## **CELL MEETING GUIDE 25 TO 31 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: Trusting in the Midst of Suffering

Sermon Date: 24 August 2025 Reference Text: Job 42:1–6 Speaker: Pastor Binh Nguyen

#### **SERMON RECAP**

Pastor Binh shared that life doesn't always go as planned. Even when we love and serve God, hardships, sickness, loss, and disappointments still happen.

Job's response in Job 42:1-6 reminds us of 3 truths to hold on to in suffering:

### 1. God is still in control (Job 42:1-3)

- One of the things that Christians can do in the midst of suffering is to PAUSE. Find time to be still and know that God is still God (Ps. 46:10).
- Nothing is a surprise for our God.
- Illustration of his children in a maze From the high tower, Pastor Binh could see his children and the way out. Similarly, God sees everything, He cares for you and will direct us out.
- Will you let God take over and take control?

#### 2. God is still at work (Job 42:4-5)

• In our suffering, God reveals Himself to us even more. What was once information becomes REVELATION.

- Illustration of the durian From just "hearing about" to actually "tasting" a durian, parallels moving from knowing about God to truly experiencing Him.
- "One of the main ways we move from abstract knowledge about God to a personal encounter with Him as a living reality is through the furnace of affliction." (Timothy Keller)
- God has not forgotten us. God is still present and He's doing a beautiful work - deepening our faith and growing our character (Rom 5:3-5) in our situations.

## 3. God is still worthy (Job 42:6)

• Our circumstances do not change His worthiness. Like Job, we are called to trust, repent of pride, and keep glorifying Him.

#### **SHARING**

- 1. Have you ever thought that following God would make life easier? How have your experiences challenged or reshaped that view?
- 2. Which of the three truths (God is in control, at work, worthy) do you find hardest to believe when you're in pain? Why?
- 3. Can you recall a past struggle where you only understood what God was doing much later? What did you learn about Him?

#### **PRAYER**

- 1. Pray these 3 truths over those among us (or those we know) who are going through a difficult time.
- 2. Pray for our upcoming block blessing season:
  - Churchwide Prayerwalk (Assemble at Satellite Centre / Church)
    - Fri, 5 Sep, 8:15PM
  - CP Blessing Week 1 (8 14 Sep)
  - CP Blessing Week 2 (15 21 Sep)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# 1. Mid-Autumn Carnival



Please refer to the online bulletin for more announcements.