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## Worship Schedule

### SUNDAY

9.30 am  
Worship  
(English)

11.15am  
Bible Class  
(English)

3.45pm  
Bible Class  
(Mandarin)

5.00pm  
Worship  
(Mandarin)

7.00pm  
Worship  
(English)

### THURSDAY

7.45pm  
Bible Class  
(English/Mandarin)

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### **Elders**

Bro Jimmy Lau  
Bro Lee Tian Seng  
Bro Michael Yeo

### **Deacons**

Bro Benjamin Tan  
Bro Jerry Cheong

### **Preachers**

Bro Alvin Lin  
Bro Ernest Lau

### **Administrator**

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## CHURCH OF CHRIST PRESENTS



# DO I NEED GOD?

Speaker: Ernest Lau

27 January 2019, Sunday | 9.30am |

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# *Sermon outline*

## **STANDING IN THE GAP TO WIN SOULS**

*Sermon outline by bro Alvin Lin*

**Text: Mat 9:35-38**

### **I. CONDITION OF THE LOST.**

#### **A. Physically.**

1. Jesus was “healing every sickness and every disease among the people”, while “preaching the gospel of the kingdom” (Mat 9:35).
2. There are some in the world today who are physically struggling.
3. Will we show them the love of God (Mat 5:16)?

#### **B. Spiritually.**

1. Jesus saw the multitudes as “sheep having no shepherd”, that are “fainted” and “scattered abroad” (Mat 9:36).
2. There are some in the world today who are spiritually confused.
3. Will we lead them to the good shepherd (2Co 4:5)?

#### **C. Mentally.**

1. Jesus observed that “the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few” (Mat 9:37).
2. There are some in the world today who are mentally receptive.
3. Will we sow in them the seed of the gospel (Joh 4:35)?



## **II. COMPASSION OF OUR LORD.**

### **A. Responsive.**

1. Jesus' compassion moved Him to go (Mat 9:35).
2. There are some who are compassionate, but will not go.
3. Will our compassion move us to "go" (Mat 21:30)?

### **B. Extensive.**

1. Jesus' compassion moved Him to go to "all the cities and villages" and heal "every sickness and every disease" (Mat 9:35).
2. There are some who are compassionate that will go, but only to select few.
3. Will our compassion move us to go "to every creature" (Mar 16:15)?

### **C. Attentive.**

1. Jesus' compassion moved Him to go even when He was resting and eating (Mar 6:30-34).
2. There are some who are compassionate that will go to everyone, but only when it is convenient.
3. Will our compassion move us to go "in season, out of season" (2Ti 4:2)?

## **III. CALL FOR LABOURERS.**

### **A. Pray (Mat 9:38).**

1. Jesus asked His disciples to pray to God (Mat 9:37-38).
2. We need to pray to God because He is working with us (2Co 6:1).
3. Will we pray for labourers (2Th 3:1-2)?

### **B. Send (Mat 9:38).**

1. Jesus asked His disciples to request for more labourers to be sent (Mat 9:38).
2. We need more labourers so that those who are willing to be taught can be reached by those who are willing to teach (Mat 7:7-8).
3. Will we send labourers (Rom 10:14-15)?

### **C. Go (Mat 10:5).**

1. Jesus asked His disciples to be labourers (Mat 10:5).
2. We need to be labourers because the more labourers there are, the greater the harvest (2Co 9:6).
3. Will we be labourers (1Co 9:16-17)?



## *Preacher's exhortation*

### **“RESPECTABLE” SINS**

*by bro Alvin Lin*

In John 8, a woman caught in adultery was brought before Jesus for judgment. When Jesus said to them, “He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her”, the scribes and Pharisees were convicted by their conscience and departed one by one. They too were guilty of sins in their lives, the most obvious being the sin of partiality, for they had caught the woman in adultery in the very act, but where was the man? What prompted this case of “the pot calling the kettle black”? Perhaps they saw themselves as being more respectable than the sinful woman (c.f. Luk 18:11-12). Or perhaps they saw their sins as being more respectable than the woman’s sin (c.f. Mat 23:27-28). The problem with sin is that it is deceitful and we can become desensitised to the extent of becoming accepting or even respecting it (Heb 3:13), the more people that are involved in the same sin (Mat 7:13), and the longer the sin stays undetected or unchecked (Ecc 8:11). In this article, we shall examine some sins that Christians are susceptible to and tolerate, which are often coated with a veneer of respectability.

