

2015-2016

Sermon Series

USER GUIDE

For Preachers, Song Worship Leaders, Sunday Service Leaders, Small Group and Fellowship Leaders



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WHAT IS THIS USER GUIDE ABOUT?

We have created this Sermon Series User Guide for preachers, song worship leaders, Sunday service leaders, small group and fellowship leaders. The aim of this user guide is to provide a clear, complete and definitive guide to the sermon series so that leaders can fully deliver the aims of the sermon series. Currently this user guide is in English but we will be translating it into Chinese very soon. Please take time to go through it and discuss it with your service team!

Pastoral Worker Wien Fung, November 2015

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THE AIMS OF THE SERMON SERIES

- 1. DISCIPLE-MAKING** - to provide biblical teaching designed to fulfil the purposes of discipleship in our regular Sunday services.
- 2. CHURCH VISION, MISSION AND DIRECTION** - to connect members across all our congregations with the overall vision, mission and direction of CCI.

1. DISCIPLE-MAKING

We want the church to become a place where discipleship is normal, where each disciple grows to become more like Jesus in loving God, loving believers and loving our neighbours.

The vision for transformation goes beyond preaching, Bible study and church activities. This is the compelling vision of God to see people grow into the image of Christ “For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son...” (Romans 8:29). It was a driving passion in Paul’s life and often moved him deeply. “My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you...” (Galatians 4:19).

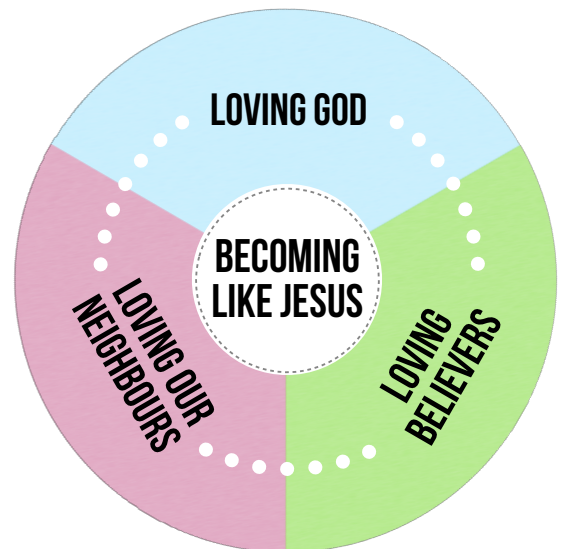
At the heart of this vision is life change and it is a vision we must embrace and share. All other aspects of our church life - including song worship, preaching, social interaction, love and compassion for one another and Bible study - contribute to an atmosphere and environment for transformation but are never sufficient in themselves. Transformation takes place in the heart, resulting in attitudes, thoughts and behaviours becoming like those of our Lord and Master, Jesus. Song worship leaders, service leaders, preachers, group leaders and mentors alike must embrace such a vision, because it is God’s vision. Jesus said “It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters.” (Matthew 10:25). Being like Jesus is the goal of all that we do as a church.

Our Sunday services offer us a wide, large-sized and entry-level environment where we could stimulate and nurture the growth of our members to become more like Jesus. We plant seeds of truth through the sermon series and take confidence in the Holy Spirit to be the agent of change. We provide worship to connect people to God and connect people with solid teaching that will feed them and allow their roots to grow deep. And we as service leaders have the joy of watching the plant mature into a healthy fruit-bearing tree, by God’s grace.

2. CHURCH VISION, MISSION AND DIRECTION

Through our regular wide, large-sized and entry-level Sunday service environment, we want to connect our members with what God is doing in his Kingdom through the Chinese Church in London. We want to help each congregation see their vision, mission and direction of the local congregation in the context of that of the wider church body.

Our regular Sunday services offer us a strategic opportunity to address and make sense of some of the key emphases and objectives of the whole church in the context of the local congregation. The church staff team has identified a number of key emphases that the church should seek to work on in the coming year. What you will find in our new sermon series is that it provides a strategic starting point (not a solution) to address these key emphases.



KEY EMPHASES OF 2015-2016

The key emphases identified by church staff that guide some of the perspectives of the sermon series

1

INTENTIONAL DISCIPLE-MAKING CHURCH

We need clarity in defining what a disciple is and how CCIIL intentionally makes disciples. We are overly event driven in our discipleship and we need to return to a more intentional and relational approach.

2

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE PART OF CCIIL?

Many members do not have a sense of belonging to the wider church body. They find it difficult to make sense of the story of CCIIL and connect it to the future.

3

A SEASON OF UNCERTAINTY AND CHANGE

The uncertainty in our leadership transitions together with a feeling of the lack of church focus and direction have led to a season of discontentment.

4

BACK TO THE BASICS

How can we be a gospel-centred church in the 21st century? What is true conversion and how do we avoid separating it from discipleship? How do we practise spiritual disciplines in our spiritual formation?

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EVANGELISM

Members do not feel passionate or confident in sharing their faith on their frontlines. Evangelism has become activities that the church organises and not a purpose lived most by its members.

