



3 December 2023

HOW DO WE INCREASE OUR FAITH?

"If only I had more faith..." Most of us may have heard this before. If only I had more faith, I would have lesser questions and doubts in life. If only I had more faith, maybe my prayers will be answered. If only I had more faith, I would be a lot more involved in the body of Christ, the church. If only I had more faith, things perhaps would have turned out better for me. If only I had more faith, I would be a better spouse, a better parent, a better person.

The disciples thought the same thing. In Luke 17:1-4, Jesus warns them about the danger of being stumbling-blocks to others and commands them to forgive the offender seven times in a day. Even today, we find this really difficult to do. Forgiveness doesn't come by easy. So, the disciples requested: "Increase our faith (Luke 17:5)." It seems like a pretty reasonable request. Surely, God can increase their faith.

The request to increase our faith, the belief that if I had more faith things would be different, however, reveals a misunderstanding of faith itself. Jesus is very clear that faith is not a matter of quantity. Jesus replies... "If you had faith like a grain of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea and it will obey you. (Luke 17:6).'" The contrast is stark. It only takes a mustard-seed sized faith to do what is seemingly impossible. Jesus is saying that you don't need more faith because faith alone is sufficient to enable you to do what is necessary.

The disciples needed to understand this. Faith primarily describes our living and breathing relationship with God. Faith, in Scripture, is a relational word. It describes our relationship with God. It is the basis of how we live, how we see ourselves in light of the gospel, and how we apply the gospel ourselves in our day-to-day lives.

Therefore, faith is not something we need more of; it is something we cultivate. The question is not how much faith we ought to have but, rather, how are we living the faith we do have.

I like what the apostle Peter says in 2 Peter 1:3-8... "His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence." So, "make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

So, how are you cultivating and increasing your faith? Are you growing your faith? Is your relationship with Jesus, transforming your life, your behaviour, or your relationships?

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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

•CHINESE CHRISTMAS SERVICE – A BIRTH OF HOPE

A Christmas outreach service will be held on 24 Dec Sunday at our 9am and 11am Chinese worship services. Seize this opportunity to invite your family and loved ones to hear the good news of the gospel preached in Chinese.

•IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME

On this side of eternity, Christmas is a promise. The Savior brings peace to those who receive him, but the story isn't finished until there is peace on earth. Every Christmas is still a 'turning of the page' until Jesus returns. Every 25 December marks another year that draws us closer to the fulfilment of the ages. May the babe of Bethlehem who gave his life on the Cross of Calvary bring you love, joy and peace from now and into eternity.

"...BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11

Date: Mon, 25 Dec 2023

Time: 11:00am – 2:00pm

Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

Admission is free. Please register for ticket.

To register for ticket, please visit this link

<https://bit.ly/45ZaCnD>.

Ticket registration closes, Sun, 17 Dec.

•CHURCH CAMP 2024 – GREATEST HITS

Hit songs from every generation have left their mark. But for the believer, the ageless songbook of all time is the Psalms.

The Psalms, God's divinely authored songbook, draws our adoration and worship to Him in joy, lamentations and heartfelt prayers.

At Church Camp 2024, come hear our speakers teach us from well-known Psalms, and draw near to God!

Click here for the camp FAQ: <https://bit.ly/3SFvjLK>.

Registration starts on 7 Jan 2024.

Early bird 7 Jan - 31 Jan 2024.

Normal registration 1 Feb - 17 Mar 2024.

•YOUNG MUMS PRAY AND SHARE

Are you a young mum of a newborn or primary school children? Mothering is a high calling and not an easy one. We understand and hope to support you in your parenting journey. Join us twice a month on Zoom to connect, be encouraged and equipped to be the mum that God wants you to be!

Date: Thu, 7 & 21 Dec

Time: 9:00pm to 10:00pm

Click Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/39TmGNQ>

Meeting ID: 865 7673 8143

Password: mums

Leading Generations into a Life-changing Relationship with Jesus Christ





CLASSES & TRAININGS

• MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Membership in Gospel Light is only for baptized believers of the Lord, and must be of age 16 and above. Attendance at both membership classes 1 & 2 is a prerequisite for membership application. Classes will be conducted on-site.

English

Date: Sun, 28 Jan & 4 Feb

Time: 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Chinese

Date: Sun, 28 Jan & 4 Feb

Time: 11:45pm – 12:45pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

To register, please visit this link: <https://bit.ly/3TaiYeb>.

Registration closes on Sun, 31 Dec.

• BEGINNING INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY 1&2 KINGS / DANIEL / GOSPEL OF JOHN

Begin the New Year with Inductive Bible Study online. Study the Word of God inductively and know the God of the Word intimately.

We are studying 1&2 Kings, Daniel and the Gospel of John in 2024. This study requires your commitment of 2-3 hours of personal study with Precept New Inductive Study Series (NISS) guide and 2 hours of small group sharing and discussion each week via Zoom. The schedule for the study follows:

Daniel

Tuesday evenings 7.30-9.30pm OR Friday mornings
10am to noon

16 January - 31 May 2024

To register, please visit this link:

<https://bit.ly/49AHXsm>.

Registration closes, Sun 17 Dec.

