



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship — 8 May 2016

Theme for the Year: "What Would Jesus Say About Your Church?" (Rev 3:22)

Prelude	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>
Call to Worship	
*Opening Hymn	17 - <i>Come , Thou Fount</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Psalm 34:1-10
Hymn	TP 34:1-10
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Philippians 3:10-4:1
Hymn	471 - <i>Love Found a Way</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Experiencing Christ"
*Closing Hymn	334 - <i>Be Thou My Vision</i>
*Benediction & <i>Threefold Amen</i>	
Silent Prayer & Postlude	
Announcements	<i>*Congregation standing</i>

† Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.

†† Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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Case Studies on Communication and Conflict Resolution - Part I

Teens Fellowship Workshop

Last Saturday, Vincent led the Teens Fellowship in a workshop on communication and conflict resolution.

This followed a talk a few weeks' back, that was given on how God intends for us to communicate and resolve conflicts.

The workshop took the form of 2 case studies. The young people split up into 2 groups to discuss the cases and were thereafter required to present their conclusions.

The teens had a good time discussing amongst themselves, as did their parents who were present at the meeting.

Adults Problems Are Youth Problems

Very often, adult problems - communication or otherwise - are youth problems which have not been addressed or resolved in youth.

If we do not learn to control our anger when we are young, we may be angry people in adulthood.

If we do not learn to control our tongue when we are young, we may experience problems later in life related to our tongue.

If we do not learn to be peacemakers in our youth, we may find excuses not to be mediators later in life.

If we do not learn to submit to the authority of the Scriptures in our youth, we may be cavalier with God's precepts in adulthood.

If we do not learn and accept the Bible's principles of communication and conflict resolution, we may

approach conflicts in our own wisdom - which would be detrimental.

If the wisdom of God is learned and applied in youth, it becomes easier to avoid and address youth problems later in life.

Case Studies

Two case studies were presented on pertinent youth issues - friendship and gossip.

Try your hand at them and discuss them in your families and circles. I'd be interested in knowing how you would tackle them. Next week, we will explore the solution to the first case study. ~ Pastor

Case Study 1 - Loyalty and Friendship

Peter and Benjamin, best friends from childhood, came to talk to you with a problem they can't solve among themselves.

Peter is very upset as he complains about Benjamin being close to 3 new boys in church.

Benjamin says that Peter is still his best friend, but there is no real problem except with Peter's attitude.

As you talk, it becomes clear that Peter has confronted these other boys in church.

They have become angry, tried to explain that they were only friendly with Benjamin but not trying to take him away as his best friend.

Benjamin says that there's no significant problem except Peter's imagination and immature jealousy.

Peter says that Benjamin isn't being loyal as a best friend.

1. *What do you perceive to be the problem? Does Peter have a right to be upset?*
2. *What do you think was right or wrong with how Peter confronted the other boys in church?*
3. *Is Benjamin being loyal as a best friend? Why or why not?*
4. *What do you make of Benjamin's complaint about Peter's imagination and jealousy?*
5. *How would you help them?*

Case Study 2 - Gossip and Hurt

Esther can't keep secrets. And because of that, no one wants to tell her anything.

She has gone around to many people to reveal secrets she has heard and that have caused many problems.

Once she heard from Elaine that she was pregnant with twins.

This was very early on in the pregnancy and Elaine just wanted prayer and asked her to keep it a secret. Esther went to tell some ladies in church.

One of the twins died in utero. When the ladies went to congratulate Elaine on having twins, Elaine was very sad and had to reveal that one twin had died.

It was very awkward for everyone. Elaine has never trusted Esther since and cautions others from trusting Esther.

This was not the only time she shared a secret she shouldn't have. Everyone knows that this is her reputation.

Those who have been burned by Esther avoid her, and many others, as a result, also avoid her. She is not included in activities and gatherings.

Esther feels very sad and she doesn't understand why people avoid her.

She admits that she isn't good at keeping secrets, but she has always maintained that she never meant to do it maliciously.

She feels that people are overreacting and ill-treating her. She's feeling quite down.

1. *Does Esther have a right to be sad and upset? Isn't she just reaping what she deserves?*
2. *What did Elaine and the rest who were burned do that was sinful against Esther*
3. *What duties did Elaine and the others burned by Esther have toward her?*
4. *What do you think is wrong with Esther's attitude?*
5. *How would you help Esther?*



Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 64. What is the invisible church?

