

ST PAUL'S CHURCH

They went out and
proclaimed that people
should repent. And they
cast out many demons and
anointed with oil many who
were sick and healed them.

Mark 6:12-13

1 November 2020

Welcome

We hope you will feel at home and be refreshed and renewed by the worship and teaching today.

4th Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the sons of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Acts 8:26-38

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:7-13

Today's Sermon

Mission: Possible

by Pastor Leon Stewart

Creating a Culture of Life

by Mark Geppert, founder of SEAPC



Cultures

Thoughts become words. Words become actions. Actions repeated become behaviors. Behaviors repeated become habits. Habits frame the moral code or ethics of a culture. The Bible is a book inspired by a Spirit in motion, written by men in motion, as a guide for a people of motion. Mobility is one of the indicators of life. Even those who are maimed by explosives or struck by vehicles try to get up and move. Motion is inherent to life. Stagnation is a function of the Culture of Death, "Go nowhere, do nothing, lay back and let others work" is endemic of death culture. Those who are admitted to hospitals want to know, "When do I get up and go?"

The Culture Collision

Jesus came that we might have more abundant life. That is to say that we would be a mobile people touching every part of the earth with the life-giving Spirit with which He has filled us. It is His purpose that all mankind should have the opportunity to know Him in this generation. That the entire world would be filled with the presence, glory, and joy of the Lord. We who comprise the Life Culture have a mission to have that life be spread to all. We are the temple of that Holy Spirit and bring it to all the earth. The glory of the Lord will fill all the earth when the container of that Glory goes forth to all the earth.

God called Abraham to go. Sent Moses to lead the people on a journey. Established Joshua to demonstrate the transgenerational nature of His promise that, "Every place the sole of your foot shall tread, I will give it to you."

He sent the 12 apostles out, but did not stop there. He sent 70 others out as well with the same promise. Get dust on your feet. Get the dust of humanity, in all its frailty, to cling to your feet and your garments. Rub elbows with people. Eat in their homes. Dialogue with them. Hear their story and pray for their healing.

Above all, go to them. The death culture says, "It a big risk. They might not receive you. You might get their leprosy or AIDS or malaria or some spiritual attack. Better you don't go. Be smart. Stay in. Don't go." We are talking about your neighbors and perhaps the nations. But, today your neighbors.

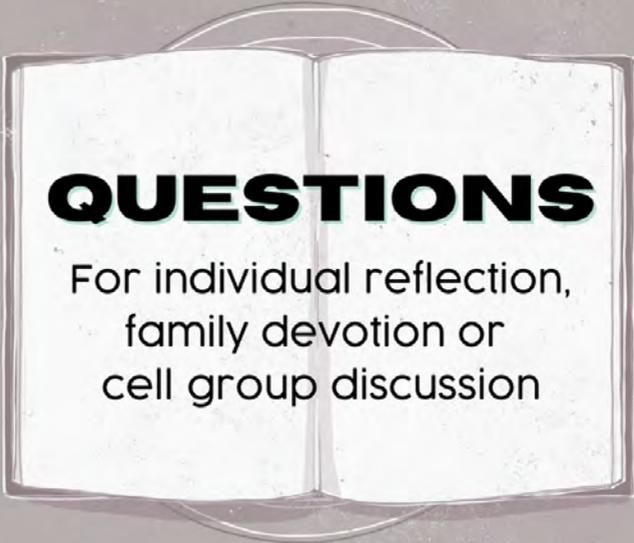
Ellie and I just returned from Rocky Mountain Prayer Center in Montana to our home town of Oakmont, PA. I asked the Lord, "What to do?"

Walk it.

So, I put on my old walking shoes, overcame my, “God that was a long drive maybe I should rest a while,” and started walking and praying again for this town. On that first day I met five people I have not seen for years and spoke encouragement to them. The first four we stayed 6 feet apart, but I had to hug the last one. Releasing healing to him, for greater is he that is in me than he that is in the world. Heal the sick.

I love Luke 10:17, “Then the 70 returned with joy saying, ‘Lord, even the devils are subject to us in your name.’” Obedience releases anointing and anointing breaks the yoke.

Get up, get out, get some dust. Create a Life Culture.



QUESTIONS

For individual reflection,
family devotion or
cell group discussion

Referring to the prompting that Philip had received from the angel of the Lord to go to a specific place and not knowing what was going to happen, reflect and ask yourself if you have ever had the same experience and what was it like?

Have you ever experienced a battle within yourself to decide if you should go to a place that the Holy Spirit is calling you to or should you just stay put and not go? If you did go, what were the deciding factors to bring you that decision. And if you were staying put, what also were the deciding factors.

In the current COVID-19 pandemic, how can the church continue mission work despite our borders still being closed? Are there areas that we need to re-look at to tweak so that we can still achieve the Great Commission?

Memory Verses

I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT, I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH.

2 TIMOTHY 4:7

ALL SCRIPTURE IS BREATHED OUT BY GOD AND PROFITABLE FOR TEACHING, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, AND FOR TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE COMPLETE, EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

AND WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD FROM ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MANY WITNESSES ENTRUST TO FAITHFUL MEN, WHO WILL BE ABLE TO TEACH OTHERS ALSO.

2 TIMOTHY 2:2

FOR GOD GAVE US A SPIRIT NOT OF FEAR BUT OF POWER AND LOVE AND SELF-CONTROL.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7



1

Our Vision

To be Ambassadors for Christ in the Community

2 Corinthians 5:20

Therefore, we are Ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2

First Pillar

Being Spirit-Filled

Galatians 5:16

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

3

Second Pillar

Imitating Christ

Luke 9:23

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

4

Third Pillar

Persevering Prayer

Colossians 4:2

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

5

Fourth Pillar

Serving All

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

6

Fifth Pillar

Living Witness

Matthew 5:16

let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.



CONFIRMATION SERVICE

6 December, Sunday, 9am

Confirmation Classes:

8, 15, 22 and 29 November

Time: 10.30am to 12pm

Contact Pastor Leon at 91993815

to sign up.

BIRTHDAY
OF THE

King



6 o' clock in the
evening, Saturday,
December 19



Join us for “**Birthday of The King**”, pre-recorded and streamed on **Sat 19 December at 6.00pm**. It's a 1-hour programme which will include the **Choir and Sunday School children singing and the youth performing a skid**.

What can you do to be a part of this unique celebration:

Mark down Sat 19 December on your schedule; plan for a small gathering at your place and invite 5 or 8 other persons depending on the MOH guidelines at that time.

The gathering could be based on Cell Groups. Gather at about 5pm, tune in together for the streaming of the programme at 6pm, have some eats after the programme. If possible, have a small birthday cake at your gathering, take a photograph with the whole group and send it to us so we can post it. **Do let Pastor Leon know if you'd like to open your home.**

If you cannot host a gathering, attend one of the gatherings (coordinate with your CG members or friends).

Spread the news about the streaming of the programme “**Birthday of the King**”, so that many more people will tune in even if they are not at your party;

Spread the news to even the St Paul's diaspora beyond Singapore, so they too can tune in.

WELCOME TO THE BIRTHDAY OF THE KING!



A photograph of a person with long, dark hair seen from behind. Two hands are placed on their shoulders, one from the left and one from the right, suggesting a comforting or supportive gesture. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark teal filter.

Pastoral Care

For those who require prayer or pastoral care, do drop us an email at contact@stpaulschurch.org.sg or contact the respective pastoral staff directly.

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