

BAD NEWS DROVE ME TO PRAYER!

That was what Nehemiah did when he heard of the bad situation in Jerusalem and the distress of his brethren. *Read Nehemiah 1:5-11*

Prayer is not hot line to heaven. Abraham Lincoln once said about Prayers *"I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of those around me seemed insufficient for the day"*

It is precisely at this lowest point of Nehemiah's life that he can no longer pretend things were well in Jerusalem & God's people. Nehemiah is more than simply a person who prays. He is a believer that his prayer is the critical agent in the needed change. He knows that prayer accomplishes many things. Nehemiah seeks the face of God because he "sees" that God alone has the answer. Believers fail not because their needs are too great, but because they believe **"who they are & what they have"** are too small. **Beloved, how BIG is our GOD?**

Beloved, when nothing else works. Try **PRAYER**. Think it over God Is At Work and He is still Working behind the scene. That's right **PRAYER** is vital and non-negotiable. **PRAY, PRAY, PRAY**. He is waiting for you every saturday from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. **Don't keep HIM waiting for you. Come & Meet Him in Prayer. Experience Prayer that Changes You.**

In Love With HIM
Pastor David Kerk



OUR VISION

Beloved, let's remind ourselves again of the vision our Lord gave to us on August 13, 2007 for Sengkang. Our Lord has called us to be a welcoming and prayerful community filled with and led by the Holy Spirit seeking to:-

1. To Worship, Glorify & Serve God at all times
2. To Proclaim Jesus as Saviour and Lord
3. To Welcome all with Love and Compassion
4. To Call everyone to develop and use God's gifts in working together for Him
5. To Live and Work for God's Kingdom, Justice & Peace.

What is this vision to Sengkang/Punggol? We believe in God's ability to save the souls in Sengkang/Punggol and that is what God wants to do in Sengkang/Punggol. Make no mistake of this vision that it has to be God who can do and what God wants to do otherwise we will labor in vain. Just like in the Old Testament, we find a man who exhibited that kind of vision. He was Nehemiah. A man who could see a finished wall when he looked at a pile of rocks. Nehemiah believed in the transpowering power of God to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Similarly, we are believing our Lord can and has the power to transform these beautiful souls of Sengkang/Punggol into souls who will love and serve HIM. But we need to be willing to pay the price. We must be aware that this vision comes with a burden in hard work and with prayer. We will have troubles in the doing the works of our Lord, may I borrow Nehemiah's words in Nehemiah 2:17b-18.....*"let us build...that we may no longer suffer derision andlet us arise up and build so strengthened our hands for the good work."* Help us Lord.

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Church of Sengkang

Is called by God to be *welcoming* and *prayerful* community filled with and led by the *HOLY SPIRIT*

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welcome
to our
church

We are delighted that you have joined us today! We hope you feel welcome and at home with us! At COSengkang, our motto "God Is Love" and is expressed through the various Services and ministries that we have in the Children Ministry, LG Ministry, Music Ministry, Prayer Ministry & Pastoral Ministry.

Each Sunday at 10.30am, we celebrate the greatness and the goodness of God as we worship Him together. We believe with all our hearts that "man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever".

Vibrant and praise-filled worship is one of the ways that we can glorify God and to give Him great joy and pleasure.

Enjoy our spontaneous worship. You may be unfamiliar to singing in the Spirit, but you will soon find out it is a way of singing new songs to the Lord (Psalm 40:3).

As we worship, God speaks to us through the preached Word and also through prophecies, so we invite you to come expecting to hear the living God speaks to His people. Better still, come early to join our pre-service prayer at 10.15am.

Sometimes during the Service, the Lord ministers to people as they come to Him for cleansing, healing and empowering. So feel free to reach out to Him in faith and hope! Do speak to our pastoral team or leadership for ministering to your Spirit, soul and body.

LAST SUNDAY'S SERMON

Speaker: **Dr. Tan Kok Beng**

Title of Message: **Being A Disciple of Jesus Christ**

Scripture Text: **Matthew 28:19** - Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (The Great Commission).

Introduction:

We must be disciples in order to make disciples of others. All believers are called to be disciples of Christ. A disciple is a committed Follower of Jesus, acknowledging Christ as Lord and King. What does Jesus mean when He called us to **FOLLOW HIM**. Our Lord is calling us to follow HIM in (1) Live & Walk like Jesus as a Son of Man *1 John 2:6* (2) To Imitate His Character of Holiness & (3) Total allegiance to Him as our Lord & Master. In the New Testament, the believers were called "Disciples" at 263 times. They were called "Christians" only three times- *Acts 11:26; Acts 26:28 & 1 Peter 4:16*.

1. WHO is a DISCIPLE and WHAT Makes one a disciple?

- 1:1 He Denies Himself - Surrender who you are & what you have (including your rights) totally to HIM
- 1:2 He Takes Up his Cross daily - Suffers & Sacrifices for the sake of blessing others
- 1:3 He Gives Total Allegiance to Christ - HE has the full say over your life. You are NOT your own *1 Cor. 6:20*

2. A Disciple Takes GOD'S WORD SERIOUSLY - *John 8:30-32*

- 2:1 He Obeys God's Word - Hold On, Continue & Put Into Practice His Word. Don't be a NATO or AT & T disciples
- 2:2 He Learns God's Truths - Know the Truth & about you, yourself & your life. Sermon on the Mount - Do What He Says. *Matthew 5:46*
- 2:3 He is Transformed by God's Word - Sets You Free: Change Your Thinking, Attitudes, Conduct & Behavior

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3. A Disciple Bears MUCH FRUIT - *John 15:8, 16*

- 3:1 The Fruit of the Holy Spirit - *Galatians 5:22-23*
Fruit of Character: Christ Lives, Empowers & Controls You
- 3:2 The fruit of Evangelism - *John 15:16* Go & Bear fruit.
How many people have you led to Christ?
- 3:3 How To Bear Much Fruit - *John 15:5* Abide, Remain & Stay In Christ
- 3:4 Beware of the fruit of human flesh - anger, lies, deceptions, unforgiveness, bitterness & stinginess

4. A Disciple LOVES People - *John 13:34-35*

- 4:1 The Command to Love One Another - A New Commandment
- 4:2 To Love as Jesus Loved Us - We Forgive Others Just He Has Forgiven Us
- 4:3 The Testimony to the World - They Know we are His Disciples

Reflection on this message:

How do you respond to the Word of God? What should we do with what God has said? For the 3rd time in this month, the Lord seems to remind us through the preaching of His Word to FOLLOW JESUS and no one else in the areas of faith & trust, service and Christian disciplines. A disciple is who is committed to Serve Him and involved in His work unlike a Christian who stays away when problems come his / her way. Are you willing to FOLLOW Jesus? What are you going to do with your blessings?

OUR COLLECTIONS

Proverbs 3:9-10: "Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."

January 09' Collections	: \$23,554.60
Last week's up to 15th Feb 09	: \$10,447.90
Church Building Fund	: \$27,080.00

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Today's Sermon

Speaker: **Pastor Don Wong**

Title of Message: **Shine like a shining star "New Wineskin"**

Scripture Text: **Luke 5:36-39, Matthew 5:39-42**

Main Points:

1. Change into a New Wineskin

- 1.1 Be willingness to change
- 1.2 Be flexible to change

2. How does God change and prepare the New Wineskin?

- 2.1 God uses people, situation and trials- *James 1:2-4*

Reflection on this message:

The percentage is a generalization of what we retain.
Understanding and Remembering are better when we make notes.

BREAD OF LIFE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him.

2 Corinthians 2:14