#### **Selfishness**

Selfishness is a sin that hinders us from loving others (2Ti 3:2-4), and causes us to be hated (Pro 11:26). Yet, selfishness is sometimes tolerated or even respected by Christians under the guise of being prudent. Some justify their selfishness in helping others as “saving for a rainy day”, yet they are ever so willing to splurge on expensive tastes and luxurious holidays. We read of the example of the selfishness of Nabal disguised as prudence (1Sa 25:11), but he was referred to as a scoundrel and a fool (1Sa 25:17,25). Instead of giving respect to the sin of selfishness and finding excuses,

we need to overcome this sin by loving others as ourselves (Gal 5:13-14). Are we guilty of the sin of selfishness – do we love in word, or do we love in deed (1Jo 3:18)?

### **Covetousness**

Covetousness is a sin that hinders us from loving God (1Jo 2:15), and causes us to lose our heavenly inheritance (Eph 5:5). Yet, covetousness is sometimes tolerated or even respected by Christians under the guise of being driven. Some justify their covetousness in hankering after materialistic wants as “providing a better life for the family”, yet they do not have the same drive in providing a better spiritual environment for the family. We read of the example of the covetousness of the rich fool disguised as drive (Luk 12:18-19), but he was referred to as a fool (Luk 12:20). Instead of giving respect to the sin of covetousness and finding excuses, we need to overcome this sin by being content with what we have been so richly blessed with (Heb 13:5). Are we guilty of the sin of covetousness – do we serve God, or do we serve riches (Luk 16:13)?

### **Laziness**

Laziness is a sin that hinders us from being good stewards of the talents that God has given to us (1Pe 4:10), and causes us to suffer want (Pro 19:15). Yet, laziness is sometimes tolerated or even respected by Christians under the guise of being humble. Some justify their laziness in serving God with the excuse that “others can do a better job than me”. We read of the example of the laziness of the one-talent man disguised as humility (Mat 25:24-25), but he was referred to as wicked, lazy, and unprofitable (Mat 25:26,30). Instead of giving respect to the sin of laziness and finding excuses, we need to overcome this sin by appreciating how much God has done for us in contrast to the little that we have done for Him (1Co 15:9-10). Are we guilty of the sin of laziness – do we talk big, or do we walk the talk (Pro 14:23)?

### **Stubbornness**

Stubbornness is a sin that hinders us from submitting to authority (2Pe 2:10), and causes us to repeat our mistakes (Pro 26:11-12). Yet, stubbornness is sometimes tolerated or even respected by Christians under the guise of being independent. Some justify their stubbornness in submitting to authority with the excuse that “my character is like that”. We read of the example of the stubbornness of Saul disguised as independence (1Sa 13:12), but his persistent stubbornness was referred to as rebellion, iniquity, and idolatry (1Sa 15:23). Instead of giving respect to the sin of stubbornness

and finding excuses, we need to overcome this sin by being humble and willing to submit (1Pe 5:5). Are we guilty of the sin of stubbornness – do we seek to please ourselves, or do we seek to please others (Rom 15:1-2)?

“Respectable” sins are like cancer, silent killers with subtle signs that are often overlooked and ignored until it is too late, leading to our destruction (Jas 1:14-15). James warns us that any sin will make us transgressors of God’s law, no matter what how man may label it (Jas 2:10-11). Just as we go for routine check-ups to guard against diseases, let us examine ourselves regularly (2Co 13:5), and remove these sins before they take root in our lives and defile us (Heb 12:15).



#### **Business Meeting**

Date: 20 Jan, Sun (TODAY)

Time: 12.15pm

*All members above 21 are required to attend this meeting.*

**All bible class teachers, please end your classes at 12.10pm.**

#### **Collection of angbao for our Mission Workers**

We appreciate our mission workers – **bro Bob Xiang (China), bro George Zhang (China), bro John Yo (Taiwan), bro Wang (Taiwan), bro Glen Tattersall (Australia), bro Hai (Vietnam) & bro Lamhot (Indonesia)**. Boxes will be made available for you at the pulpit area till **27 Jan** to give angbaos to show your appreciation to them during this festive season.

