# **CELL MEETING GUIDE 15 TO 21 AUGUST 2025**

# **ENJOY FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP**

Ice breaker resources can be accessed here - <a href="https://www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/help-others-grow/leading-small-groups/small-group-icebreakers.html">https://www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/help-others-grow/leading-small-groups/small-group-icebreakers.html</a>

# **EXALT GOD IN PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

Worship videos are accessible from our LSBC YouTube channel "LSBC Livestream" (https://shorturl.at/G35oi)

# **EDIFY ONE ANOTHER THROUGH HIS WORD**

Sermon Title: Values to do good (Part 4) – Impartiality in Doing Good

Sermon Date: 14 September 2025 Reference Text: James 2:1-12

Speaker: DSP Melvin Gan

### **SERMON RECAP**

1. Tendency of humans to show favouritism (v1-4)

# A. Definition of favouritism, impartiality and discrimination

- Favouritism/Partiality: Unfair treatment of a person over another
- Impartiality: Treating or affecting all equally
- Discrimination: Prejudiced outlook and/or treatment against one another
- Important point: when scriptures state we should not show favouritism, it is instructing us not to give preferential treatment to others, nor to discriminate against others.

# **B.** Discriminatory factors

- Wealth
- Social status
- Important point: Do not let our attitude breed discriminatory actions

### C. Warning against discriminatory actions

- Bible warned against discriminatory treatment of others (Lev 19:15)
- Favouritism or discrimination (v8) violates a central law of love
- Important point: Do not show favouritism to the poor or to the rich

- 2. Example of our impartial God (v5-7)
  - A. God is impartial and perfect (Deut 10:17 and Rom 2:11)
  - B. Impartiality is not being identical
  - C. Example of Jesus doing good without partiality.

Jesus ministered to people without favouritism or partiality - Ministering to the Samaritan woman in John 4, praying for the centurion's servant in Luke 7. He did not draw a line to whom He would minister.

- 3. Call to do good without partiality (v8-12)
  - A. Call to do good (v8 and 1 Tim 5:21)
  - B. Severe warning against favouritism (v9-11)
  - C. Exercise mercy (v12)

#### **SHARING**

- 1. We have learnt about favouritism/partiality that James mentions in the passage. Why do you think James is so strong in his warning against such behaviour in the church?
- 2. What are some subtle ways favouritism can show up in our cell, church and community today? In what ways do we show favouritism towards others? What are some ways we can take to ensure that people in the cell, church and community feel equally valued?
- 3. Think of a time you may have favoured someone (or been favoured ourselves). What effect did that have on relationships?
- 4. How does knowing that God is impartial challenge the way we view people who are different from us?

#### **PRAYER**

- 1. Thank God that He shows no favouritism and that His love, grace and mercy are available to all equally.
- 2. Pray that our cell and church will be a place where all people feel welcome, valued and loved without partiality.
- 3. Pray for the Mid-Autumn Carnival with Fang Zhong Hua (concurrent children's programme) taking place on 27 Sep many pre-believers to come and be saved.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# 1. Mid-Autumn Carnival



Please refer to the online bulletin for more announcements