

CELL MEETING GUIDE 18 TO 24 NOVEMBER 2024

ENJOY FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

Refer to the resources page for ice breaker suggestions!

EXALT GOD IN PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Refer to the “Worship” page for song list and guitar chords.

(Pray in tongues as a cell before worship)

EDIFY ONE ANOTHER THROUGH HIS WORD

Sermon Title: Making God an Idol

Sermon Date: 17 November 2024

Reference Text: 1 Samuel 4:1-11

Speaker: Elder James Lee

SERMON RECAP

1. **Turning God into an idol** (Ex 20:4-5)
 - A. An object that represents God i.e. the golden calf statue
 - B. God does not exist to make us happy and fulfil all our dreams and desires
 - C. We turn God into an idol when we expect God to behave in a way that we want Him to and in a way that we can understand
 - D. Matt 7:21-23 is a harsh reminder of what may happen if we behave like the Israelites in 1 Sam 4:1-11
2. **Turning away from idolatry**
 - A. “I”, “Me” and “Myself” = putting ourselves first, wanting to enjoy earthly benefits, hence we turn God into an idol because of our innate selfishness
 - B. God loves us so much that He would want us to be happy and successful **VS** us dying to our carnal sinful self and God changing us from within and making us truly alive
 - C. Matt 6:33 reminds us that as we seek God’s kingdom, everything that we need in this world will be added unto us
3. **Turning towards true worship of God** (John 4:23-24)
 - A. We must start with having the right perspective of who God is
 - B. Humility is the first step that we need to take before God
 - C. Worship God in spirit and in truth – **non transactional way**

SHARING

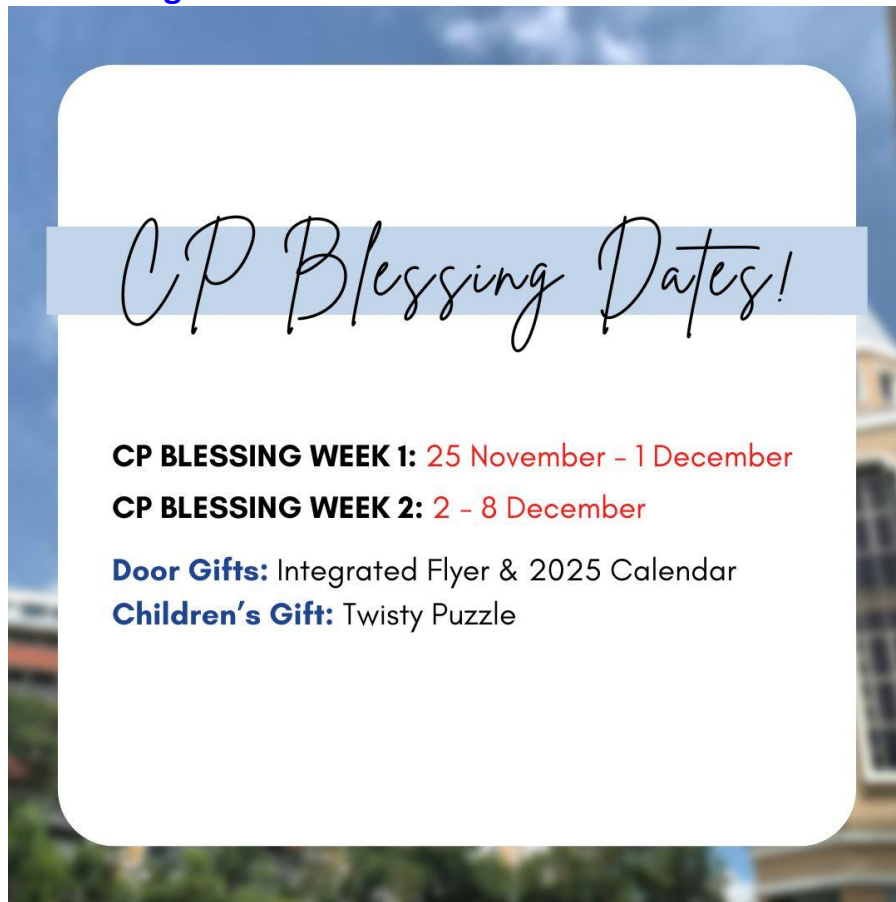
1. With reference to 1 Samuel 4: 1-11, it is important to know that while it may be right for us to turn to God, the way we go about doing it can be completely wrong. Look at how the elder of Israel called for the ark of God to be brought up to battle. What does this reveal about their perception or assumption of God?
2. The biggest idol in our hearts is ourselves. How is this true in our lives? In what ways might we, like the Israelites, misplace our faith today? What are some idols in our lives, that we rely on or seek validation on instead of the true and living God? E.g. careers, financial positions, loved ones?
3. What changes can we see when we worship God in spirit and in truth? Positive change in attitudes, lifestyle, values, life goals? Share specific examples that have changed when you choose to depend on God rather than trying to use Him.

PRAYER

1. Pray for each other to grow in understanding of God's holiness and for a greater intimacy in our walk with Him
2. Pray for the upcoming CP Blessing weeks (25 Nov to 8 Dec) - For deeper and meaningful connection with our residents & that they will come for our Dec evangelistic events

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CP Blessing Dates



Please refer to the [online bulletin](#) for more announcements.