



Adult Department Promotion Sunday

Looking unto our Lord Jesus Christ ...

“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:2)

COVID-2019 has revolutionised the world. As in the days of Noah, God issued a 120 years warning! *“And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be **an hundred and twenty years.**”* (Gen. 6:3) The world didn't take heed to God's warning, and was destroyed by the deluge. God delivered faithful and obedient Noah and his family of eight in the ark (船). Only Noah listened to God and faithfully built the ark which saved his family and all the selected species of animals. At the end of the episode, God said, *“And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.”* (Gen. 9:11) No more flood to destroy this wicked world ... but fire!

The Apostle Peter tells us in 2 Peter 3:6-7 *“⁶ Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: ⁷ But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, **reserved unto fire** against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.”* COVID-2019 is God's warning to this wicked world that we are nearing the end. Yes, even at the very last hour of the eschatology clock! God has waited for two thousand years. Daniel's seventy weeks prophecy has completed sixty-nine weeks*:

*“²⁴ **Seventy weeks** are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. ²⁵ Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be **seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks**: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. ²⁶ And **after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off**, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. ²⁷ And he shall confirm the covenant with many for **one week**: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.”* (Daniel 9:24-27)

*Editor's Note: Each week mentioned here represents 7 years, not days.

6 April A.D. 32 when our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified (“Messiah be cut off”) marks the completion of 69th week. We are looking forward to the final one week (seven years of tribulation) to dawn. Will it be today? Or tomorrow? Next week ... next year? We know our Lord’s return is *imminent*, sooner than we can imagine. By God’s grace, He is still issuing warning like the days of Noah to this wicked world. Who will heed His warning? Are we like the Noah of old? Obedient and faithful to God? Noah had to build the ark; but we already have the Ark in Jesus Christ! When He appears, we shall all be raptured (*caught up*) according to 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17.

*“¹⁶ For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷ Then we which are alive and remain shall be **caught up** together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”* (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

The world is talking about living the “New Normal” after COVID-2019. What is the “New Normal” to Christians?

For the Christians, we are to look unto our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ constantly. The writer of Hebrews reminds us that He is the Author and Finisher of our faith. He created us, He died for us, He saved us, and He will receive us in the clouds through rapture – *“so shall we ever be with the Lord”* (1 Thess. 4:17b)! I’m looking forward to meet Him face-to-face. Are you? What does our Lord Jesus Christ expect of Christians before His imminent return? He *“is set down at the right hand of the throne of God”*, therefore, He expects us to worship Him in spirit and truth. We are to consecrate our every moment as living sacrifice (which is not quite sacrifice as He has redeemed us and saved us from eternal condemnation) in worship.

Jesus told the disciples, *“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”* (Luke 19:10) Hence, we are to follow Christ in this all-important mission to evangelise the world. We are to be His gospel witness according to Acts 1:8 *“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”* In other words, we are to *“occupy till He (I) comes”* (Luke 19:13b)! This is the “New Normal” for Christians.

Let us be resolved to stay close to God through our daily quiet time. Share the gospel with our loved ones. Bring them to our Sunday School, Fellowship groups, Neighbourhood Bible Communities, and Worship Services when the circuit breaker measures are totally released. Let us seize every opportunity to bring lost souls into His kingdom whilst there is still time.

The Apostle Paul writing to the Church of Ephesus:

*“¹⁵ See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, ¹⁶ Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Wherefore be ye not unwise, **but understanding what the will of the Lord is.**”* (Ephesians 5:15-17)

Let us learn to live in the centre of God’s will – *“but understanding what the will of the Lord is”* until Jesus Christ appears in the clouds.

May we be found faithful in the day of His imminent return. Amen.

Because He lives,
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Sunday School – Adults Department

Class	Syllabus	Venue	Teachers & Contacts
Adults #1	Gospel of Luke; Parable of Jesus	Sanctuary	Eld Ng Beng Kiong; Rev Lee Hock Chin; Eld Sherman Ong
Adults #2 (Ladies)	Studies on NT Women	Beulah House Rm 1-5	Sister Leong Sow Mun; Sister Mabel Choong
Adults #3 (Men)	The 2nd Epistle to Thessalonians	Beulah Centre Rm 4-2	Brother Lee Chee Weng; Brother Lim Seng Hoo; Brother Tan Thiam Hong; Brother Ong Beng Hong
Adults #4 (Ladies)	Jesus & His Enemies	Beulah Centre Rm 4-9	Sister Wendy Lee; Sister Koh Li Na
Adults #5 (Men)	The Epistle to Romans	Beulah Centre Rm 4-10	Eld Clement Tan Brother Alvin Chow
Adults #6 (Filipino Ladies)	The Prophets of Old	Beulah Centre Rm 2-11	Sister Foo Ai Lin
Adults #7	Exploring Christianity	Beulah Centre Rm 3-2, 3-3, 3-13, 5-2, 5-3; Church Balcony Rm#1	Brother Joshua Chia; Brother Lim Ming Yann; Brother John Lim
Adults #8 (Young Mothers)	Shepherding a Child's Heart	Church Cry Rm #1	Sister Shirleen Chee; Sister Chia Poh Yok