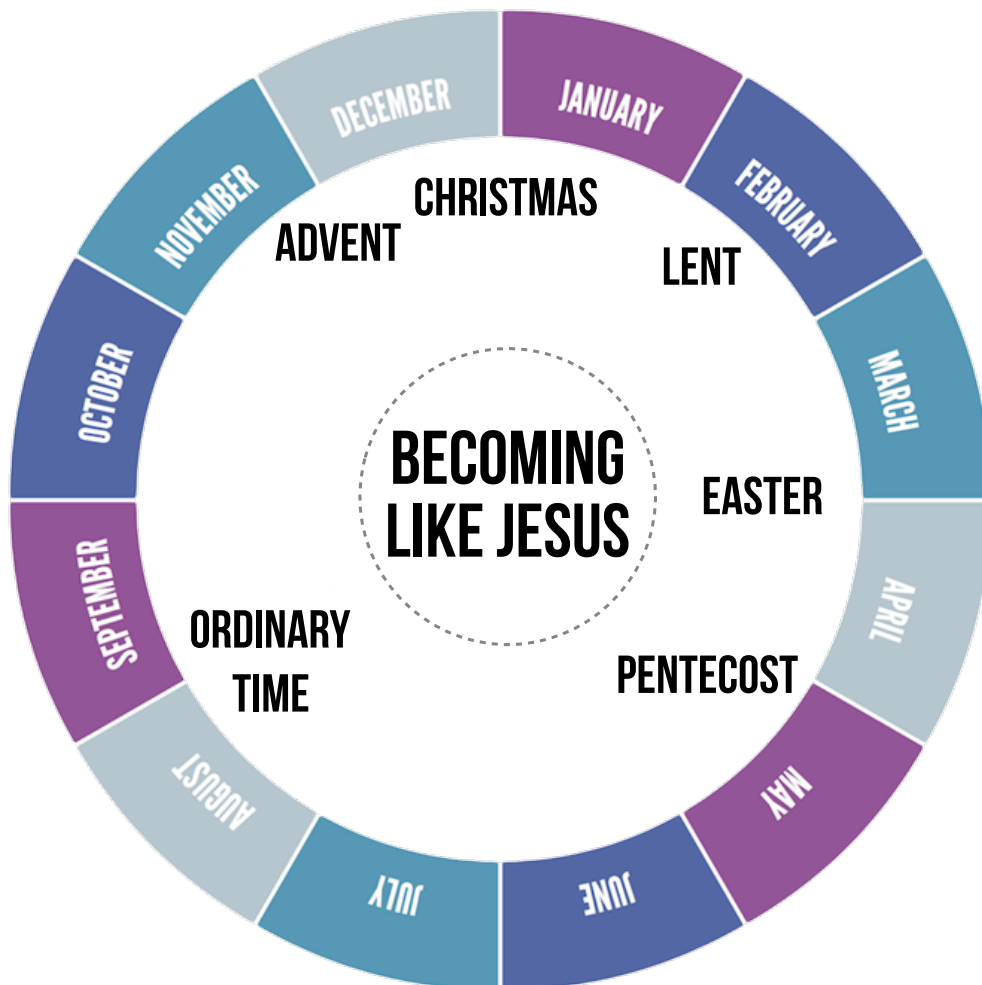
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IDENTITY IN CHRIST

In today's consumer-driven culture, our identity is always in danger of being shaped by the patterns of the world. How can we remain true to our calling and radically express our Christ-likeness to a broken world?

THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SERMON SERIES

Our 2015-2016 sermon series is based on the Christian Year Calendar. The Christian Year provides a structure for the Christian community to recall and celebrate the incarnation, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This creative remembering as a community is rooted in the Jewish tradition and provides God's people with a powerful rhythm of sacred time - *kairos*, as against a rhythm of secular time - *chronos*, to meditate deeply on the episodes of Christ's life and death. The Christian Year Calendar consists of seasonal themes that are connected to the life and ministry of Jesus and beyond. The church and unchurched people are generally aware of most of the common seasons and festivals within the Christian Year Calendar and we believe this helps us to communicate the main themes and concepts to our members effectively.



In the past, the framework for our church's sermon series has been complicated and confusing. It involved structuring it to fit into yearly themes, quarterly themes, Christian festivals, and key events in CCIL's calendar. More than often, these multitude of variables did not mix well to produce a cohesive and consistent message. Consequently, members would be distracted by these inconsistencies and be unable to fully experience the impact of the whole series.

The Christian Year Calendar framework seeks to simplify and cut down these inconsistencies. By using what is already common to people, the seasons build constancy and create continuity and momentum between each mini sermon series. Key church events can be placed in the appropriate seasons to complement and capitalise on their seasonal themes. Furthermore, by using this framework regularly, it acts as an alternate rhythm or "clock" that counteracts the rhythm of our self-seeking, busy and materialistic life.

ADVENT

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (adventus) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. The season not only direct us towards Christ's birth, they also challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement. The anticipation of Christmas under commercial pressure has also made it harder to sustain the appropriate sense of alert watchfulness, but the fundamental Advent prayer remains 'Maranatha' – 'Our Lord, come' (1 Corinthians 16.22).

CHRISTMAS

The Christmas season celebrates the wonderful mystery of God's dwelling among us in the fullness of humanity, as Emmanuel, foretold by the prophets and born of Mary. Christmas is much more than simply the celebration of Jesus' birth. The task of Christmas worship is to recall us, amid all the joyful customs and celebrations of Christmas, to this central truth of the Word made flesh for our salvation.

LENT

The season of Lent is a time of self-examination, self-denial, self-giving, selflessness, penitence and preparation for Easter. The forty days of Lent reminds the followers of Jesus of the forty days that he spent in the wilderness, being tested by Satan. The forty days of Lent (not including Sundays) begins on the sixth Wednesday before Easter, on Ash Wednesday. During Lent, devotional exercises such as fasting, prayer, almsgiving or the giving up of certain luxuries are practised as a form of penance and self-denial.