A. The invisible church is the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one under Christ the head.

Q. 65. What special benefits do the members of the invisible church enjoy by Christ?

A. The members of the invisible church by Christ enjoy union and communion with him in grace and glory.

Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (8.5.16)	Next Week (15.5.16)
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Johnson Lim	Chris Budiman
Pianist	Evelyn Lee	Jabez Huang
Welcomers	Kim & Jesslyn Leow	Jacob & Merilyn Woo
Offering Stewards	David Pang*, Kim Leow* Steven Lim, Yen Fye Yap	Jansen Ng*, John E Tan* Vincent Chiu, Rex Sriharan
Usher	Jesslyn Leow, Angela Yap	Jemima Ng, Jerome Ng
Kitchen Duties	Merilyn Woo*, Ken Hong Putri Harapan	Florence Orchard*, Vincent Chiu Rosemary Fitzpatrick
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>13 May 2016</i>	<i>20 May 2016</i>
Facilitator	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Pianist	Jerome Ng	Nancy Lim

Announcements

1. A warm welcome to all worshippers. May God richly bless you. Please stay behind after the service for fellowship and tea.
2. Next week's message: "Joy in Christ" (Philippians 4:2-9).
3. Next week's Junior Worship message - "Pride Goeth Before Destruction" (2 Chronicles 26:1-23). Speaker - Valerie Ong.
4. Covenant Bible Institute, Friday at 7:45 pm. A new course on "Understanding the Tabernacle" has commenced. Those who wish to sign up for the course, please register with Pastor. This course may also be taken online.
5. Trinitarian Bible Society (Australia) Annual Public Meeting. Saturday, 28 May 2016, at Perth Free Presbyterian Church, 10 Alexander Road, Padbury, WA 6125. Speaker - The Rev Malcolm Stuart, Vice President, TBS.
6. Men's Bible Study. Saturday, 14 May 2016, 7:30 pm, at the residence of Chris Budiman.
7. Granny Smith Apples available in the fellowship hall. \$6 donation per bag. Proceeds go to the Melville District Schools Chaplaincy Program.

Appointments for the Week	Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance
WED 10:00 am Craft Group	<i>General Fund</i> - \$4,663.70 (#562 - \$50.00, #563 - \$1,000.00, #565 - \$300.00). <i>Missions Fund</i> - \$770.00 (#564 - \$250.00). <i>Building Fund</i> - \$155.00 (#366 - \$50.00, #367 - \$105.00). <i>Total Tithes & Offering</i> - \$5,588.70. <i>Attendance</i> - 152.
FRI 7:45 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting	
SAT 4:30 pm JF & TF	
7:30 pm Men's Bible Study	
SUN 9:00 am Sunday School	
10:00 am Worship	

Building Fund to Date	
Available Building Fund	\$78,560.47
Outstanding Pledges	\$8,990.00
Last Week's Collection	\$155.00
Total	\$87,705.47
<i>Outstanding Loan</i>	- \$430,000.00
<i>Amount Still Needed</i>	\$342,294.53
Building Fund Account:	
Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church (Westpac Bank, Applecross)	
BSB: 036-031 Acct: 316969	
SWIFT: WPACAU2S	

Elders: **Mark Chen (Pastor)** 6114 4242, 0415 932 373. **Jimmy Orchard** 0413 274 407.
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Intimately Knowing Christ
Philippians 3:10-4:1

What is your goal in the Christian experience? Are you aiming too low? Anything else except the goal of knowing Christ is aiming far too low.

1. The Desire and Way to Possess an Intimate Knowledge of Christ.
 - a. An intimate knowledge of him
 - b. Power over sin
 - c. Joy in suffering
 - d. Hope to please
2. The Effort to Possess an Intimate Knowledge of Christ.
 - a. Self-negation
 - b. Resolve
 - c. Exercise
3. The Strangeness of Pursuing an Intimate Knowledge of Christ.
 - a. The difference between believers and unbelievers
 - b. The true hope of the Christian

When you have lost all your faculties and abilities, will Christ be your highest pursuit?

Questions for Reflection:

1. Do you know Christ or merely know about him? How has your personal knowledge been enhanced by your victory over sin, joyful suffering for his sake, and desire to please him?
2. Are you pleased with any area of your spiritual life? Is it permissible to feel pleased with your spiritual progress? How can you acknowledge God's grace in giving you victory and still aggressively press forward and never being satisfied?
3. What are the fears of being different from the world in seeking after an intimate knowledge of Christ? What does this say about you in your pursuit of Christ?