

CELL MEETING GUIDE 23 TO 29 SEPTEMBER 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: Ready for His Return: The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins

Sermon Date: 22 September 2024

Reference Text: Matt 25:1-13

Speaker: Elder Kevin Loy

SERMON RECAP

- Parable (Reference text) was given as both an encouragement and a warning by Jesus in the light of His return.
- In looking forward to Jesus's return, we must live our lives both in faithfulness and in wisdom. We have to walk prudently and in wisdom in our wait for Him.
- Be ready to meet Him and to give an account of our lives

1. Wisdom in our context

A. Wisdom in our present context

- **Wisdom** = thoughtful, cautious character, possess sagaciousness
- We are to do the right thing, at the right time
- **Foolishness** = Heedless, godless
- Doing the wrong thing at the right time; doing right thing at the wrong time

B. Recap of parable

Foolish Virgins	Wise Virgins
- Not as prepared - Not as wise - Did not pay enough heed to masters' words	- Prepared - Paid careful attention to job at hand - Heeded voice of master

- Did not exercise prudence or foresight - Unprepared for unforeseen delays - Failed in their job description	- Exhibited prudence and far sightedness - In spite of delays had got the job done
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2. Wisdom in our waiting

A. Asking God for Wisdom

- James 1:5, Matt 7:9-10
- Seek the Lord to discern the times

B. The fear of the Lord and Reverence for His Word

- Prov 9:10, Prov 1:7
- Wise virgins took their task more seriously than the foolish virgins and had greater measure of respect and reverence for their master's words
- Pay close and serious attention to God's Word

C. Walk with the wise

- 5 wise succeeded as a group vs 5 foolish failed as a group
- Prov 13:20

3. Wisdom in the warning

A. The Master's shocking reply "I do not know you"

- Matt 25:11-12
- Rejection of the foolish virgins serve as a warning for all of us
- We must heed the master's warning on how we live (Not being careless and not being prideful in our walk with Him)
- Remember that whom Jesus loves, He chastises and warns

SHARING

1. What were the mistakes that the foolish virgins made? How does this apply in our context or a current situation you are facing today?
2. Who are the people you walk with/mix around with, who influence you in your decision making? What is it about them that appeals to you the most?
3. With a sobering reminder that we only have 1 chance before Christ returns, how ready are we for His return? What are some clear examples that show us consciously living our lives in faithfulness and in wisdom?
4. How do we instil the fear of the Lord in our hearts time and time again, so that we are not living in spiritual darkness?

PRAYER

1. Pray for ourselves that we have the fear of the Lord and a reverence for His Word.
2. Pray for a “fallen” brother or sister in Christ who have fallen away from the faith.
3. Pray that the cell will be a group of Christ-minded individuals who spur each other to live lives in faithfulness and in wisdom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Refer to online bulletin for more announcements)*

1. Journey for New Believers



2. Journey for Growing Disciples

A poster for a course titled 'Journey for Growing Disciples'. The background is a soft-focus image of a blue sky with wispy clouds and a green field. The title 'Journey' is in a large, elegant script font, with 'FOR GROWING DISCIPLES' in a bold, sans-serif font below it. The text is centered and easy to read.

Journey
FOR GROWING DISCIPLES

**BAPTISM IS SCHEDULED
FOR 15 DECEMBER 2024**

This course is compulsory for all who are
intending to get baptised.

This course will affirm your Christian beliefs and help you
walk with newness of life as a disciple in the body of Christ.

**6, 13, 20, 27 Oct
3, 10, 17, 24 Nov 2024 (8 Sundays)
9am to 10.30am • Alpha 303**
Course Material: \$8

To register email: irenetan@lsbc.org.sg
or sign up through the LSBC Website

3. Stride for Good 2024

A poster for the 'Stride for Good 2024' event. The background is a vibrant red, textured surface, possibly a running track. The title 'STRIDE FOR GOOD 2024' is in large, bold, white and yellow letters. A circular inset image shows a close-up of a person's foot in a white running shoe. The text 'LAST WEEK TO REGISTER' is in a bold, italicized font, followed by 'For Our Inaugural Walk or Jog Event!'. A small icon of a running shoe is below the text. At the bottom, a yellow banner contains the registration information. The Bcare logo is in the top left corner.

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(T-shirts while stocks last)

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