

Overcoming Barriers to Witnessing

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Have you ever hesitated to share your faith—especially in Singapore's multi-religious context?

You're not alone—and the data helps explain why.

A 2021 survey by a local Christian organization, involving over 1,460 Singaporean Christians, found that only 15% refrained from evangelism due to a "lack of opportunity." The top barriers were cultural: 19.8% feared offending others in our diverse society, and 18.8% felt anxious about being

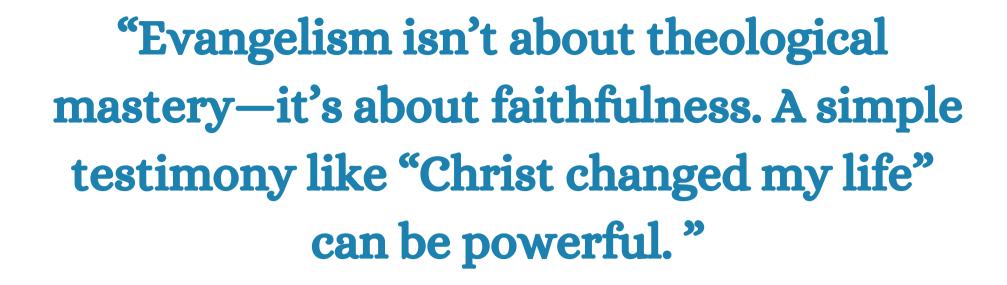
rejected or judged. Notably, 47%—despite having two or three people in their lives they wanted to share the gospel with—held back for the reasons above.

This shows the harvest is closer than we think—it's our hesitancy that holds us back.

Even though Jesus commands us to "go and make disciples of all nations," we often struggle with evangelism. Why is that? And how can we grow in courage, compassion, and authenticity?

1. Common Barriers to Evangelism Fear of Cultural Misstep or Rejection

In a context that values harmony and sensitivity, sharing Christ can feel intrusive or even taboo. But love compels us—we share not to force, but to offer the best news we've ever received. God's Spirit empowers us, giving courage, love, and self-control (2 Tim 1:7).



Feeling Inadequate or Unprepared

Many Christians worry, "What if they ask a difficult question?" or "My faith story feels too ordinary." But evangelism isn't about theological mastery—it's about faithfulness. A simple testimony like "Christ changed my life" can be powerful. Even the man born blind said, "One thing I do know: I was blind, and now I see" (John 9:25).

Misunderstanding Evangelism

Evangelism isn't manipulation or confrontation. It's sharing Jesus in relationship—gently, humbly, and sincerely. It's trusting God to work in hearts, not winning arguments.

2. Why Evangelism Matters

Evangelism is not only obedience—it is worship. When we share the gospel, we declare Jesus' worth. Heaven rejoices over one soul that turns to Christ (Luke 15:7)—and we get to celebrate too.

It's also a privilege. As ambassadors for Christ (2 Cor 5:20), we are entrusted with reconciliation. God doesn't need us to save, yet He invites us. That's grace.

3. Practical Ways to Move Forward

Love as Jesus Loves

Start by asking God to expand your heart for others. When we see people the way Jesus sees them—harassed and helpless (Matt 9:36)—we won't stay silent.

Rely on the Spirit

Evangelism isn't about mustering courage alone. It's partnering with the Spirit. He opens doors, gives words, and softens hearts. Pray for boldness and sensitivity.

Grow in Cultural Wisdom

Respect and awareness matter in our multifaith context. Listen first, demonstrate genuine care, and ask thoughtful questions. This signals respect and opens hearts to deeper conversations.

Conclusion: You Can Do This. Not Because You're Strong, but Because He Is.

Yes, evangelism can feel intimidating—but it's also life-giving, joy-filled, and transformative. Let's be a people who love deeply, speak gently, and share faithfully—all by His grace.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes..." (Romans 1:16)

May we overcome barriers—by His Spirit and for His glory.

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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Location	Hourly Rate	Walking Time
GIIS	\$1.20	5min
Blk 126	FREE	7min
Blk 166	FREE	8min
Blk 167	FREE	8min
Blk 169	\$1.20	6min

LET'S SPREAD OUT AND MAKE THE PARKING EXPERIENCE PLEASENT FOR EVERYONE.



NEW ALTERNATE PARKING OPTIONS

Blk 128 carpark continues to face congestion issues. To help ease traffic and create a pleasant experience for residents and new visitors. We encourage parking at these alternative locations.

View the detail **here**.

