



LIVING HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

# CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET VOTE

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COMMUNITY CHURCH

January 5, 2024

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WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben Tabbal

### SONGS OF PRAISE

Evan Lee

### SCRIPTURE READING

David Park

### MESSAGE

“The Journey of Saul to Paul”

Acts 9:1-9

Cory Ishida

### SONGS OF REFLECTION AND OFFERING

### OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

Philippines Team Send Off

### CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor Ben Tabbal



**NO-COST  
FOOD PANTRY**

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**JAN. 11, FEB. 8, MAR. 8,  
APR. 12, MAY 10, JUN. 14**



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 1. Guest Speaker | Today

Pastor Cory Ishida was born in Alhambra, CA in 1947 to Nisei (second generation Japanese American) parents. He grew up in Pasadena, CA and graduated from UCLA with a degree in zoology. Pastor Cory has been married to his wife, Reine, since 1969. They have three married daughters and 13 grandchildren. Pastor Cory has served as the senior pastor of Evergreen Baptist Church of San Gabriel Valley (Evergreen SGV) for over 40 years before retiring in 2019.

### 2. Philippines Mission Sendoff | Today

Please join us this Sunday Jan 5 as we send off our Philippines short term mission team! They will be spreading the gospel to the island communities through activities and events including; children's ministry, house to house evangelism, and sports from Jan 7-20. The church will spend time praying for them and blessing their trip.

### 3. Prayer Chapel | Jan 7

Our next prayer chapel will be on Tuesday, Jan 7 at 8:30pm in Chapel 1. Please join us as we pursue being a church that depends on God for our everyday and our everything.

### 4. Neighbor's Pantry | Jan 11

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](mailto:albert.kae@livinghopecc.org)).

### 5. Congregational budget vote on January 12

Congregational Vote is scheduled for Sunday 1/12 after each service to approve the proposed 2025 budget. Details of the proposed budget will be emailed to the church.

*Living Hope Community Church*

# PRAYER CHAPEL RE-NEW

January 7 (Tue) at 830pm

@ CHAPEL 1

(in-person only)

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## SERMON NOTES

“The Journey of Saul to Paul”

Acts 9:1-9

Cory Ishida

- I. Step 1: God has us consider a concern. Act 9:1
  
- II. Step 2: God has us confront a challenge (Crisis). Acts 9:3-9.
  
- III. Step 3: God has us cultivate comprehension. Act 9:17-18.
  
- IV. Step 4: God has us commit to a choice. Act 9:20.
  
- V. Step 5: God has us change our conduct. Acts 9:21-22.
  
- VI. Step 6: God has us commit to continue. Acts 13:2,9.
  
- VII. Step 7: How to conduct yourself when your new senior pastor is called.



## Cell Group Discussion Questions

### GET-TO-KNOW

- Ice Breaker – What’s a memorable New Year’s resolution you’ve made in the past, and how did it turn out?

### FROM-THE-SERMON

Read Acts 9:1-9 Together.

#### **1. Considering a Concern:**

In Acts 9:1, Saul is deeply concerned about stopping the spread of Christianity. What does this reveal about how our concerns, even if sincere, can sometimes be misguided? Are there concerns in your life that God might be asking you to reassess this year?

#### **2. Confronting a Challenge:**

Saul’s encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:3-9) was a crisis that forced him to stop and listen to God. Have you experienced a moment when God used a challenge or crisis to get your attention or change your direction? What did you learn from it?

#### **3. Comprehending God’s Plan:**

Ananias played a pivotal role in helping Saul understand God’s plan for his life (Acts 9:17-18). Who has God used in your life to help you grow spiritually or understand His purpose? How can you encourage someone else in their faith journey?

#### **4. Committing to a Choice:**

After his transformation, Saul immediately began preaching about Jesus (Acts 9:20). What can his response teach us about taking action when we sense God calling us to something new? What is one area in your life where you feel God is calling you to take a bold step of faith?

### BEYOND-THE-SERMON

#### **1. For yourself:**

Saul’s journey from opposing Christ to following Him completely was dramatic. In what area of your life do you sense God calling you to make a change this year, whether big or small?

#### **2. As a group:**

As a Cell Group, how can we support each other in navigating the concerns, challenges, and changes we face while staying faithful to God’s purpose?