

ANNOUNCEMENTS For more information, please approach Gladys or Priscilla.

1. OUT OF OFFICE

Please note that Pastor Timothy, Gladys & Priscilla will be out of office from 19 - 21 October. For any urgent matters, please contact Pastor Raymond @ 63376104 ext 174.

2. INTER-GENERATIONAL SERVICE

29 November 2009, 10am @ Suntec Convention Hall
 Bus transport will be provided, priority will be given to elderly and those with kids. The rest of the congregation you are encouraged to take a public transport. Shuttle bus services to the convention hall will be provided, more details will be provided.

3. JESUS DISCOVER SEMINARS

04 November - 09 December (6 Wed), 7.30pm @ Prayer Hall A & B
 Invite your non-Christian friends and loved ones to this seminar!
 Topics: Why Are You Here?
 Someone Out There Cares For You
 So who is Jesus? Etc.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October	16 - 19	(Fri - Mon)	Mission Trip to Sawang Daendin
	25	(Sun)	Council Meeting
	30	(Fri)	Corporate Prayer Meeting
November	07	(Sat)	SAC CDC Graduation Ceremony
	13	(Fri)	Corporate Prayer Meeting
	15	(Sun)	WDT - Promotion

Any announcements, articles or testimonies to share? Email Gladys @ wacoffice@livingstreams.org.sg

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

9.00AM BOON LAY WAY - BOON LAY MRT (BUS STOP)
 9.15AM JURONG WEST ST 51 BLK 511 CARPARK
 9.30AM CLEMENTI MRT - BUS STOP TOWARDS CITY





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18 October 2009

SUFFERING AND DISCIPLESHIP PART II

By Pastor Timothy Chow



The call to discipleship means both death and life. It sets the Christian in the middle of the daily arena against sin and the devil. Every day he encounters new temptations, and every day he must suffer anew for Jesus Christ's sake. The wounds and scars he receives in the fray are living tokens of this participation in the cross of his Lord.

But there is another kind of suffering and shame which the Christian is not spared. While only the sufferings of Christ are a means of atonement, yet the Christian also has to undergo temptation and bear the sins of others; he too must bear their shame and be driven like a scapegoat from the gates of the city. (Heb. 13:12-15) The passion of Christ strengthens him to overcome the sins of others by forgiving them. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. (Gal. 6:2)

Suffering then is the badge of true discipleship. The disciple is not above his master. That is why Luther reckoned suffering among the marks of the true Church. If we refuse to take up our cross and submit to suffering and rejection at the hands of men, we forfeit our fellowship with Christ and have ceased to follow Him. But if we lose our lives in His service and carry out cross, we shall find our lives again in the fellowship of the cross with Christ. The opposite of discipleship is to be ashamed of Christ and His cross and all the offense which the cross brings in its train.

West Coast Recreation Centre
No. 12 West Coast Walk

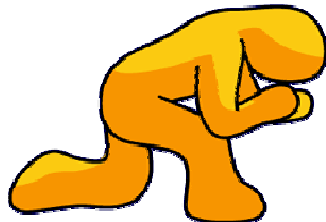
Sunday Services
 10am - 12pm
 English Service @ Auditorium
 10am - 12pm
 Mandarin Service @ Thanksgiving
 10am - 12pm
 Children In Action @ Honor

Saturday
 3.30pm - 6.30pm
 Destiny Impact (Youth) @ Honor

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EVERY MEMBER A FRUIT BEARING DISCIPLE

Discipleship means allegiance to the suffering Christ. It is a joy and token of His grace. Christ transfigures for His own [the early Christian martyrs] the hour of their moral agony by granting them the unspeakable assurance of His presence. In the hour of the cruelest torture they bear for His sake, they are made partakers in the perfect joy and bliss of fellowship with Him. To bear the cross proves to be the only way of triumphing over suffering.



Jesus prays to His Father that the cup may pass from Him, and His Father hears His prayer; for the cup of suffering will indeed pass from Him—but only by His drinking it.

God speaking to Luther: "Discipleship is not limited to what you can comprehend—it must transcend all comprehension. Not to know where you are going is the true knowledge. My comprehension transcends yours. Thus Abraham went forth from His father not knowing whither he went. Behold, that is the way of the cross. You cannot find it yourself, so you must let me lead you as though you were a blind man. Wherefore it is not you, no man but I myself, who instruct you by my Word and Spirit in the way you should go. Not the work which you choose, not the suffering you devise, but the road which is clean contrary to all you choose or contrive or desire—that is the road you must take. To that I call you and in that you must be my disciple."

"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. (Luke 14:26)

You would notice that the present day "grace" teaching has very little to say about the cross. This is a serious omission and is therefore a brand of Christianity that is gravely suspect. It is not the gospel that we know of for all ages. Therefore, let us grow in discernment and wisdom.



DUTY SCHEDULE

	Today <u>18th October</u>	Next Week <u>25th October (H.C.)</u>
Chairperson	Susy Tan	Pastor Raymond Ang
Speaker	Pastor Raymond Ang	Dean Kuan
Worship Leader	Zhong Fa	Zhong Fa
Music Team	Rebecca, Eunice, Carolyn, Kah Mun, Matthew, Sean	Joanie, Althea, Astrid, Andy, Jun Hoong, Jonathan
Projectionist	Scarlet, Priscilla	Violet, Rachel
Soundworks	Eric Matthew Sng	Carol Elizabeth Wee
H.C. Server	-	Raymond, Tony
Intercessory Prayer	Tony Tay	Eric Matthew Sng
Scripture Reader	Eunice Ng	David Yong

WISDOM DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

DATE	PROGRAM
23 October	Fellowship / Evangelism
30 October	Corporate Prayer Meeting
06 November	Fellowship / Evangelism
13 November	Corporate Prayer Meeting

Cell groups are suspended till further notice due to WDT. For further enquiries, you may contact the Office at 63376104 ext 188/189 or email wacoffice@livingstreams.org.sg

MISSIONS

MISSIONS FUNDS NEEDED IN 2009	:	S\$20,000
AMOUNT COLLECTED TO DATE	:	S\$14,414.50

