

MISSIONS MONTH SERIES CALLED TO MAGNIFY: PROCLAIMING CHRIST AMONG THE NATIONS

#### Magnifying God's Love for All Peoples

SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2023

Traditional Worship Saturday • 5:30 PM

#### ENGLISH SERVICES SUNDAY • 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM

Call to Worship Worship Through Praise Community Prayer Worship Through Fellowship Scripture Reading Worship in the Word **Pastor BJ Sebastian** Response Song Worship Through Giving Benediction

#### FILIPINO SERVICE SUNDAY • 3:00 PM

Tawag sa Pagsamba Pagsamba sa Pag-awit Panalanging Pangkapulungan Pakikipag-ugnayan Pagbasa ng Banal na Kasulatan Pag-aaral ng Salita ng Diyos

Pastor BJ Sebastian Tugon na Awit Paghahandog Basbas MISSIONS MONTH SERIES CALLED TO MAGNIFY: PROCLAIMING CHRIST AMONG THE NATIONS

**ENGLISH MESSAGE OUTLINE** 

## Magnifying God's Love for All Peoples

Before missions was something Christians had to do, it was something that was done to us by our Lord Jesus Christ. He was the original missionary, and His was the original mercy mission to bring a salvation that would glorify God forever. In this, the first of four Servant Songs, we see A Loving Messiah, with A Saving Mission.

#### 1. A LOVING MESSIAH (Isaiah 42:1-4)

- a. God's Chosen Servant "Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him..."
- b. God's Compassionate Savior "He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench... He will not grow faint or be discouraged..."
- c. God's Commission for His Servant "...he will bring forth justice to the nations.... he will faithfully bring forth justice.... till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law."

#### 2. A SAVING MISSION (Isaiah 42:5-9)

- a. Commanded by a Sovereign and Almighty Creator "Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it..... 'I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.'"
- b. Concerned about the Salvation of All Creation "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness."

We are faced with unprecedented challenges today not only from outright persecution and opposition, but also from a compromised and even apostate church. But God's love for all the peoples is magnified by the merciful mission of His Chosen Servant, and His sovereign power assures its success today and forever. ■

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### Pagluluwalhati ng Pag-ibig ng Diyos Para sa Lahat ng Tao Isalah 42:1-9

Bago tayo tinawag na magmisyon sa iba, tayo ay ginawang misyon ng ating Panginoon. Siya ang orihinal na misyonero, at ang Kanyang pagbaba mula sa langit upang iligtas tayo ang orihinal na misyon ng Diyos para sa Kanyang ikaluluwalhati. Dito sa una sa apat na "Servant Songs" makikita natin ang Isang Mapagmahal na Mesias, at ang Isang Nakapagliligtas na Misyon.

#### 1. ISANG MAPAGMAHAL NA MESIAS (Isaiah 42:1-4)

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- a. Ang Kanyang Piniling Lingkod "Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him..."
- b. Ang Kanyang Mapagmalasakit na Tagapagligtas "He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench... He will not grow faint or be discouraged..."
- c. Ang Kanyang Malinaw na Komisyon "...he will bring forth justice to the nations.... he will faithfully bring forth justice.... till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law."

#### 2. ISANG NAKAPAGLILIGTAS NA MISYON (Isaiah 42:5–9)

- a. Injutos ng Isang Makapangyarihan at Soberenyang Tagalikha "Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it..... 'I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."
- b. Iniukol para sa Kaligtasan ng Sang-nilikha "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness."

Nahaharap tayo sa mahihirap na hamon ngayon, di lamang mula sa oposisyon, kundi mula rin sa isang nanghihinang iglesya. Ngunit ang pag-ibig ng Diyos sa lahat ay niluluwalhati ng misyon na Kanyang Piniling Lingkod, at ito ay tinitiyak ng Kanyang dakilang kapangyarihan. ■

## The Shepherd's Voice

#### by Didi Dizon, Young Adults Ministry Mobilizer

Blessings of joy and peace, GCF family!

What a joy it is for me to share about the recently concluded YA Retreat, "Thrive".

God worked His wonders from the planning stage, all the way to the program execution. From the blessing of finding an available venue that allowed the young adults (YAs) to have a variety of activities to enjoy and reflect, until the surprising number of participants who joined.

During the three days and two nights together, the YA volunteers and participants went through Scripture, bonded through games, and processed through workshops. It was evident that God was working in and through the community. The conversations shared among the mixed group discussions ranged from interests to struggles, hearing laughs and sniffles during different sessions. We're on a journey to discover what it means to thrive as a follower of Jesus in the various seasons we are in.

While the daily struggle to balance responsibilities in this increasingly fast paced culture can feel overwhelming to the point of fatigue, there is a growing need to seek God and understand how He's working to be mindful of our participation in His work in this world.

