

GCF ORTIGAS
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WORSHIP BULLETIN

COMMUNION SERIES ON LUKE:
GOD THE SON, SON OF MAN

The Savior of Outcasts

LUKE 5:27-32

JAN 6-7, 2023

**Traditional Worship
Saturday • 5:30 PM**

ENGLISH SERVICES

SUNDAY • 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM

Call to Worship
Worship Through Praise
Worship Through Fellowship
Scripture Reading
Worship in the Word
Pastor Larry Pabiona
Confession Prayer
Communion
Worship Through Giving
Response Song
Benediction

FILIPINO SERVICE

SUNDAY • 3:00 PM

Tawag sa Pagsamba
Pagsamba sa Pag-awit
Pakikipag-ugnayan
Pagbasa ng Banal na Kasulatan
Pag-aaral ng Salita ng Diyos
Pastor BJ Sebastian
Panalanging Pangungumpisal
Banal na Hapunan
Paghahandog
Tugon na Awit
Basbas



The Savior of Outcasts

LUKE 5:27–32

What would you find if you were to take a spiritual microscope and peer into the heart of Jesus? What makes His heart tick? You will find a heart full of love for those that humankind finds hard to love: sinners. See how this is demonstrated in the salvation of Levi:

Luke 5:27–28: THE CALL OF LEVI. Repentance is offered to all, including the outcasts.

- Levi (also called Matthew) was a publicly hated tax collector who probably heard from Jesus while He preached and taught in Capernaum. In God's perfect time, Jesus finally calls him to Himself: *"Follow Me." And leaving everything, he rose and followed Him.*

Luke 5:29: THE CELEBRATION OF LEVI. Repentance results in a life that is excited about Jesus for others.

- Levi held a grand celebration for Jesus and ensured that *"a large company of tax collectors and others"* met and ate with Him.

Luke 5:30: THE CONCERN OF THE SELF-RIGHTEOUS. Repentance is incomprehensible to those who have never experienced it.

- One way to undermine another is to destroy his credibility with those who work with Him. This shows how unrepentant and blinded the "religious experts" were about the heart of God because they never really knew Him. It is easy to profess faith and allegiance to God and convince people, but you will know them by the fruit of their words and life.

Luke 5:31–32: THE CALL OF JESUS. "I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

- Jesus used a popular expectation about teachers of the Law as symbolic physicians and turned it around to teach how welcome outcasts were to God and how far the self-righteous were from God (Matthew 9:13).

FINAL THOUGHTS

Why does Jesus save outcasts? Because in their despised condition, they are more open to the gospel and more willing to repent than the self-righteous and comfortable.

- If you have never come to Christ because you think you are too far gone, then come to Christ as an outcast and discover how welcome you really are.
- As believers, let us never separate ourselves from those who need Jesus most and be like Him instead, in His mercy. After all, that's what Communion reminds us all about.



Hindi Ang Matuwid, Kundi Ang Makasalanan

LUKE 5:27–32

1. ANG PAGTAWAG KAY MATTHEW (Luke 5:27–28)

- a. Isang Di-karapat-dapat na Alagad, v. 27a — “After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth.”
- b. Isang Di-inaasahan na Kautusan, v. 27b — “And he said to him, “Follow me.”
- c. Isang Di-maurungan na Pagsunod, v. 28 — “And leaving everything, he rose and followed him.”

2. ANG PAGTAWAG SA MGA MAKASALANAN (Luke 5:29–32)

- a. Isang Di-pangkaraniwang Pagdiriwang, v. 29 — “And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them.”
- b. Isang Di-matuwid na Katanungan, v. 30 — “And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”
- c. Isang Di-inaasahang Kagandahang-loob, v. 31–32 — “And Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”



The Shepherd's Voice

By Dr. Larry Pabiona, Senior Pastor

WELCOME PASTOR API KING

Welcome Pastor Api King as our full-time **Evangelizing Ministry Head** starting **January 6, 2024**. Pastor Api is no stranger to GCF, having served in various roles through the years. Most recently, he led our Sports Ministry as a bi-vocational pastor, and the Lord has used this ministry to proclaim the gospel and welcome new people into our GCF family. As Evangelizing Ministry Head, Pastor Api will inspire, equip, and mobilize GCFers for evangelism and shepherd assigned clusters in partnership with other elders and pastors. Please join us as we formally commission Pastor Api in prayer today.

REJOICING WITH OUR SCHOOL, GCF-ICS

Last December 8-11, 2023, GCF-ICS participated in the "Youth Educational Friendship Festival" at BSR University, Bangkok, Thailand, and won a gold trophy for the song "Stand By Me" and a silver trophy for their second song, "For The Beauty of the Earth". They competed with participants from around ASEAN and were the only Filipino entry. That's no small feat! Praise God for blessing the efforts of our school children and faculty.

CLEAR THE AIR SERIES

In what has become an annual tradition, every January, we take up three to four topics that are important yet quite specific, such that our going through books of the Bible may not take them up for some time while these issues persist. This series is "Clear the Air: Burning Issues Confronting Christians Today." The topics we will tackle are:

- Dangerous and Common Religious Fads (January 13–14)
- Divorce, Annulment, and Remarriage (January 20–21)
- Managing your Finances (January 27–28)

Note that these are the themes to be taken up, so the actual sermon title may differ. You can see these indeed must be evaluated and resolved Biblically. Bring friends and family to listen with you, hopefully in person. ■



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WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAYS

10:00 AM – English*
3:00 PM – Filipino
5:30 PM – English

SATURDAYS

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 AM

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 LIFE & DEATH

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.

“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.”

Church **UPDATES** **AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

YouthLIVE and KidsLIFE

LIVEstream (YouthLIVE Worship)

Resumes on February 3

Prayer Gatherings all Saturdays of January
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)

Resumes on January 14

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

REGULAR GATHERINGS SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible School (SBS)

Sundays, 9:00 AM, GCF Chapel

Resumes on January 7

Ortigas Community Worship (OCW)

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Resumes on January 10

GCF Family's Hour of Prayer (FHoP)

Thursdays, 8:00 PM, via Zoom

Resumes on January 11

YA Fridays (Young Adults)

Fridays, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Resumes on January 12

STARTING

**JAN
16**

GRIEFSHARE

A 13-session support group program for those who lost loved ones

Every Tuesday Night
6:00 – 8:30 PM

RM B123, GF, GCF Ortigas
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to register for free

SAVE THE DATE

January 2024 Sermon Series

CLEAR THE AIR: Burning Issues Confronting Christians Today

Starting January 13 and 14

Topics include:

- Dangerous and Common Religious Fads
- Divorce, Annulment, and Remarriage
- Personal Financial Management

SAVE THE DATE

GCF'S 46TH ANNIVERSARY

**FEB
10 & 11**

Discover what it means to "Build Up and Reach Out Together"! Across different generations and ministries, let us celebrate God's faithfulness for the past 46 years!

DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

If you need support or clarification on some issues, we are here to help.

GCF ERCC Hotline: **0917 532 7794**

ARE YOU HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

We would love to connect with you after every Worship Service. Our pastors and team are excited to meet you!

Drop by Room BM07 at the Mezzanine Floor or reach out to us at gcf.link/GCFWelcome

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