EASTER INCLUDING PENTECOST

The Easter season is a continuous period of joyful celebration of the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ and its implications. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes this festive season. During Pentecost, God inaugurates the messianic community by sending his Holy Spirit to empower the Church to carry out the mission which the risen Christ has entrusted to it.

ORDINARY TIME

The Christian year includes a "non-seasonal" time known as the Ordinary Time, which lies outside the seasons of Lent-Easter and Advent-Christmas and when we focus on instructing Christians on how to live out their Christian faith in their daily lives.

將臨節(Advent)

將臨節是期盼與準備的節期，當教會準備慶祝基督道成肉身的來臨和前瞻末日的重臨時祂作審判官。這節期不單帶領我們向着基督的降生，還挑戰現世不願意面對神審判的情況。一如預期聖誕節帶來的商業壓力令人越來越難保持適當的敏銳警醒力，可幸基本的將臨節的禱文還是 'Maranatha' - 「主必要來」(哥林多前書 16:22)。

聖誕節 (Christmas)

聖誕節慶祝神奇妙而神秘的居住在我們當中，充充滿滿，滿有人性，如以馬內利，正如眾先知預言一樣，由瑪利亞童貞生子。聖誕節並非只是慶祝耶穌的誕生，整個崇拜是提醒我們除了一切歡欣習俗和慶典之外，那道成肉身成為我們救主才是一切真理的中心。

大齋節期 (Lent)

大齋節期是預備復活節前自審，自我否定，自棄，無私，懺悔的時間。大齋節期的四十日提醒耶穌的追隨者耶穌在曠野的四十日，被撒旦試探。那四十天（不包括星期天）從復活節前的第六個星期三開始，那就叫聖灰星期三。當聖週將近，節日氣氛越加沈重，誦經開始講述基督受難和死亡的故事。在大齋節期中，敬虔活動如禁食，禱告，救濟施捨，放棄某些奢侈品都是一種表示懺悔和自我否定的做法。十架苦路 -紀念基督背負十架及其受刑所經之路- 也常被參看。

復活節 (Easter)

復活節是歡欣的延續，慶祝耶穌基督榮耀的復活及其重要影響。當聖靈如應許的禮物在五旬節降臨時，這佳節也完滿結束。五旬節（由希臘文 *pentekoste*, 五十日慶典中的「第五十日」）起源於猶太宴餐週，是在逾越節後的第五十日完成。在復活節的第五十日，神差派聖靈開啓救世主社群，使教會從主得力，執行復活主委托的大使命。

常日 (Ordinary Time)

基督徒年曆包括「非節期」的時間，稱之為常日。這是在大齋節期-復活節和將臨節-聖誕節以外的時間。主要是帶領基督徒怎樣在日常生活中活出信徒的信心。

IS THERE A “THEME” FOR THE YEAR?

Traditionally, we have a theme for each year that gives some kind of anchor for the sermon series. In 2015 we have “Bear Much Fruit”. In 2014 we had “Arise and Shine”. In the past, Yearly Themes provide an overall perspective or direction to the church and the sermon series. However, as we have moved towards using the Christian Year as the framework, which essentially focuses on Jesus as the central theme, there will not be a “theme” for 2015-2016. We offer the following reasons for not having a Yearly Theme:

1. There are too many “themes” to focus on.

We generally communicate too many different purposes to our members. We have Yearly Themes, IDMC, RICE, CUTEM and these various slogans can easily confuse our members and we are not effective at connecting these various concepts to make it understandable to our members.

2. A Yearly Theme that changes annually can easily take our focus away from disciple-making

Our church is not at that stage where we are effective in taking something like a Yearly Theme and strategically implementing it at all levels of our church life. It is often something that is “out there” and not strategically integrated with what we do or followed through to make it go further.

Instead of figuring out how to implement a theme that will change annually, we will focus our energy on being intentional in making disciples, which is the timeless theme where everyone grows to become like Jesus: loving God, loving believers and loving our neighbours. The simple, consistent and repeating pattern of the Christian Year Calendar (with its seasons and themes) helps us to focus on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and complements our aim to be like Jesus.

3. A Yearly Theme may appear to give focus and direction but it does not provide any substance to the sermon series on its own.

Even though a Yearly Theme (if it is very specific) may appear to be clear and give focus, for those who are in the position to create a sermon series that covers every week and month of the year, it requires a huge amount of work to expand a theme into various sub-themes that cover 52 weeks. Furthermore, such an approach is likely to produce content that is narrow, difficult to connect with certain books in the Bible and address essential issues of discipleship. If a Yearly Theme is non-specific, then there is no doubt that it will be easier to fit various books and issues in a sermon series to connect with such a theme, but what would be the point of having Yearly Theme then?

We have discovered that the Christian Year framework (with its seasons and themes) offers a consistent, wide and deep theological framework that on one hand, covers crucial issues related to our Christian faith and spirituality (such as the second coming of Jesus, judgment, life, death and resurrection of Jesus, salvation, repentance, spirituality formation, church life and mission and the work of the Holy Spirit) while on the other hand gives sufficient flexibility and room for other issues of discipleship.

In order to provide some perspectives that are relevant to the present stage and future direction of CCiL, we have complimented the sermon series with a number of Key Emphases. These are not “themes” but important issues that our church is currently facing. These Key Emphases are strategically integrated with the Christian Year calendar at the most appropriate timing to best make sense of them on a church-wide level.