With many memories made, friendships built, and insights gleaned, we can only rejoice in the Lord for all that He has accomplished and will continue to see through in His YA ministry. How beautiful it is to gather with family and journey together in our life as disciples of Jesus!

If you aren't yet part of a YA Growth Group or want to join our YA Fridays weekly fellowship, simply head over to gcf.link/youngadults to get connected! ■

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#### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

#### SUNDAYS

SATURDAYS

10:00 AM – English\* 3:00 PM – Filipino 5:30 PM – English 5:00 PM – YouthLIVE Worship 5:30 PM – Traditional Worship

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 PM – Ortigas Community Worship

Join us in-person at GCF Ortigas #KidsLIFE Sunday School every Sunday 10:00 АМ

#### **PRAYER GATHERING**

THURSDAYS 8:00 PM GCF Family's Hour of Prayer Via Zoom Meeting ID: 848 3227 7763 Passcode: 984990

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

**SUNDAYS** 9:00 AM Sunday Bible School Series: Basic Doctrines Live at GCF Chapel

#### **ON-SITE FELLOWSHIP**

**FRIDAYS** 7:30 PM Young Adults (YA) Fridays Open to 20–40 year olds Fellowship Hall

#### **GROWTH GROUPS**

Discipleship groups for all ages, all days of the week, throughout Metro Manila and online

SIGN-UP AT gcf.org.ph/growth-groups

# TRUTHS ABOUT

#### THE CHARACTER OF GOD

God is holy, pure, and just. He rightfully and righteously judges and punishes all sin.

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! (Isaiah 6:3)

Who will not fear you, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. (Revelation 15:4)

#### THE CRISIS WE FACE

We all have failed God's standard and face God's righteous judgment.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... (Romans 3:23)

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. (Romans 1:18)

#### THE CALL OF JESUS

The Lord Jesus is God's only way for us to be forgiven and reconciled to God. He took the judgment for our sins on the Cross, and whoever comes to Christ for forgiveness, He gives new life and an eternal relationship with God.

66 Jesus said "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

The Lord Jesus is calling out to us: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28–30)

#### WHAT MUST WE DO?

Come to the Lord Jesus for forgiveness and salvation:

"Lord Jesus, be merciful to me—a sinner. I believe that You are the Son of God who took the penalty for my sins on the Cross. I humbly ask You to be my Savior and submit to you as my LORD forever. Amen."

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## Church UPDATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

#### YouthLIVE and KidsLIFE

LIVEstream (YouthLIVE Worship)

Saturdays • 5:00 PM Auditorium A, GCF Ortigas & online Open to high school and college aged youth

All-New KidsLIFE Sunday School (except Special Sundays) Sundays • 10:00 AM 4th Floor, GCF Ortigas

- KidsLIFE Play & Learn (ages 2–5) Pre-register at gcf.link/PlayNLearnReg
- KidsLIFE Worship (ages 6–12) Pre-register at gcf.link/KidsLIFEonsite

#### ALL MEN GROWTH GROUP EXPRESS

Sundays • 9:00 AM • Room B117 Open to all men, feel free to walk in!



#### SHAKING HANDS 2023

A Forum Series on Understanding Life Stages Topic: *Shaking Hands with Yuppies and Young Adults* 9:00 AM–12:00 NN Room BM07-08, GCF Ortigas

Register via gcf.link/ShakingHands

#### NOV 11-12 SAT TO SUN

### MONEY MATTERS

GCF Couples Retreat 2023 CCT Tagaytay Early Bird Registration Fee until October 15: Php 3,500

Register via gcf.link/CouplesRetreat

#### **Missions Month 2023**

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THE SILENT WORLD: A Deaf Awareness and Filipino Sign Language Seminar September 30 (Sat) 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Fellowship Hall, GCF Ortigas

Register via gcf.link/SilentWorld

#### PEACE AND HARMONY:

A Harvest Harana October 1 (Sun), 5:30 PM Auditorium B, GCF Ortigas Invite your friends and family who have yet to know Christ! This concert is FREE! \*Exclusively LIVE on-site, No livestream available\*

#### ART FOR GOODNEWS' SAKE FUNDRAISING ART EXHIBIT

For the benefit of Good News Clinic and Hospital Fellowship Hall, GCF Ortigas

#### ARE YOU HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

We would love to connect with you after every Worship Service! Reach out to us at gcf.link/GCFWelcome

On-Site: Drop by BM07, Mezzanine Floor

Online via Zoom: gcf.link/WelcomeToGCF

#### **QUESTIONS ABOUT GCF ORTIGAS?**

Want to join a Growth Group? Looking to apply for church membership? Curious about the various ministries?

Visit the new INFO HUB at the Lobby