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COMMUNITY CHURCH

September 8, 2024

LIVING HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 AM | 9:30AM | 11:30AM

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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben Tabbal

SONGS OF PRAISE

Joseph Rou

SCRIPTURE READING

Cathy Rhee Kim

MESSAGE

Real Conversations, Part 1

Real Conversation on Identity

“Imago Dei”

Selected Texts

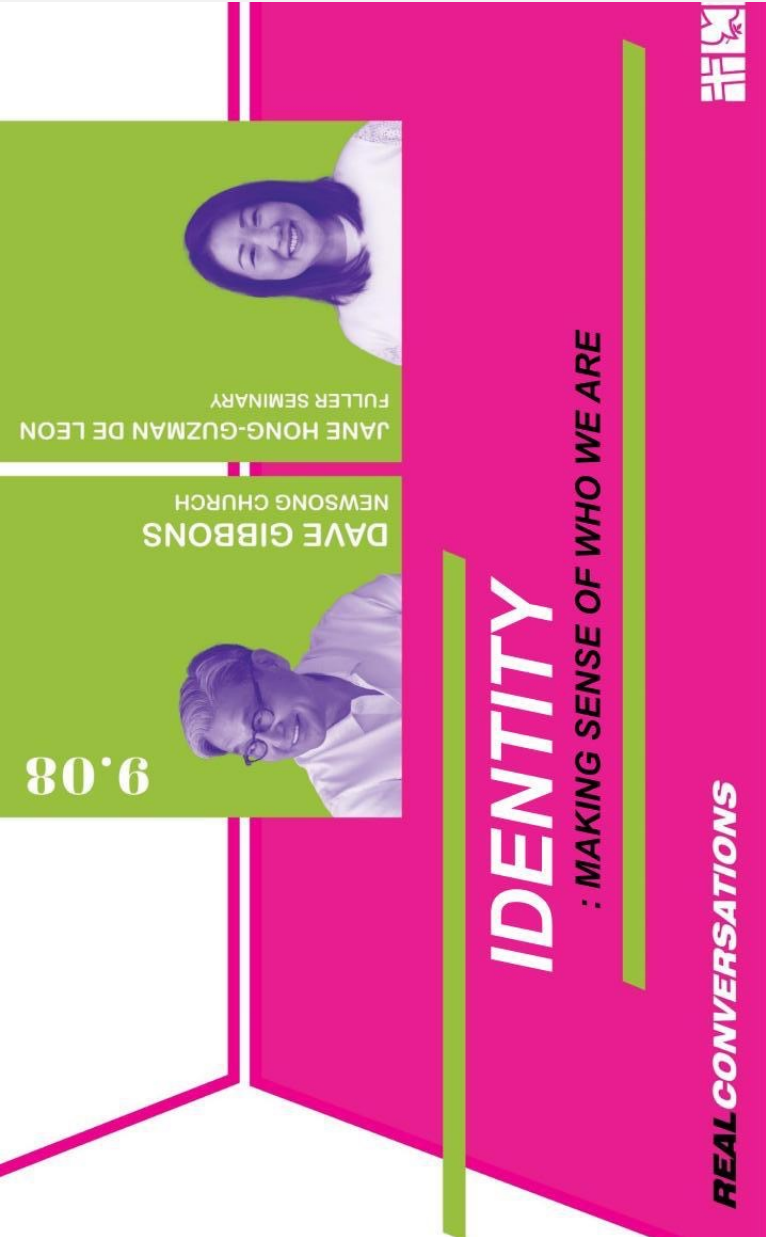
Dave Gibbons

Testimony: Jane Hong-Guzman de Leon

SONGS OF REFLECTION AND OFFERING

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor James Lee



MONTHLY PRAYER MEETINGS
EVERY 4TH SUNDAY
8:30 AM, 11 AM

SIGN-UP TODAY

Starts September 22
1:00 pm. Chapel 1



8:30 AM in the Teaching Room (Second Floor)
11 AM in the Main Sanctuary (First Floor, by the stairs)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Real Conversation on Identity | Today