4. A Yearly Theme sometimes conflicts and competes with the Christian Year framework

We have discovered that a Yearly Theme conflicts with the simplified approach of the Christian Year framework. Many speakers in the last two years have asked how each mini-sermon series fit into the Yearly Theme. What we have observed is that some speakers will approach and interpret the text and the sermon series to fit the Yearly Theme instead of asking how the sermon connects with the intended season. On one hand, as the theme can be so generic it might not make a difference. On the other hand, this kind of approach can distort and forces the Bible to speak a different message.

2015-2016 SERMON SERIES

YOUR KINGDOM COME

Advent Themes: Waiting; Expectation; Hope; Longing; Joy

Christmas Themes: Word incarnate, Celebration, Joy, Salvation

“To be a disciple of Jesus Christ is ... to be fired by a great vision, and to live in the interval between its initial and final realisation.” As we look forward to celebrating the birth of the LORD Jesus, we look back to the hope-filled promises in Zechariah about the LORD’s reign, return and the arrival of his Kingdom, manifested in all its glory here on earth.

29 Nov	A New Beginning	Zechariah 1:1-6; 3:1-10; 6:9-15
6 Dec	A New City	Zechariah 8
13 Dec	The Advent of the King	Zechariah 9
20 Dec	The Advent of Salvation	Zechariah 12-13
27 Dec	The Day of the Lord	Zechariah 14

WE ARE DISCIPLES OF JESUS

Ordinary Time Themes: Day to day discipleship issues

God’s compelling vision for his people is for us to conform to the image of his Son and to become like Jesus. Discipleship is embracing and living out this vision of change so that our hearts, attitudes, thoughts and actions become like those of our Master, Jesus. We want our church to become a place where discipleship is normal, where each disciple grows to become more like Jesus in loving God, loving believers and loving our neighbours. Are you passionate about this change? Join us in the next few weeks to see how, by God’s grace, God is at work in us and through us to help us change.

3 Jan	To Become like Jesus	Matthew 10:25; 28:18-20; Romans 8:29; 1 Corinthians 11:1
10 Jan	To Love God	Romans 12:1; Mark 8:34-38
17 Jan	65th Anniversary Service	
24 Jan	To Love Believers	John 13:35
31 Jan	To Love Our Neighbours	Philippians 2:1-8

CALIBRATE: THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

Lent Themes: Self-examination, self-denial, self-giving, repentance and preparation for Easter

This Lent sermon series takes us on a journey through Jesus' letters to the seven churches of Revelation. We will explore what Jesus sees and says when he looks at his church and respond to his voice as he calls us to calibrate our lives around him. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit has to say!

7 Feb	When Love Grows Cold	Revelation 2:1-7
14 Feb	No Pain, No Gain	Revelation 2:8-11
21 Feb	Crippled by False Teaching	Revelation 2:12-17
28 Feb	Compromised	Revelation 2:18-29
6 Mar	The Walking Dead	Revelation 3:1-6
13 Mar	Faithful	Revelation 3:7-13
20 Mar	Lukewarm	Revelation 3:14-22

JOURNEYING WITH CHRIST THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Easter Themes: Resurrection, freedom, eternal life, victory, joy

On the road to Emmaus, Cleopas and his friend were treated to a masterclass with Jesus on His Salvation History. As they walked the road to Emmaus, Christ walked them through Scripture, "beginning with Moses and all the prophets", in order to reveal himself as the Risen Lord. We too journey with Christ through Scripture, in order to see His perfect plan of salvation for the world. We pray that our hearts also "burn within us", as the Lord opens His Word to us.

27 Mar	The Road to Emmaus	Luke 24:13-35
3 Apr	God's Covenant of Grace	Genesis 15
10 Apr	Christ the Rock of our Salvation	Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 95
17 Apr	Christ the Perfect Atonement	Leviticus 16-17
24 Apr	Christ the Perfect Temple	Haggai 1:1-2:9
1 May	Christ the Perfect Ruler	Haggai 2:10-23

CHURCH IN ACTION

Easter (inc. Pentecost) Themes: The gift of the Holy Spirit, empowerment, church mission

Ordinary Time Themes: Day to day discipleship issues

In today's consumer-driven culture, the Church is always in danger of existing for itself. The book of Acts is our reminder of what being the Church is really all about - God's people doing God's work together by the power of God's Spirit. Acts reminds us that the mission that Jesus gave his disciples 2000 years ago is the same mission that continues today. Acts confirms that the power that transformed the disciples' lives is the same power that can transform our lives today. Join us over the next few months as we unpack these 28 powerful chapters and renew our vision of what it means to be a church in action.

8 May	You Will Be My Witnesses	Acts 1
15 May	Power from on High	Acts 2
22 May	Witnessing with Boldness	Acts 3-4:31
29 May	Being One in Heart and Mind	Acts 4:32-5:16
5 Jun	The Honour of Being Dishonoured	Acts 5:17-42
12 Jun	The Ultimate Price for Witness	Acts 6-7
19 Jun	Scattered to Witness	Acts 8
26 Jun	Saul - God's Chosen Instrument	Acts 9:1-31
3 Jul	Salvation for All Nations	Acts 9:32-11:18
10 Jul	Making Disciples of All Nations	Acts 11:19-30
17 Jul	The Power of a Praying Church	Acts 12:1-24
24 Jul	The Good News Advances - The First Wave	Acts 12:25-14:28
31 Jul	Conflict in the Church	Acts 15:1-35
7 Aug	The Good News Advances - The Second Wave	Acts 15:36-18:22
14 Aug	The Good News Advances - The Third Wave	Acts 18:23-21:17
21 Aug	Suffering for the Name of Jesus	Acts 21:18-23:11
28 Aug	Testifying about Jesus	Acts 23:12-26:32
4 Sep	Testifying at the Heart of the Empire	Acts 27-28
11 Sep	Acts 29 - The Story Continues...	