- Global Indian International School (\$1.20/hr)
- Blk 126 (Free)
- Blk 166 (Free)
- Blk 167 (Free)
- Blk 169 (\$1.20/hr)

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL: DISCOVER HOPE AND JOY

Date: Sat,4 Oct

Time: 6.00pm - 9.00pm

Venue: Shine Auditorium & Level 1

Join us for an evening of Worship, Hope, and Culture!

Bilingual Worship & Gospel Sharing

Free Dinner & Mid-Autumn Dishes

Cultural Fun: Calligraphy, Lantern Riddles, Musical Performances & More!

Kids' Program (Ages 4-12)

Invite your unchurched friends, relatives or colleagues to this life changing event!

RSVP here and Join us for this joyful and meaningful celebration!

JSeeking Musicians!

If you play a Chinese musical instrument, we'd love your help! Contact David at 8758 2050.

CLASSES + MINISTRIES

SILVER JOY (SENIORS) MINISTRY

Every chapter of life is a gift from God. And our ministry for seniors celebrates that gift. Silver Joy 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: Weds, excluding the 5th Wed of the month

Time: Refer to the table below

Yenue: Gospel Light Christian Church Upcoming events coming your way.

Date	Programme
10 Sep	Rummikub Game (9.00am - 12.00pm)
17 Sep	Craft - Pencil Holder

Contact 9753 7964 for registration / enquiries.

CLASSES + MINISTRIES

EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF LUKE

This Tue, 9 Sep, we will revise Luke 1 to Luke 2:7, which we have covered so far. We will then proceed to study Luke 2:8-21 where we will study about the Shepherd and the Angels. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 9 Sep

ATime: 8.00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761

Prayer Meetings

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:16



Wednesday 8PM | HALL 3 (ATTIC LEVEL)



Sunday 7.45AM | CRY ROOM SHINE AUDITORIUM LEVEL 4



Prayer List
WE CAN ONLY MOVE FORWARD
AS A CHURCH BY PRAYER.
SUBSCRIBE TO OUR WEEKLY
PRAYER LIST



Bereavement
WE MOURN WITH MEMBERS
WHO'VE LOST LOVED ONES.
(ROM. 12:15) STAY UPDATED
ON CHURCH BEREAVEMENT
NOTICES.



English @Shine Auditorium (L4)
Sunday at 8.30am, 10.15am, 12.00pm
Watch our livestream service at 10.15am only

Chinese @Gospel Auditorium (L2)
Sunday at 8.30am and 10.15am
Watch our livestream service at 10.15am only

Filipino @Gospel Auditorium (L2)
Sunday at 2.00pm
Watch our livestream service at 2.00pm

Youth @Gospel Auditorium (L2)
Saturday at 4.30pm
Subscribe to our announcement channel on
WhatsApp or Telegram.



Varsity @Light 1 and Light 2 (L3)
Sunday at 2.30pm *no service on 5th week
of the month
Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel

Bahasa @Hall 1 (L2)
Every alternate Sunday 10.30am
For more info, please contact
9117 6000 / 9628 5061

Telugu @Gospel Auditorium (L2) Sunday at 5.00pm and 7.30pm <u>Watch</u> our livestream service at 5.30pm



PLAYGROUP

(12 - 35 months) @ Hall 3 (Attic) Sunday at 8.30am and 10.15am

PRESCHOOL

(36 months - 6 years) @ Eshkol Valley Premises (Attic) Sunday at 8.30am, 10.15am and 12.00pm

PRIMARY

(Primary 1 - 6)

@ Light Auditorium (L3)

Sunday at 8.30am, 10.15am, 12.00pm*

*12.00pm service held at Eshkol Valley Premises (Attic)

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Contact us if you're interested to explore serving in Children's Ministry!



FULL GIVING DETAILS HERE



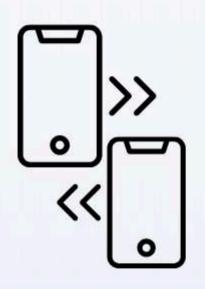
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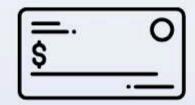
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All offerings will be directed to the "General" fund. State "Missions" in the UEN/Bill Reference No. section if you wish to designate the offering to our mission work.

Giving Online



> Internet Banking Transfer DBS Bank 033-021695-5



> Cheque Make Payable to: "Gospel Light Christian Church" Write "<u>Offerings</u>" behind.

For internet banking transfer, indicate "General" or "Mission" to designate where the offering goes to

For cheques, you can further indicate on the reverse: "General Fund" 033-021695-5 or "Missions Fund" 001-042653-2.

Cheques can be deposited at any POSB or DBS bank into the church's accounts.