

# The Well

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

TASTE AND SEE: ADORATION

August 11th, 2024

## WHAT WE DO

Welcome to The Well Church.

Some of you are probably wondering what we are doing here, so let's answer that question first:

We like to say that we are a well-digging church. Our job is to help provide water for thirsty travellers.

For us, our well is the Christian Bible, and this well is where we find the living water, Jesus Christ himself, the living Son of God.

Every week we want to "dig in" to the Bible, and let the living water we find there become a source of healing, refreshment, and community for us all. We do this by praying together, singing together, reading together, by listening to our Father's voice, and then sharing what we have heard with one another.

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.

## 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.

## Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace | GATHERING SONG

Words: Daniel Herbert Music: Clint Wells, Brian T. Murphy

**Come boldly to the throne of grace, ye wretched sinners come;  
And lay your load at Jesus' feet, and plead what he has done.**

**"How can I come?" Some soul may say, "I'm lame and cannot walk;  
My guilt and sin have stopped my mouth; I sigh, but dare not talk."**

**Come boldly to the throne of grace, though lost, and blind, and lame;  
Jehovah is the sinner's Friend, and ever was the same.**

**He makes the dead to hear his voice; he makes the blind to see;  
The sinner lost he came to save, and set the prisoner free.**

**Come boldly to the throne of grace, for Jesus fills the throne;  
And those he kills he makes alive; he hears the sigh or groan.**

**Poor bankrupt souls, who feel and know the hell of sin within,  
Come boldly to the throne of grace; the Lord will take you in.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:1-7

[1] Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

[2] Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

[3] Let the house of Aaron say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."

[4] Let those who fear the LORD say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."

[5] Out of my distress I called on the Lord;  
the Lord answered me and set me free.

[6] The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.  
What can man do to me?

[7] The LORD is on my side as my helper;  
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

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

**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.

**O Worship the King | WORSHIP IN SONG**

Words: Robert Grant (1833) Music: Johann Haydn (1815)

**O worship the King, all glorious above,  
And gratefully sing his power and his love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
Whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

**Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!**

Hai mari sembah yang Maha Besar!  
Nyanikan syukur dengan bergemar!  
Perisai umatnya yang Maha Esa  
Mulia namanya takhtanya megah!

Hai masyhurkanlah keagungan-nya,  
Cahaya terang itu jubahnya!  
Gemuruh suara-nya di awan kelam,  
Berjalanlah dia di badai kencang!

Pengasuhan-mu betapa megah!  
Udara dan t'rang menyatakannya.  
Embun bertetes dan hujan sejuk,  
Lembah maupun bukit cermin kasihmu!

Umat-mu lemah dan dari debu,  
Tetap memegang janji-mu teguh!  
Kasih setia-mu berlimpah terus,  
Ya Khalik, Pembela, dan Kawan kudus!

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed | WORSHIP IN SONG**

Words: James Montgomery Music: Sandra McCracken ©2012 Drink Your Tea Music ASCAP)

[Chorus]

**Hail to the Lord's anointed  
Great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed  
His reign on earth begun!  
His reign on earth begun!**

**He comes to break oppression  
To set the captive free  
To take away transgression  
And rule in equity**

[Chorus]

**He comes with comfort speedy  
To those who suffer wrong  
To help the poor and needy  
And bid the weak be strong**

**To give them songs for sighing  
Their darkness turn to light  
Whose souls, condemned and dying  
Are precious in His sight**

[Chorus]

**He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth  
Love, joy and hope like flowers  
Spring in His path to birth**

**The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove  
His name shall stand forever  
That name to us is Love**

[Chorus]

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds,**

**God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets.**

**And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) | WORSHIP IN SONG**

Words & Music: Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman ©2012 sixsteps Music, Thankyou Music

[Chorus]

**Bless the Lord, O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship his holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship your holy name**

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes**

[Chorus]

**You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger  
Your name is great, and your heart is kind  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find**

[Chorus]

**And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near, and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore**

[Chorus]

**WHAT WE BELIEVE**

A creed (from the Latin word *credo*, "I believe") tells us who we are as Christians. It is a bit like a charter, or a constitution.