I AM A CHURCH MEMBER

Ordinary Time Themes: Day to day discipleship issues

Whether you love your church, are frustrated with your church, or don't understand why church membership matters, this series will help you explore six challenging and practical steps towards discovering and rediscovering the privilege and joy of church membership. At the end of each step, our prayer is that we will make a renewed commitment to our church that makes a difference.

18 Sep	I am Connected to the Body of Christ	Ephesians 2:1-22
25 Sep	I will be a Functioning Church Member	1 Corinthians 12-13
2 Oct	I will be a Unifying Church Member	Eph. 4:1-3; Col.3:12-14; Rom. 1:29-31; Matt. 6:14-15
9 Oct	I will not be a Self-Serving Church Member	Mark 9:35; Phil. 2:5-11
16 Oct	I will Support my Church Leaders	1 Timothy 3:1-13
23 Oct	I will Lead my Family to be Healthy Church Members	Ephesians 5-6

ENCOUNTERING JESUS, BECOMING LIKE JESUS

Ordinary Time Themes: Day to day discipleship issues

Looking in depth at Jesus' interactions with people such as Nicodemus, the outsider at the well and Jesus' friends Mary and Martha, we learn how Jesus explains who he is and what his mission is. Through their encounters with Jesus, people's lives were changed forever ... As we encounter Jesus, how are our lives being changed? As we encounter Jesus in the every day, how do his truths affect us? And what can we learn from the way that Jesus interacted with people, as we endeavour to mirror Christ in our every day interactions – as we share our lives with others?

30 Oct	Jesus and the Wedding Feast	John 2:1-11
6 Nov	Jesus and Nicodemus	John 3:1-21
13 Nov	Jesus and the Woman at the Well	John 4:1-28
20 Nov	Jesus and the Two Sisters	John 11:17-45

2015-2016年講道系列

天國近了

將臨節期主題: 等待、期望、盼望、期待、喜樂

聖誕節期主題: 道成肉身、慶賀、喜樂、榮光、救恩

「成為耶穌的門徒是…被一個偉大的異象所驅使，並且在這個異象實現以前，用生命活出見證。」當我們去慶祝耶穌基督的降生，也應該回望先知撒迦利亞滿有盼望的應允 - 基督掌權，再來和祂國度的降臨，並宣講祂在世上的一切榮耀。

29/11	新的開始	撒迦利亞 1:1-6; 3:1-10; 6:9-15
6/12	新天新地	撒迦利亞 8
13/12	君王的駕臨	撒迦利亞 9
20/12	救贖將臨	撒迦利亞 12-13
27/12	主耶和華的日子	撒迦利亞 14

我們是耶穌的門徒

常日主題: 門徒日常面對的問題

上帝給祂子民的異象是定意要他們在形象和行為上更像基督。門徒訓練就是要活出這個異象帶來的改變，無論是我們的心，態度，思想或行為都要更像我們的主耶穌。我們的教會是一個使門徒成長的地方，使每個門徒都像耶穌一般的愛上帝，愛信徒和愛鄰舍。你對這個改變有熱誠嗎？讓我們一起在未來幾個星期去經歷，藉著上帝的恩典，在我們身上的工作，使我們改變。

3/1	像基督	馬太福音 10:25; 28:18-20; 羅馬書 8:29; 歌林多前書 11:1
10/1	愛上帝	羅馬書 12:1; 馬可福音 8:34-38
17/1	六十五週年崇拜信息	
24/1	愛信徒	約翰福音 13:35
31/1	愛鄰舍	腓立比書 2:1-8

調校: 啟示錄的七教會

聖灰節主題: 自我審察、自我否定、放下自我、懺悔、復活節前的預備

這個聖灰節期的講道系列，會帶我們去看耶穌給七教會的書信。探討耶穌怎樣看祂的教會，和我們如何回應主耶穌，去調校自己的生命。有耳可聽的，就應當聽聖靈所說的。

7/2 重拾起初愛心	啟示錄 2:1-7
14/2 火煉人生	啟示錄 2:8-11
21/2 假教訓導致滅亡	啟示錄 2:12-17
28/2 持守信仰立場	啟示錄 2:18-29
6/3 活死人	啟示錄 3:1-6
13/3 持守信心	啟示錄 3:7-13
20/3 不冷不熱	啟示錄 3:14-22

聖經啟示基督

復活節主題: 復活、自由、永生、得勝、喜樂

在以馬忤斯的路上，耶穌給革流巴和他的同伴上了一堂關於祂救贖計劃的大師級課。在路上，基督與他們同行，講解經上有關祂自己的一切，「從摩西和眾先知起」，為的是要顯明自己就是那位復活的主。我們也要通過聖經與基督同行，去明白祂為這世界預備的完美救贖計劃。當主對我們啟示祂話語的時候，我們禱告我們的心也被激勵為主燃燒。

27/3 以馬忤斯的路上	路加福音 24:13-35
3/4 上帝恩典的約	創世記 15
10/4 基督 - 救恩的磐石	出埃及記 17: 1-7; 詩篇 95
17/4 基督 - 完全的贖罪祭	利未記 16-17
24/4 基督 - 榮耀的聖殿	哈該書 1:1-2:9
1/5 基督 - 尊榮的主宰	哈該書 2:10-23