Adult Department Photos



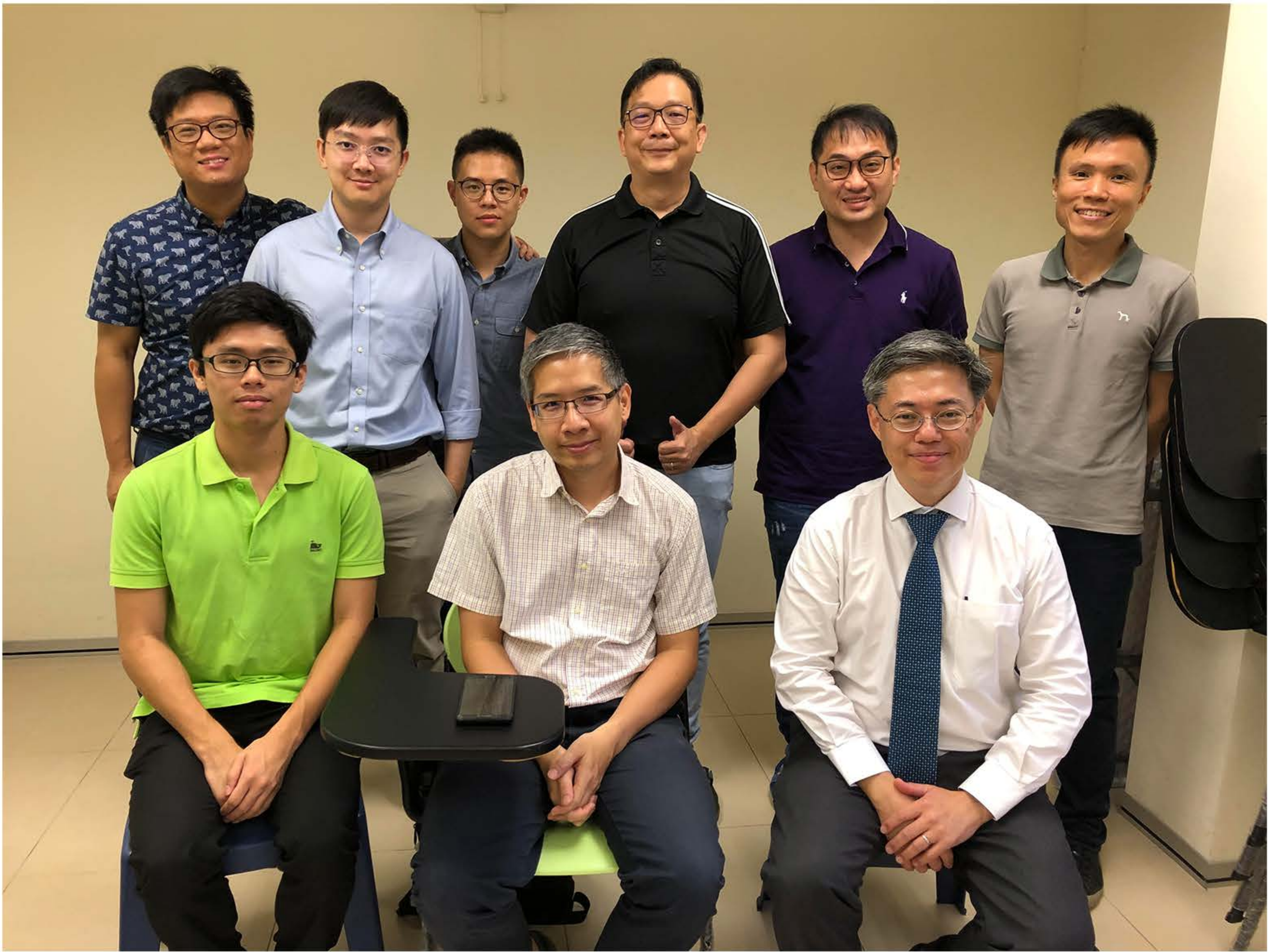
Adult #2 (Ladies)



Adult #3 (Men)



Adult #4 (Ladies)



Adults #5 (Men)



Adults #6 (Filipino Ladies)



Adults #8 (Young Mothers)