

5 QUESTIONS WITH PASTOR JASON LIM

1. Are you naturally evangelistic, or do you have to struggle to do it?

Nope, I'm not. I am more of an introvert. Plus I am proud and not keen to get rejected!

But over the years, especially with a commitment to disciple-making, I have made efforts to create and seize opportunities to engage the lost. I will ask people if they are keen to find out about Christianity or the Bible. If they are, I'll then invite them for a 3 weeks exploration of the Bible together with me. They will read a short passage each time, and we will then get back to converse or discuss. This way, their exploration is kept private, brief and experiential. Over the years, I have been privileged to do personal evangelism and been very grateful to see fruit and fruit that abides.

2. How important is physical exercise to you? Do you make time for any pastimes?

I love to play. Since young, I love to play. Now that I'm almost 50, I still love to play! So I make it a point to regularly play badminton. It keeps me happy, takes my mind off stuff, sharpens my reflexes, maintains fitness, helps me lose weight and connect with friends! It has kept me from burn-out and after almost 20 years, I am still sane and happy in ministry.

Besides playing badminton, I enjoy watching highlights of soccer, basketball and badminton games on YouTube. I also play online chess. And I love to eat!

3. How does a minister of the gospel stay free from moral failure and scandal?

Every pastor (and man actually) is vulnerable to temptations in money, sex and power.

a. Money - I stay away from financial decisions and remunerations of the church. Do not have a pay scale that is linked to scales of size or success. Be frugal. Live within your means. Rejoice in and enjoy what God has given you.

Stop comparing with others. Remember the riches in the gospel.

- b. Sex I preached about 5 "F's"- Flee, Fight, Fortify, Fellowship, Fulfil Check it out here: https://bit.ly/42FQPde.
- c. Power "You are a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ." This is that 1 sentence that helps me. Even if one has power or influence, it is never for one's self. It is to be stewarded for the glory of our Savior.

4. Looking back at your many years of ministry, what has been the greatest challenge?

My life (and ministry too) has been pretty smooth actually. But my greatest unfulfilled longing is that my sons will be born again. It is very humbling for me that they are not- no matter how I explain or preach or pray, I am not the one who can "nudge" them into eternal life.

I am learning that except a man be born again or born from above by the Spirit, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. May God show mercy upon my boys and jolt them into conviction of sin, and may God teach me salvation is only of the Lord.

5. What in your opinion is the most pressing issue facing the church in Singapore today?

Discipleship! Many churches teach. Many churches have Bible classes. Many churches run many outreach programs. Many churches help the poor. But we are not making mature and equipped disciples! Churches struggle with superficiality, immaturity & mediocrity. Because we are not discipling. The church must return to the Great Commission. At Gospel Light, we've are thankful for LOLMD (Life-on-life Missional Discipleship)! Something we've been labouring in for the past 10 years. I believe the Lord will enable us to serve other churches henceforth. Pray for us!



ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING (ACM)

Our Annual Congregation Meeting will take place on

Date: Sat, 23 Mar

Venue: Gospel Auditorium (L2)

Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm, with breakfast from

9:00am onwards at L2 foyer

*For Members and Associate Members only.

JOB RECRUITMENT

Do you have a heart for missions and for connecting Christians who have a heartbeat to reach the lost? If so, join us to further the kingdom of God.

1. Connections Executive (Missions)

For more details of the job position, please visit our website at <u>Careers</u> or email Benita Teo at <u>benita.teo@gospellight.sg</u>.

• KITCHEN CLOSURE (CNY)

Please be informed that kitchen will be closed on 18 Feb.

• COFFEE CONNECTS CLOSURE (CNY)

In line with the closure of the kitchen for CNY, Coffee Connects will also be closed on 18 Feb.

CHURCH CAMP 2024 – DAY-TRIPPER

Due to overwhelming response, we have managed to get 50 day-tripper slots from the hotel. These day-tripper slots do not include accommodation, transport or meals. If interested, please write to shine@gospellight.sg to enquire about day tripper rates (inclusive of hotel charges).

• CHURCH COMMITTEE & SUB-COMMITTEES

In preparation ahead of the church ACM (23 March 2024), it is now the time to begin our nomination process for **potential** Church Committee leaders for 2024.