邁進中的教會

復活節(和五旬節)主題: 聖靈應許的禮物、從主得力、教會的大使命

在現今這個以消費為導向的社會，教會可能會有自圓其說，曲高和寡的危險。使徒行傳提醒我們教會真正的意義 - 上帝子民靠著聖靈的能力為上帝作工。使徒行傳又提醒我們二千年前，耶穌給門徒的使命和我們今天的使命都是一樣。使徒行傳更肯定當年改變使徒生命的能力，也是今天能夠改變我們生命的能力。讓我們一起在未來幾個月解開這二十八章充滿能力的經文，更新我們對邁進中教會異象的認識。

8/5 我的見證	使徒行傳 1
15/5 天上來的能力	使徒行傳 2
22/5 大膽的見證	使徒行傳 3-4:31
29/5 一心一意	使徒行傳 4:32-5:16
5/6 受苦的榮耀	使徒行傳 5:17-42
12/6 沉重的代價	使徒行傳 6-7
19/6 各處作見證	使徒行傳 8
26/6 掃羅 - 上帝親自揀選的器皿	使徒行傳 9:1-31
3/7 萬邦的救贖	使徒行傳 9:32-11:18
10/7 萬民作門徒	使徒行傳 11:19-30
17/7 禱告的力量	使徒行傳 12:1-24
24/7 好消息的傳播, 上	使徒行傳 12:25-14:28
31/7 處理教會中的紛爭	使徒行傳 15:1-35
7/8 好消息的傳播, 中	使徒行傳 15:36-18:22
14/8 好消息的傳播, 下	使徒行傳 18:23-21:17
21/8 為耶穌受苦	使徒行傳 21:18-23:11
28/8 在該撒利亞見證耶穌	使徒行傳 23:12-26:32
4/9 在羅馬見證耶穌	使徒行傳 27-28
11/9 使徒行傳 29章 - 見證耶穌的延續...	

我是教會會友

常日主題： 門徒日常面對的問題

無論你是愛教會，或對教會感到失望及無奈，又或是不明白會友身份的重要性，這個講道系列會幫助你去思考，探索六種極具挑戰性和實用的步驟，去重新發現身為教會會友的權利和喜樂。最終，對於每個步驟，我們的禱告是更新對教會的委身與投入，這帶來教會的改變。

18/9	與基督的身體相連	以弗所書 2:1-22
25/9	有作為的會友	歌林多前書 12-13
2/10	保守合一的會友	以弗所書 4:1-3; 歌羅西書 3:12-14; 羅馬書 1:29-31; 馬太福音 6:14-15
9/10	虛己謙卑	馬可福音 9:35; 腓立比書 2:5-11
16/10	守望我們的領袖	提摩太前書 3:1-13
23/10	帶領全家效法基督	以弗所書 5-6

遇見耶穌, 效法耶穌

常日主題： 門徒日常面對的問題

如果我們深入去看耶穌和眾人的交往，諸如尼哥底母，或者井旁的外邦婦人和祂自己的朋友馬利亞和馬大，我們學習到耶穌如何解釋祂是誰和祂的使命是甚麼。他們透過遇見耶穌，生命完全改變了…。當我們每天和耶穌相遇，我們的生命又如何呢？祂的真理又如何影響我們呢？當我們每天努力效法基督，與別人分享我們的生命時，我們可以從耶穌和眾人交往當中有甚麼學習呢？

30/10	耶穌與婚禮筵席	約翰福音 2:1-11
6/11	耶穌與尼哥底母	約翰福音 3:1-21
13/11	耶穌與井邊的婦人	約翰福音 4:1-28
20/11	耶穌與兩姊妹	約翰福音 11:17-45

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OUT OF THE SERMON SERIES?

The word of God is powerful and has the ability to change lives. We are called to let the “words of Christ” dwell richly among us (Colossians 3:16) and believers have the responsibility to encourage one another with God’s words (1 Thessalonians 4:18). Paul believed that the word of God is so important that he instructed Timothy to preach the word (2 Timothy 4:2). We all can see the importance of preaching in the church community but too often the word of God is seen as the responsibility of the preacher and there is a disconnection between the preaching slot and the rest of the service. It is rare to find Song Worship Leaders, Service Leaders or Chairperson and Preachers working together to integrate the whole service to bring out the message of the word of God. Can you imagine how powerful and creative it will be when all the elements of a service point to the same direction, each complimenting and reinforcing the key message so that the service points to transformation rather than confusion?

If we desire to integrate all the elements of a worship service to bring out the message then all those involved with the service will need to work together in advance and prepare for it. Obviously this does not mean we become rigid and “stick to the plan” regardless of what the Holy Spirit might want to do. What this means is that all those who are involved in a worship service should pursue and grow to be intentional in shaping a worship service and allow the Holy Spirit to work among them in their preparation.

What we will discuss now are a few useful tips that can help you make the most out of the sermon series and take the message beyond the preaching slot and even the Sunday service!

1. SERMON SERIES RESOURCES

In order to prepare and equip those who are involved with our Sunday services, we have been releasing resources for each mini-sermon series to service team members. These resources are designed to offer insight and advice on the hermeneutical approach and theological perspectives of each sermon within a series, suggested reading, videos, Sermon PowerPoint in Chinese and English, worship service ideas and follow up activities for small groups.