Creeds have traditionally been important to our faith because our faith is so diverse: Christians come from every possible nation, every possible ethnicity; we need creeds like this one to help us remember where we come from, where we are going, and who we are travelling with.

This particular creed was written in 325 A.D. by a gathering of church leaders now known as the Council of Nicaea. As we read it together, we are reminded that Jesus is the living water at the centre of our community. It is because of him that we are even able to have a real relationship with God and with one another.

**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?

If all our sins — past, present, and future — have already been forgiven through Jesus' blood, shed on the Cross 2000 years ago, why do we still confess our sins in worship?

For one thing, we are not God. While for him our sins have been removed from us "as far as the east is from the west" (Psalm 103:12), we often have trouble remembering that. Without this regular rite of confession and the reminder that our sins are really, truly gone, many of us could fall into despair under the burden of sins we no longer actually have to carry.

On the other hand, without this regular opportunity to contemplate where we have recently gone wrong, many of us could be tempted to forget about our sins and start thinking we are pretty good people all by ourselves!

## REASSURANCE

Only those who are perfect can walk into God's presence and survive. Really we ought to be terrified to enter into worship like this!

The only way we dare do this is through faith in the fact that Jesus' sacrificed blood protects us from instant incineration. Through Jesus, we are no longer orphans or refugee street-kids, living in fear of being smacked around or sold into slavery; now we are God's adopted children, perfectly loved!

And as the bible says, "there is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment" (1 John 4:18). There is no punishment left for we who have believed in Jesus' forgiveness!

## WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION

*congregation sits down and reads the bold print aloud*

Come, let us ask the mercy of God:

**O Lord, how easy is it for our mouths to cheer, "Hosanna!" and the very next hour, we curse people who are made in the image of God. We are people who honor you with our lips but our hearts are far from You. We ask you, Holy Spirit, to humble our hearts, granting to us the gift of repentance. We ask that you establish our faith in Christ and His work. Let us return to the Lord that you may heal us. We ask in Christ alone by grace 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.**

## PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

*congregation listens while the minister reads*

**Galatians 2:19-20**

[19] For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God.

[20] I have been crucified with Christ.

It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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.**

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

[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.**

[Reff]

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

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

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

[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.**

[Reff]

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

[Chorus]

[Reff]

## Turn Your Eyes | SONG OF PREPARATION

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Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside  
Where justice and mercy embraced  
There the Son of God gave His life for us  
And our measureless debt was erased

[Chorus]

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes  
Jesus, our glory and our prize  
We adore You, behold You  
Our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the morning  
And see Christ the Lion awake  
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone  
For we carry His life in our veins

[Chorus]

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes  
Jesus, our glory and our prize  
We adore You, behold You  
Our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the heavens  
Our King will return for His own  
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout  
"All glory to Jesus alone!"

[Chorus]

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes  
Jesus, our glory and our prize  
We adore You, behold You  
Our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

## GIVING

Generosity is one of the marks of being in true community. At one point, the bible asks, "if anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?" (1John3:17)

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**

[12] The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

[13] So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" [14] And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

[15] "Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

[16] His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. [17] The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. [18] The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. [19] So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!



## WHY SUCH ANCIENT LITERATURE?

We may be a Slow Church, a Small Church, a Simple Church — but we are **Still a church**. We aren't trying to do anything new. Actually, we're trying to avoid doing something new! We are wanting to tap into ideas deeper, greater, wiser than ourselves, the same ideas that have shaped the People of God for over a thousand generations.

There are certain aspects of our worship we have to update, things like language, music, location, everything we need to understand and connect with what is going on. But as Marshall McLuhan warned us, "the medium is the message": every time we make even a small change in how we express these ideas, we run the risk of changing the deeper message — the message that makes us who we are.

The best way to make sure we aren't changing the subject is to go back to the source: these ancient texts; and to read them much as they have been read for millenia.

