

MINISTRY GUIDE

7 and 8 May 2022

To all who are weary, struggling and burdened, we welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ.

Service Leader: Oliver Chia,

Gerald Chua

Welcome

Call to Worship Psalm 127:1-2

In our trials and crises, how is God

Preacher: Eugene Low

graciously calling us to Himself?

Prayer/Songs <u>May The Peoples Praise You</u>

(Praise & Adoration) How Firm a Foundation

Prayer (Confession)

Song (Thanksgiving) <u>It Is Well With My Soul</u>

Offering

Speaking the Question 19: Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God's

favour?

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading Genesis 28:10-22

Sermon From Crisis to Commitment

Song of Response <u>Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus</u>

Benediction

WELCOME

If you are new with us, we'd love to get to know you.

Connect with us by filling up this form at gracebaptistchurch.sg/welcome or through this QR code.



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We have a Sunday School for children aged 3-12 years, from 9.30 am to 10.30 am. If you have questions, or if it is your first time here, please visit the welcome table outside the sanctuary.

Please register your children and collect their lanyards before going to class. For children aged 3-6 years, parents please drop your children off at their classroom on Level 3 (Room 310). For children aged 7-12 years, teachers will be in the foyer to bring the children to their classrooms at the Attic. Parents can pick their children up from their classrooms after the service.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Topic: God is gracious despite man's sin and unbelief

8 May (Sun)

In-person

Our children's programme is for children aged 3-12 years. Today, they will be reading Genesis 28, where they will see how God reaches out to show His people grace and faithfulness, even when they are faithless.

NURSERY

Room 503

The nursery is now available for babies to 3 year-old. Feel free to contact Siew Ting (siewting@gracebaptistchurch.sg) if you have any questions!

EQUIP

10 Apr (Tues) 8-9.10pm Zoom This week, let us come together to study "The Doctrine of Salvation Accomplished".

We also encourage participants to meet one-to-one to press out the applications in both our personal and church community life. If you are interested, sign up here: gracebaptistchurch.sg/letscontinue.

Link: http://gracebaptistchurch.sg/equip-core

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WOMEN OF GRACE

14 May (Sat) 9.30am-12.30pm Room 310 If you've not already signed up, this is your last week to do so! The schedule and details can be found in the registration link: gracebaptistchurch.sg/womenofgrace. We're looking forward to meeting you.

CHURCH PICNIC

16 May (Mon)8.30-11.30amFort Canning Park

All are invited to this church picnic at Fort Canning Park (open area next to Old Married Soldiers' Quarter and behind the Fort Canning Centre). This will be a good opportunity for us to interact as a church and to get to know one another better.

No registration is required! Come anytime between 8.30 to 11.30 am and the programme will be free and easy. Do bring your own food and drinks, picnic mats, games, and sport equipment. Further details on access and parking can be found here. See you there!

MAY MEAL FELLOWSHIP

28 or 29 May

We invite you to join others from GBC for our May Meal Fellowship after service on 28 and 29 May. We'll be gathering in homes around Singapore like some of us did for the Easter Meal Fellowship! Romans 12:13 calls us to show hospitality to one another and extend a hand to the stranger, and we can do this either by being a guest or being a host around the table. Families, couples and individuals are all welcome to participate! Hope to see you. For information. contact Sarah Zimmerman GBCtables@gmail.com.

To participate, sign up at gracebaptistchurch.sg/mealfellowship.

PARENTS' DAY GATHERING

29 May (Sun) 11.15am, followed by luncheon Our Chinese Congregation will be holding a Parents' Day Gathering. It will firstly be a service at GBC followed by a luncheon at Ban Heng at Orchid Country Club. The cost of the lunch will be \$50 per pax. Transport will be provided to Orchid Country Club.

The entire service will be conducted in Mandarin. This is a good opportunity to bring parents, grandparents etc to hear the gospel and to meet other Christians.