If you are already part of the Sunday service team then you should already have been receiving these regular resources via email. If you haven’t but would like to be added on to the circulation list, then please [click here](#)

or visit this link: <http://goo.gl/hUkkbu>

Audience	Preachers, Song Worship Leaders, Service Leaders, Small Group and Fellowship Leaders
Release Dates	3 weeks before the beginning of each new series
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● An overview of each new series with its aims and objectives● Insight and advice on the hermeneutical approach and theological perspectives of each sermon within a series● Suggested reading and teaching videos● Series PowerPoint in Chinese and English● Worship service ideas including song choices, prayer ideas and other interactive ideas on a corporate and individual level during the service● Activities and followup for mid week small groups● Informal talkshow-style video giving a brief overview of the main content and a run through what a particular worship service could look like in a new sermon series

2. CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE PLANNING MEETINGS

If you are a speaker or a song worship leader would like to see all the elements of a service point to the same direction, each complimenting and reinforcing the key message so that the service points to transformation rather than confusion then I would encourage you to work with those who are on the Sunday Service Team to plan and prepare for your Sunday services! I would strongly advice you to do so if you want to take the guess work out of planning a service.

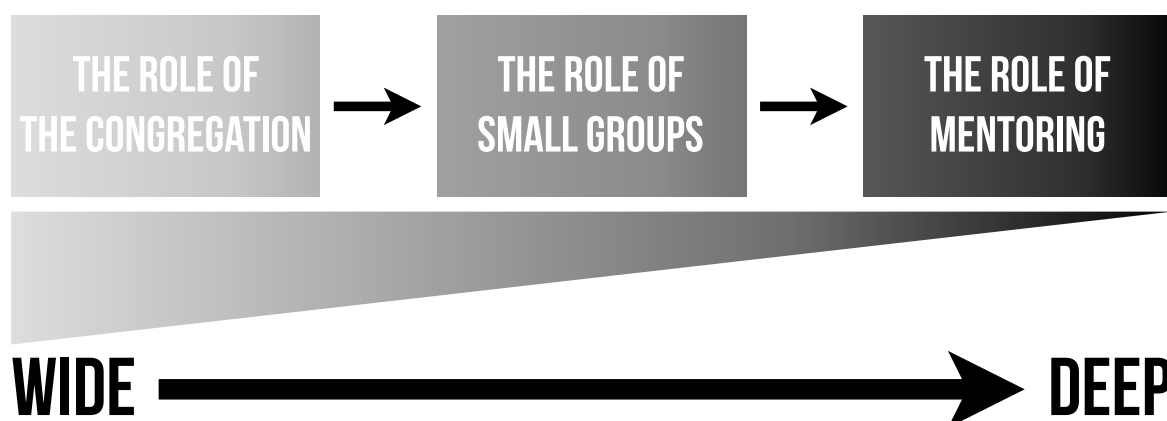
Speak to your Pastor or Pastoral Worker of your congregation to help your team to plan and prepare together!

Responsibility	Congregational Pastoral Staff
Team	Preachers, Song Worship Leaders, Service Leaders
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To discuss, plan and creatively design each worship service with the worship service team in order to effectively bring out the message of each sermon series • To ensure continuity between the sermons within a sermon series • To foster a collaborative approach between all parties of the worship service team and to prevent a fragmented approach to our worship services.
Frequency	At least ONE meeting 2 to 3 weeks before the start of each new sermon series
Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-1.5 hours • Whatever day that can have the most people from the worship service team to join • Maybe a Saturday or Sunday after the church service
Format	Informal and interactive small group discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss and understand the aims and objective of each new sermon series • Discuss and understand how to bring out the best of the message in relation to the context of the congregation • Creatively plan at least ONE service together using one of the sermons in a new sermon series

3. GO BEYOND SUNDAY: THINKING WIDE AND DEEP

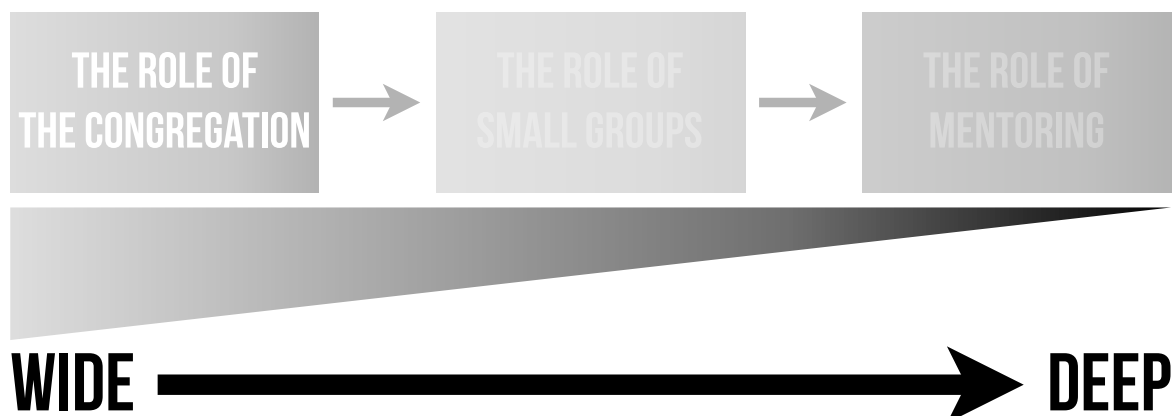
If we want to see our members live our their faith and apply our Sunday's teaching beyond the four walls of the church building, then we must provide environments that move **from the wide to the deep** to help people see and respond to God, believers and neighbours in increasing depths of commitment and maturity. Strategically we need our disciple-making process to move people out from the congregation (wide) into small groups (middle) and into mentoring relationships (deep).