1&2 Kings

Wednesday mornings 10:00am - 12:00pm (For man only)

17 January - 29 May 2024

To register, please visit this link:

<https://bit.ly/49hofl4>.

Registration closes, Sun 17 Dec.

Gospel of John

Monday evenings 7:30pm - 9.30pm

15 January - 27 May 2024

To register, please visit this link:

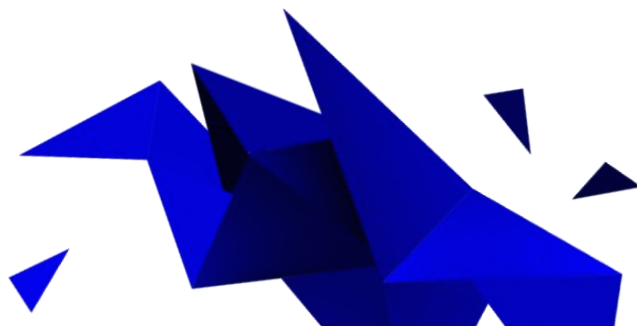
<https://bit.ly/3SMKLg7>.

Registration closes, Sun 17 Dec.

Discussion Leader: Brother Michael Lau.

The cost is \$15 each for Precept study material.

You will receive eBook to help you begin your inductive Bible study: **How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth**
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CLASSES & TRAININGS

•BAPTISM

Those who have believed in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour are encouraged to be baptized. Attendance at Baptism Class is a prerequisite. Submission of written testimonies with completed application forms is a must. Classes are conducted on-site. Register and download application forms via our website at <https://bit.ly/3Ft6DEw>. Registration closes on Sun, 3 Dec.

Baptism Class (English)

Date: Sun, 14 Jan

Time: 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Baptism Class (Chinese)

Date: Sun, 14 Jan

Time: 11:45am – 12:45pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Baptism Date: Sun, 25 Feb

Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

•SILVERJOY (SENIORS) MINISTRY RELAUNCH

Every chapter of life is a gift from God. And our ministry for seniors celebrates that gift. SilverJoy isn't just a place for seniors to gather, it's a spiritual community of friendship and support.

Invite your pre-believing friends, neighbours or family members.

Date: Every 1st & 3rd Wed of the month

Time: 10:00am - 12:30pm

Venue: Connections Corner (L1)

Upcoming events coming your way. Join us!

Contact CE Hotline – 97537964 for inquiries

Date	Programme	Activity
06/12/23	Move it, Feel Young	Health Talk
20/12/23	Chinatown Trail Walk	Outing

•EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

We will be taking a break for the month of December and will resume class on 2 January 2024. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2024

Time: 8:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bit.ly/3pd7C7T>

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761



WORSHIP SERVICE

- **Wednesday Prayer Meetings – 8pm**

Venue: Hall 3, Attic

- **Sunday Prayer Meetings – 8:15am**

Venue: Cry Room at Shine Auditorium (L4)

If you are interested to receive our weekly prayer list, please email shine@gospellight.sg

(A) Worship Services

Congregational Service	Day and Time	Livestream Link
English @ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Sunday at 9am and 11am	https://bit.ly/3SH45uZ (only available at 9am)
Chinese @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 9am and 11am	http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT (only available at 9am)
Filipino @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 2pm	http://bit.ly/30FjYFU
Youth @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Saturday at 4:30m No service on 4 th & 5 th week	Subscribe to Youth announcement channel https://t.me/+Yd524QzAjKk2Yzll
Varsity @ Light 1 & 2 (L3)	No service for the month of December	Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel https://t.me/+WDu3myEwjpcxZWU1
Bahasa @ Hall 1 (L2) *For more info, please contact 9117 6000 / 9628 5061	No service for the month of December	<u>Nil</u>
Telugu @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 5pm and 8pm	http://bit.ly/30G4fXI

(B) Children Service

Children's services are at **9am and 11am**:

(i) Playgroup (12 months - 35 months): Hall 3 at Attic Level

(ii) Preschool (36 months - 6 years): Eshkol Valley premise at Attic Level

- **10 Dec** : There will be a primary orientation for K2 children next Sunday. Please register your K2 child at the Primary check-in counters at Level 3 and pick them up at the Eshkol Valley premise at Attic. Thank you!

(iii) Primary (Primary 1 to Primary 6): Light Auditorium at Level 3



GIVING ONLINE

You may give your offerings in the following ways:

1) PayNow

Under the UEN/Bill Reference No. section you can:

- State "NA" - Offering will go towards General Fund
- State Missions - To designate the offering

(a) Via "Scan and Pay"

- Open up your bank app and select "Scan and Pay"
- Scan the QR code below:



(b) PayNow UEN

You can also opt to key in the UEN:

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2) Internet Banking

- Add payee as Gospel Light Christian Church
- Account Number: **033-021695-5**
- Name of Beneficiary Bank: DBS Bank
- Under the Remarks section, you can leave it blank for the offering to go towards the General Fund or indicate Missions if you want to designate the offering.

3) Cheque

- Crossed cheque made payable to "Gospel Light Christian Church"
- On the reverse of the cheque, write **Gospel Light Christian Church** and the respective bank account numbers:
 - General Fund - **033-021695-5**
 - Missions Fund - **001-042653-2**
- Cheques can be deposited at any POSB or DBS bank into the church's accounts.

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