If interested, contact sister Jing Yu (90188508) to register.

APPRECIATION NOTE FROM SIANG KIANG

On behalf of Mrs P's family who are overseas, I would like to thank the leaders and members of GBC for the various expressions of love shown at our recent bereavement. Thank you leaders for extending the use of the church, particularly the sanctuary for the wake. I also thank so many members of the church who came forward to render your unreserved services from hospitality,

to parking attendance, ushering, AV and sound, flower decoration, cleaning; etc. Thank you for honouring her, and 5 years ago, Dr P, for their unwavering love and services in our midst. May I exhort us to continue to love the Lord, teach His Word and love His people as taught and exemplified by our forefathers.

APPRECIATION

Wendy, Martin and their family would like to thank the pastoral staff and church members for their encouragement during their recent bereavement. They would like to convey their deep appreciation to all who turned up at the wake to offer support during their period of grief.

More info on events can be found at https://english.gracebaptistchurch.sg/calendar- or sign up for weekly updates via Grace enews at www.tinyurl.com/gbcenews.

SERVE

INTERESTED IN NEW CARE GROUPS

Calling for members interested to study the Bible in committed small groups in the following areas:

- Bukit Panjang
- Queenstown
- Marine Parade
- River Valley

Please write to <u>cg@gracebaptistchurch.sg</u> to register your interest.

GIVE

Giving is a way we worship God. You can now also give to the two funds via PayNow.

General Fund
Supports the
ministry of the
church



Missions Fund Supports the work of our missionaries



SPEAKING THE TRUTH

For 2022, we will be going through the New City Catechism in our worship services. It is our prayer that we will grow in our knowledge of the truth and unity as we speak God's truth to one another as a part of our corporate worship.

Question 19: Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God's favour?

Answer: Yes, to satisfy his justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from sin and from the punishment for sin, by a Redeemer.

PRAY

We can pray for GBC:

- 1. Christ calls us to wholeheartedly follow him. Pray for us as a church to forsake our idols, and to wholeheartedly follow Jesus Chirst as our only treasure.
- 2. This Mother's day, give thanks to God for our mothers as they have shown constant care for our families. Pray that our mothers will know the joy of God's encouraging presence and that they will model faithfulness to Jesus Christ.

3. Pray for Samuel Ho, our ministry apprentice, for God to grow and equip him both in godliness, character and ministry competence.

As we <u>heard at prayer meeting</u>, we can pray for the guest workers in our midst:

- 1. Pray for God's provision and care for our guest workers as they face many living/working challenges.
- 2. Pray for churches to come alongside to care for the "strangers" and "sojourners" in our midst. Pray for our outreach and opportunities to share the love and gospel of Jesus Christ.

We can pray for the world, especially China:

- 1. Thank God for the growth of so many new evangelical churches across the country.
- 2. Pray for the efforts of churches to raise up leaders-theological training programs for pastors. Pray that churches would develop healthy communities characterised by grace and truth.
- 3. Pray for wisdom for pastors as they respond to COVID-related lockdowns and restrictions. Pray that the government would honour the needs of citizens and not harm them in their COVID response.

If you have any prayer needs, please drop the pastoral staff a note via <u>gracebaptistchurch.sg/pastoralprayer</u> or through this QR code.



From Crisis to Commitment Genesis 28:10-22

Scripture Passage

Taken from the ESV

[10] Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. [11] And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. [12] And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! [13] And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. [14] Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. [15] Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." [16] Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." [17] And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

[18] So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. [19] He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. [20] Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, [21] so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, [22] and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you."

Sermon Outline

- 1. Crisis (vv. 10-11)
- 2. Call (vv. 12-15)
- 3. Commitment (vv. 16-22)

Reflect and Respond

- 1. In our trials and crises, how is God graciously calling us to Himself?
- 2. How might God help us to grow in our humility, worship, and devotion to Christ?

Next week's sermon: Trust God's Process (Genesis 29:1-30)

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