DISCIPLE-MAKING PROCESS



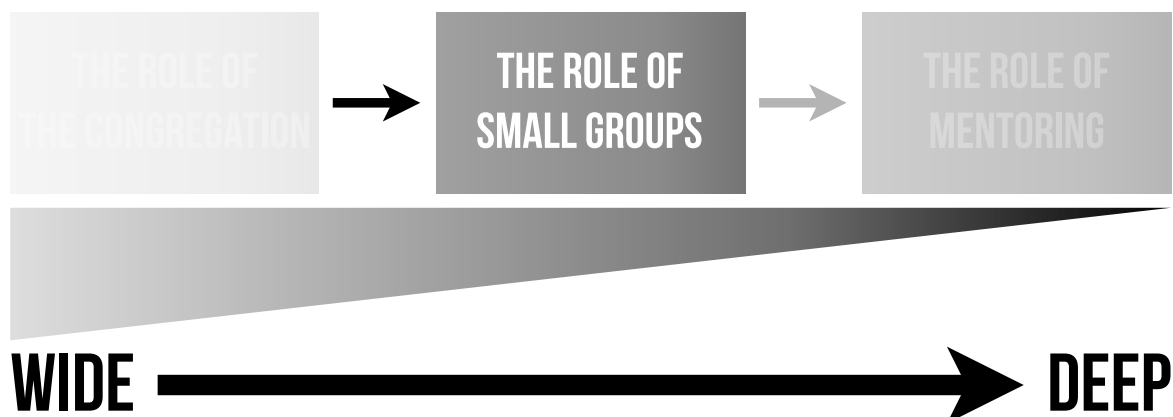
THE ROLE OF THE CONGREGATION

What we have on Sundays are entry-level, large-sized environments designed to change people's mind about God, believers and neighbours as a church body. Typically this involves song worship, preaching, prayer, sharing and communion.



THE ROLE OF SMALL GROUPS

To move life change of our members beyond the four walls of a church building, we need to create small group environments that can nurture meaningful relationships in an authentic, intentional, relational and life-changing community for the purpose of producing disciples that imitate Jesus.



One way to connect what happens on a Sunday with what happens in a small group is to follow up with the Sunday teaching in the small group setting. Some congregations and small groups are already doing so by using what is called a **Go Deeper study sheet** that helps our members to go deeper with the message during the week, apply what God is saying in their lives and discuss it with their small group members when they meet up.

The content of the sheet should be prepared by the speaker and normally follows this format:

1. A brief summary of your sermon - no more than 3 lines.
2. 3-4 bible study questions to go deeper into the passage
3. 3-4 practical action steps that people can take
4. 3-4 prayer items relating to your sermon

Take a look at the following Go Deeper sheets to get a better idea of what it looks like:

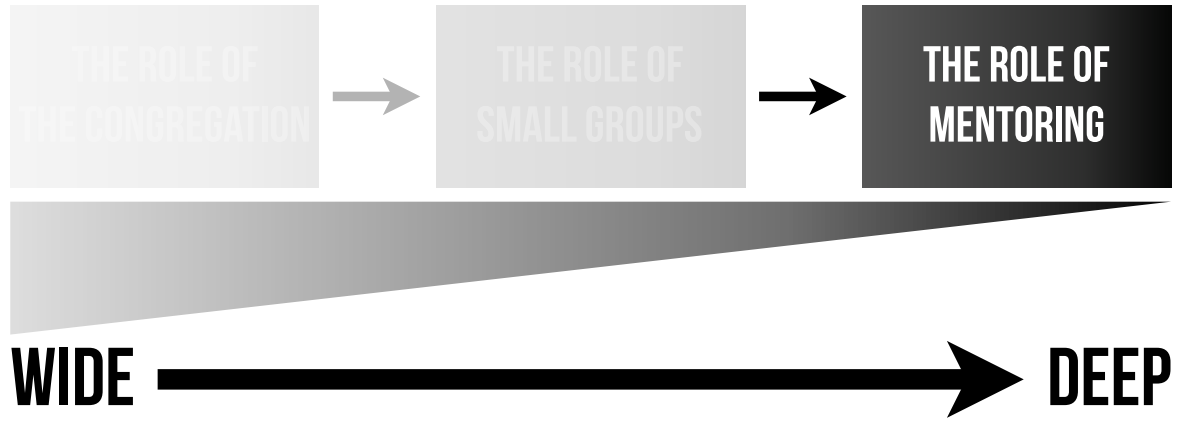
[2015-10-11 DCG Go Deeper | Legacy | Jesus Passes the Baton to the Disciples](#)

[2015-09-13 DCG Go Deeper | Legacy | Generation to Generation](#)

[2015-08-30 DCG Go Deeper | You Become What You Worship | Hidden Idols - Consumerism](#)

THE ROLE OF MENTORING

If we desire to take the shepherding and discipleship of our members to a deeper and more intentional level, we will need mentoring relationships that are intimate and in small-sized environments designed to provide deeper development, supervision, accountability and character formation of individuals. This kind of intentional and relational mentoring allows us to take our sermon messages even further since the development of a disciple will be aided by a mentor who provides modelling, delegation, supervision, evaluation, celebration and reproduction.



CREDITS

Ephesians 2:8-10

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

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