We are looking for **godly**, faithful and qualified candidates with the following professional experience:

- a. Finance (Accountancy / Treasury)
- b. Governance (Risk Management / Audit / Compliance)
- c. Human Resources (HR Operations / Talent Management / Learning & Development)
- d. Building and Security (Building Operations and Maintenance/ Mechanical and Electrical/ Fire Safety/ IT/ Logistics)
- e. IT (Infrastructure/ Cybersecurity/ Governance) f. Internal Auditors (Internal Control/ Accountancy/ Regulatory Knowledge)

For more details on the requirements to serve, please click https://bit.ly/3HSpeMc.

Gospeliters may submit their own names or recommended names to shine@gospellight.sg by 3 Mar 2024 and state the position that the individual is recommended for.



• HOPE: EXPLORE THE FAITH IN A 1-TO-1 **STUDY**

Whether you're a seeker with doubts or a skeptic about Christianity, we're here to help! Exploring the faith may seem daunting, but we want to help you find hope in a world filled with brokenness and suffering.

Explore the truths of the bible in a 4-part 1-to-1 series with a personal facilitator, Join a series that has helped many come to understand the evidence for God better.

For more information, email: sue.choo@gospellight.sg or call 9776 1377.

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Course 1 (Basic) - suitable for those with little or no knowledge of English.

Date: 1 Mar - 10 May Time: 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Venue: Hall 1 (L2) **Duration: 10 lessons** Material fee: \$5

Course 2 (Higher Basic) - suitable for those who can

speak simple English. Date: 5 Mar - 16 Apr Time: 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Venue: Hall 1 (L2) **Duration: 7 lessons** Material fee: \$5

Please contact Sue @ 9776 1377 to register and for more details. Registration closes Sun, 25 Feb.

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 onsite. Register and download application forms via our website at https://bit.ly/3Ft6DEw. Registration closes on Sun, 3 Mar.

Baptism Class (English)

Date: Sun, 7 Apr

Time: 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Baptism Class (Chinese)

Date: Sun, 7 Apr

Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Baptism Date: Sun, 12 May Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

BULLETPROOF MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

Who should attend? Pre-Marriage prep and married couples who want to work on their marriage. We would like to emphasise that it is a

4 session commitment and a subsequent 1:1 journey of several months with an assigned marriage mentor couple.

Registration is limited to 10 couples (first come first

Dates: Thursdays starting 7,14,21,28 Mar via Zoom *Subsequent workshops will be conducted in Jul

Time: 8:30pm – 10:15pm Duration: 4 sessions

To register, please visit this link: https://bit.ly/39bBsPt Registration closes Tue, 20 Feb.

For more enquiries, contact Ken at 9783 0984 or Caroline at 9616 8403.

EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF **JOHN**

We will be taking a break for CNY and will resume class on Tue, 27 Feb.

WORSHIP SERVICE

• Wednesday Prayer Meetings - 8pm

Venue: Hall 3, Attic

• Sunday Prayer Meetings – 7:45am

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 8:30am, 10:15am and 12:00pm	https://bit.ly/3SH45uZ (only available at 10:15am)
Chinese @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 8:30am and 10:15am	http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT (only available at 10:15am)
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)	Sunday at 2:30pm	Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel https://t.me/+WDu3myEwjpcxZWU1
Bahasa @ Reception Room (L1)	Alternate Sunday at 10:30am	For more information about our services contact 9628 5061/ 9117 6000
Telugu @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 5pm and 7:30pm	http://bit.ly/30G4fXI

(B) Children Service

Children's services are at 8:30am and 10:15am:

- (i) Playgroup (12 months 35 months): Hall 3 at Attic Level
- (ii) Preschool (36 months 6 years): Eshkol Valley premise at Attic Level
- (iii) Primary (Primary 1 to Primary 6): Light Auditorium at Level 3

BOOKING FOR PRESCHOOL/ PRIMARY SERVICES

Bookings opens on Wed, 8:30am for 1st service and Wed, 10:15am for 2nd Service

- Follow this link to complete your booking: bit.ly/cmbooking
- Bookings will be valid till the respective service start time, thereafter they will be released for walk-ins.
- Children with no bookings are welcome to walk-in but subject to available capacity

A step-by-step guide and FAQ can be found at <u>bit.ly/cmbookingfaq</u>. For assistance email us at <u>children@gospellight.sg</u>.

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 Pav"
- 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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