We are excited to kick off the annual REAL CONVERSATIONS sermon series this Sunday, Sep 8. The topic of the day is IDENTITY: MAKING SENSE OF WHO WE ARE. We are fortunate to have two expert guest speakers in Pastor Dave Gibbons of Newsong Church (sermon) and Jane Hong Guzman De Leon of Fuller Seminary (testimony). We will also have Pastor Dave's new book *The Shape of My Eyes: A Memoir of Race, Faith, and Finding Myself* for sale on our site. Please join us at 8am, 930am, 1130am, or online! [REAL CONVERSATIONS PAGE](#)

2. Neighbor's Pantry | Sep 14

Every second Saturday of the month, our church hosts a no-cost food pantry for anyone in our area. Neighbor's Pantry is an opportunity for us as a church family to share the love of Christ with our neighbors. If you're looking to get involved or have any questions, please contact Pastor Albert Kae (albert.kae@livinghopecc.org)

3. First Cell Fall Season | Sep 22

Exciting news! First Cell sign-ups are now officially open, offering a wonderful opportunity to connect with others and deepen your relationship with God and His Word. First Cell Groups will start on September 22. Don't miss the First Cell Open House on September 8, immediately after each service in Chapel 1, where you can learn more and get all your questions answered. [FIRST CELL SIGN UPS](#)

4. Monthly Prayer Meeting | Sep 22

We are hosting monthly prayer opportunities during this time of transition: every 4th Sunday of the Month at 8:30 AM in the teaching room (second floor) and 11 AM in the main sanctuary (first floor, by the stairs). These meetings are in addition to the monthly Prayer Chapel (first Tuesday nights). Please come gather to pray for the next chapter of Living Hope!

5. An Invitation To His Presence | Sep 28

When we are feeling worn out, exhausted and overwhelmed, there is an invitation from the Lord to sit with Him in whatever season we may be in. Please join us to refresh and nurture our souls with the community of women at Living Hope during this season of our lives. [REGISTER HERE](#)



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OCT. 12, NOV. 9, DEC. 14**



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SERMON NOTES

Real Conversations, Part 1

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Genesis 1:27 (ESV)

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Imago Dei is about the unique characteristics of God and his power.

1. FREEDOM

Genesis 1:28) Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.”

2. GENEROSITY

Genesis 12:1-3) The lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”

3. FLOW

John 5:19) So Jesus explained, “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does.

4. LOVE

John 4:39-42) Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, “He told me everything I ever did!” 40 When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days, long enough for many more to hear his message and believe. Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Savior of the world.”

LHCC WOMEN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS

An Invitation to His Presence

Women's Seminar
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH 10AM - 2:30PM
\$15.00 PER PERSON

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Cell Group Discussion Questions

Open: If we really knew you what should we know about you?

Digging Deeper: Dave shared the following Scriptures read each passage one at a time and then share your thoughts.

Read: Genesis 1:27

Share: Why is this not referring to God's physical form?

What characteristics of God's identity do you feel most connected to and why?

FREEDOM

Read Genesis 1:28

Share what this verse means and then how this mandate from Genesis 1 of freedom and abundance can change your life vs a scarcity mindset?

What is the difference between the way God discusses ruling the earth vs typical human understanding?

BLESS

Read Genesis 12:1-3

What is the Abrahamic Covenant?

How can you apply the Abrahamic Covenant to your life?

Blessing has this idea of seeing, knowing, affirming and giving like a parent would bless their children. How do you feel seen, known, affirmed and given to by God?

How are you blessing others in your life? Give an example.

FLOWING

Dig into John 5:19

Jesus only did what He saw the Father doing. How is this different than the philosophy of "making things happen"?

What do you see the Father doing in your life that you feel you need to respond to? Give a real life example of you responding to God vs taking the initiative before God.

LOVING

John 4:39-42

After reading this passage what was unique to how Jesus entered into a conversation with the Samaritan woman? Why do you think Jesus went to a Samaritan woman in particular?

What was the reason the village came running to Jesus?

APPLICATION

- How do you listen to God when it comes to the people you meet everyday?
- Who do you need to see, know and affirm in your life that is an outsider to you or others?
- If you were to describe your identity how would you describe who you are?
- Where you are today and who you may want to become can be discouraging. What's the barrier for you to own your own identity?
- Take the time to listen to God for each other, bless one another with encouragement, affirm the uniqueness you see in each other.