#### **Travels (Pray for travelling mercies)**

**Bro Isaac & sis Wenyu** in Dubai from today till 27 Jan

#### **Guests last week**

1. Sis Ai Luan & sis Eunice Tan (*Ipoh COC, Malaysia*)
2. Bro David Lee (*Jurong COC, Singapore*)
3. Jason Lam (*sis Sarah's husband*)
4. Joycelin Tok (*bro Gideon's friend*)
5. Shalen (*sis Seow Hui's helper*)
6. Lay Lay (*sis Lydia's helper*)
7. Adriel Yeo (*sis Julia's nephew*)
8. Kelvin Kuan (*sis Eunice's friend*)
9. Tong Lee Lee



## UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!



### Chinese New Year Activity

Date: 17 Feb, Sun

Time: 1.30pm – 3pm

**Highlights: Singing Performances & Games**

Please bring along 2 mandarin oranges for games.

***Lunch option: Please make payment of \$4 for bento lunch to Ser Ern by 27 Jan***

Come join us in this festive season!

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

HOMEMADE  
GLUTINUS RICE

23 FEB | SAT | 2.30PM - 5PM |  
SIS KIM TIAN'S HOUSE



**Thursday Bible Class**  
**"The Calling of Jesus'**  
**Disciples" (John 1:35-51)**  
*by bro Alvin Lin*

**Next Sunday Worship**  
**Do I Need God?**  
*by bro Ernest Lau*

**Birthday of the week**  
 20 Jan (Sun) –  
 Guek Hoon & Ernest  
 21 Jan (Mon) – Deborah  
 22 Jan (Tue) – Gracie  
 24 Jan (Thu) - Candice  
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 prayer requests to  
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# PRAYER REQUESTS

## Overseas:

- **Bro Long Jun** in China
- **Bro Kenneth Liong and sis Iris** in San Francisco
- **Bro Jonathan & sis Joan, sis Farah** in UK
- **Sis Shuan Kwee** in Hong Kong
- **Bro Kevin** in New York for studies
- **Bro Siang Yee** in UK for studies

## Health

- **Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's & sis Molly's** health
- **Sis Shermin's grandmother's** health
- **Bro Wei Xiang** from his fractured arm
- **Sis Candice** from her neck pain, injuries to her elbow & leg

## Pregnancy

- Sis Christine (Apr'19), sis Mae (May'19), sis Deborah (Aug'19)

## NSF

- Bro Wei Jie, bro Benedict, bro Titus, bro Shawn

## MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		20-Jan-19	27-Jan-19	3-Feb-19
Song Leader		Joel Lee	Amos Yang	Benjamin Kwan
Opening Prayer Leader		Kenneth Quek	Jerry Cheong	Michael Yeo
Preacher		Alvin Lin	Ernest Lau	Kwan Tai Choom
Lord's Supper Text		Mat 26:26-29	Isa 53:4-9	Php 2:5-11
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Titus Goh	Axel Chee	Gavin Cheah
	Prayer: Bread	Cornelius Lee	Wong Sek Hoong	Andy Lin
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Alvin Chan	Danny Poo	Lau Jeng Sang
	Prayer: Offering	Benjamin Tan	Martyn Gostelow	Reuben Lim
	Assistant	Leonard Chia	Jose Cardoza	Alvin Foo
Foundation Class		Yew Tian Geng	David Sum	Ng Chee Beng
Announcer		Jimmy Lau	Alvin Lin	Charlie Teo
Greeters		Grace Ler Sharyl Lau	Constance Lau Lim Poh Im	Eunice Chua Ludina Carrido
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Jeshua Lin	Ernest Lau	Benedict Yo
Speaker		Timothy Ng	Benjamin Kwan	Ernest Lau
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Jerry Cheong	Martyn Gostelow	Lim Poh Teng
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			24-Jan-19 Benjamin Kwan	31-Jan-19 Jimmy Lau
Opening Prayer Leader			Lee Tian Seng	Peter Kwan
Teacher			Alvin Lin	Ernest Lau
Closing Prayer Leader			Marc Wee	Nicodemus Oey