BREAD &amp; WINE?

In ancient cultures, bread and wine were staples, essential for life. They nourish the body and delight the senses. And just like today, they were considered essential elements for a community gathering!

But in the bible especially, bread and wine symbolize God's blessings upon his people: "May God give you of the dew of heaven and of the fatness of the earth and plenty of grain and wine." (Genesis 27:28).

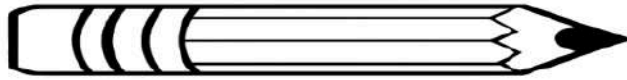
Jesus' death has redeemed us once and for all, and his perfect obedience on our behalf guarantees us that the bread will never run out, and the wine will never stop flowing! So every time we centre our community around this meal, we remember the price Jesus paid to secure it; every time we partake of this bread and wine, we are receiving a small foretaste of the eternal feast to come.

## BLESSING

The benediction (meaning "Words of Blessing") is the close of our corporate conversation with God.

It is not actually a prayer **to** God, but actually a blessing **from** God. Traditionally, people will turn their faces toward heaven, and will often extend open hands, palms up, in a posture of receiving.

# Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



who is speaking?



words you heard but don't know...

what is the main passage we are reading today?

Book:

Chapter:

Verse:

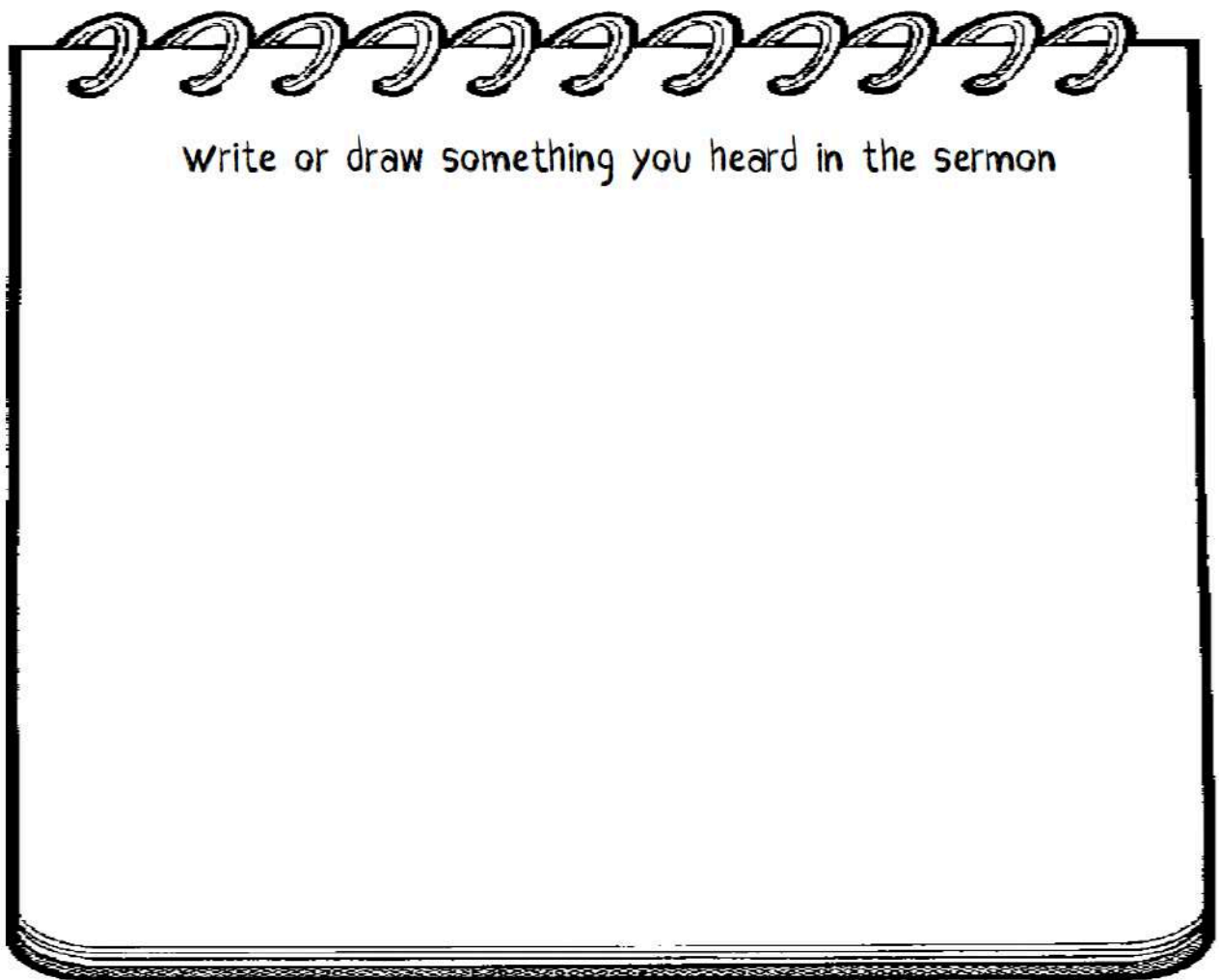


Favorite song today was:

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what are we learning about God from this passage?



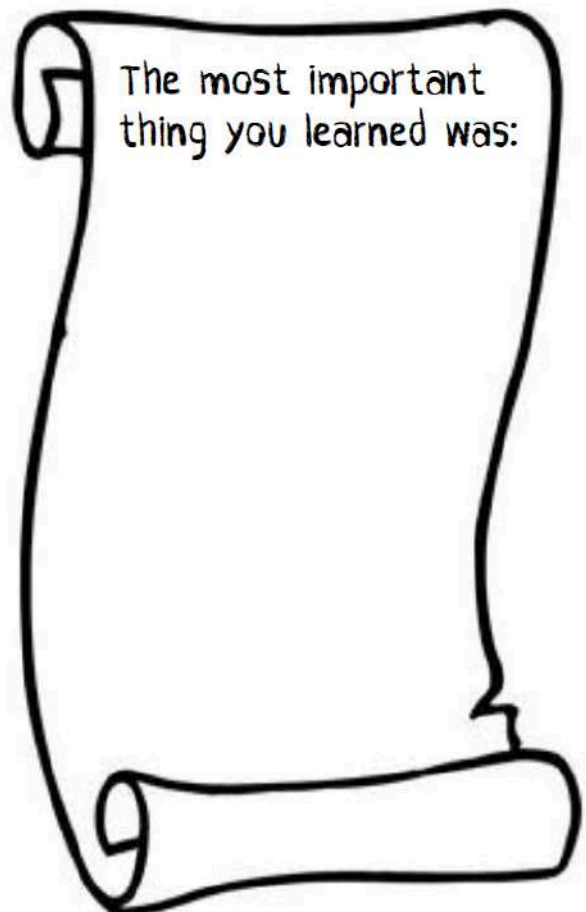
Write or draw something you heard in the sermon



Questions?



How does today's message apply to your life?



The most important thing you learned was:

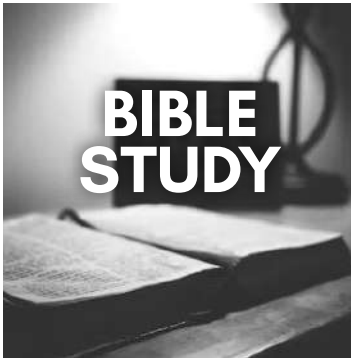
## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **TODDLER TEAM**

Come and serve God by helping our young families during the Sunday service. For more information, please contact Ps. Brian at +60 11 7521 9450.



### **BIBLE STUDY** **Tuesdays, 8pm**

Come and join us as we meet every Tuesday night to spend time studying the Bible together. We are currently studying 1 Corinthians. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Ps. Brian at +60 11 7521 9450.



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