Of course, many things have changed since these documents were first written and compiled! That is why we have a sermon: so a man called by God to study the cultures, conditions, and theologies of those times can help us connect more deeply with what has been written.

Sounds pretty hard, right? But actually, making that connection is not as difficult as you might think. That's because human nature really hasn't changed all that much in the last four thousand years. So if you have experienced adultery, betrayal, theft, envy, joy, generosity, passion, love, and a sense that there just has to be more to life than this! — then we think you'll find this ancient literature just as relevant to you as it was to its original readers.

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.

## Adoring the Coming King

### 1. The Welcoming of the King

### 2. The Wondering about this King

### 3. The Witnessing of this King



## Turn Your Eyes | SONG OF RESPONSE

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[Chorus]  
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Jesus, our glory and our prize  
We adore You, behold You  
Our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the heavens  
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Jesus, our glory and our prize  
We adore You, behold You  
Our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

### BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14



[14] The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

And all God's people said: **Amen!**

### BLESSING

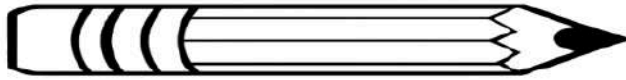
The benediction (meaning "Words of Blessing") is the close of our corporate conversation with God.

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

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



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.



who is speaking?




words you heard but don't know...

what is the main passage we are reading today?

Book:

Chapter:

Verse:



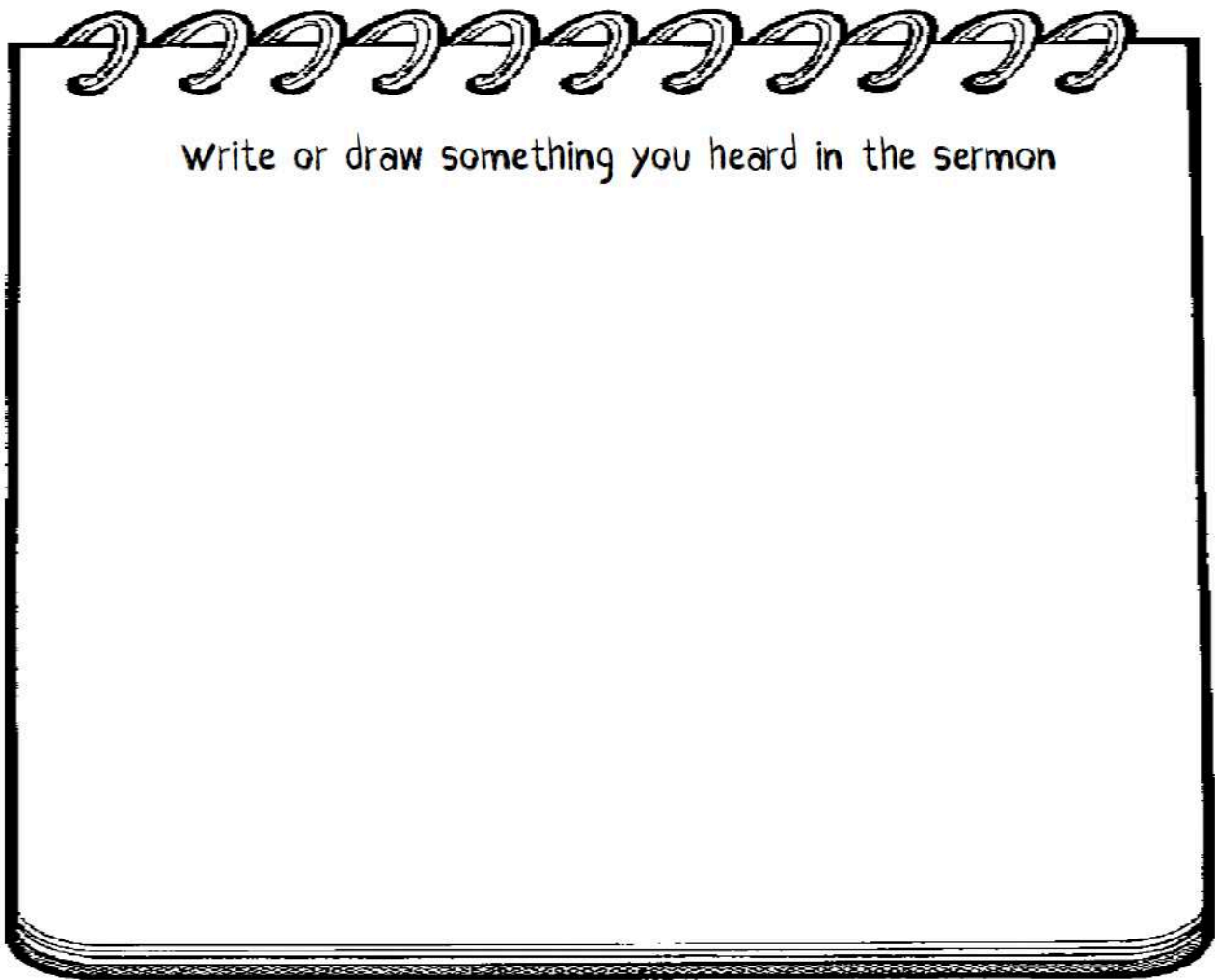
what are we learning about God from this passage?



Favorite song today was:

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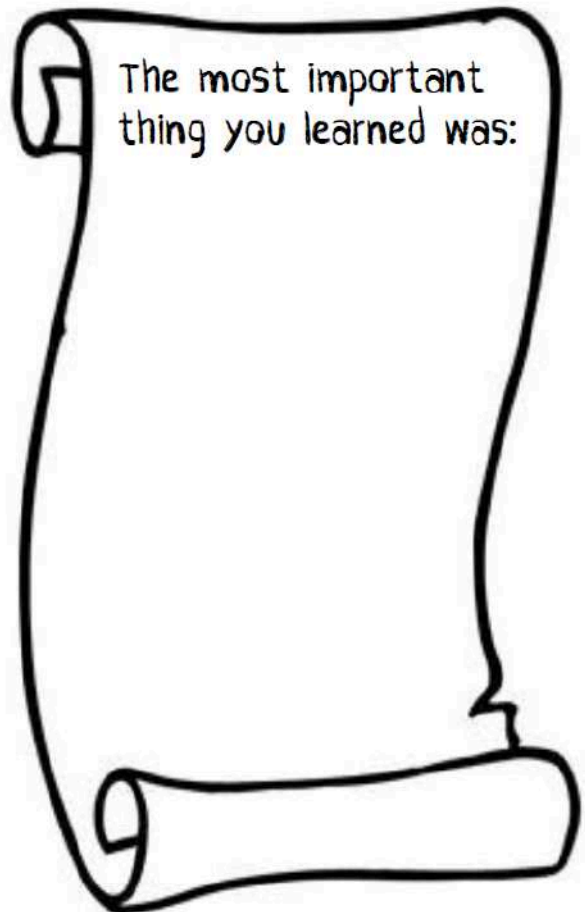
Write or draw something you heard in the sermon



Questions?



How does today's message apply to your life?



The most important thing you learned was:

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **SIMPLE SATURDAY**

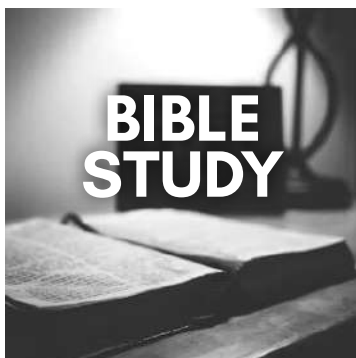
**17 August, 8am - 10am**

**Kepong Metropolitan Park** ([maps.app.goo.gl/FzLaodth7pC6Rm6q6](https://maps.app.goo.gl/FzLaodth7pC6Rm6q6))

No agenda, no pressure. Just an excuse to play frisbee, picnic and hangout. For more information please contact:

Elder Jason @ 012 675 9111

Ruth @ 017 230 7254



### **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.



### **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.



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