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SERIES ON LUKE:

*God the Son,
Son of Man*

TODAY'S MESSAGE

The Blessings of Being a Christ-follower

LUKE 6:17-23

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship
Worship Through Praise
Worship Through Fellowship
Worship Through Giving
Scripture Reading
Worship in the Word
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WORSHIP SERVICES

ENGLISH

Sunday: 8:00 AM,
10:30 AM, & 5:30 PM
Speaker:
Pastor Larry Pabiona

FILIPINO

Sunday: 3:00 PM
Speaker:
Pastor Sam Rendal

TRADITIONAL

Saturday: 5:30 PM
Speaker:
Pastor Larry Pabiona



COMMUNION SERMON SERIES

Luke: God the Son, Son of Man

The Blessings of Being a Christ-follower

LUKE 6:17–23



SPEAKER

Pastor
Larry Pabiona
GCF Senior Pastor

“When we encounter the inevitable struggles of walking with Christ, we may sometimes ask, “Is it worth it?” And always, the resounding answer is, “Yes! It's absolutely worth it!”

Most Bible scholars think that the Sermon on the Plain in Luke 6:17–49 and the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew chapters 5–7 are from the same message of Jesus. Consequently, we must consider both passages in interpreting this essential guide to living for 21st-century believers.

What are the blessings of being a Christ-follower today?

1. We are Blessed to Learn from Christ's Example about God's Compassion.

- Note three different crowds: the newly chosen Twelve, a great crowd of His disciples, and a great multitude of people from all over.
- The point of this contextual passage is that before we can obey Christ's teachings, we must have His heart. Many want to follow what Jesus teaches but have no love for others. But the power to do what Jesus says can only come from a regenerate heart, proven by a heart that loves (Galatians 5:22–23).

2. We are Blessed to Learn from Christ's Teaching about God's Compensation.

- Jesus died on the Cross to deliver sinners from spiritual poverty, spiritual hunger, and grief over sin. Those who have received Him in faith receive the first three blessings. The fourth is for those who suffer in following Christ. All Christians will! (2 Timothy 3:12).
- Four blessings of being a Christ-follower today:
 1. Those who are poor (in spirit) have received the Kingdom of God. “They are not an existing social or religious group... They are believers who seek help from Jesus because of their own helplessness.” (Darell Bock, Luke, BECNT)
 2. Those who are hungry (for righteousness) will be satisfied.
 3. Those who weep will be joyful.
 4. Those persecuted for serving Christ will be rewarded in heaven.

Final Thoughts

When we encounter the inevitable struggles of walking with Christ, we may sometimes ask, “Is it worth it?” And always, the resounding answer is, “Yes! It's absolutely worth it!” Receiving the kingdom of God now, being satisfied in God, joyful in God, and rewarded by God will make it all worth it. Keep these in your heart as we celebrate and commemorate the Lord's Table today. ■

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FILIPINO MESSAGE



COMMUNION SERMON SERIES

Luke: God the Son, Son of Man

Ang Mga Pagpapala Ng Pagiging Tagasunod Ni Kristo

LUKE 6:17–23



SPEAKER

Pastor Sam Rendal
Pastoral Care
Consultant

“Kapag nakatagpo tayo ng hindi maiiwasang mga pakikibaka sa paglalakad kasama ni Kristo, maaari nating itanong kung minsan, "Sulit ba ito?" At lagi, ang matunog na sagot ay, "Oo! Talagang sulit!"

Ano ang mga pagpapala ng pagiging isang tagasunod ni Kristo ngayon?

1. Mapalad tayong Matuto mula sa Halimbawa ni Kristo tungkol sa Habag ng Diyos.

- Pansinin ang tatlong magkakaibang pulutong: ang bagong piniling Labindalawa, isang malaking pulutong ng Kanyang mga disipulo, at isang malaking pulutong ng mga tao mula sa lahat ng dako.
- Ang punto ng contextual passage na ito ay bago natin masunod ang mga turo ni Kristo, kailangan natin ang Kanyang puso. Maraming gustong sumunod sa itinuro ni Hesus ngunit walang pagmamahal sa iba. Ngunit ang kapangyarihang gawin ang sinabi ni Hesus ay magmumula lamang sa isang pusong muling nabuo, na pinatunayan ng isang pusong nagmamahal (Galatians 5:22–23).

2. Mapalad Tayo na Matuto mula sa Aral ni Kristo tungkol sa Kabayaran ng Diyos.

- Namatay si Hesus sa Krus upang iligtas ang mga makasalanan mula sa espirituwal na kahirapan, espirituwal na kagutuman, at kalungkutan sa kasalanan. Ang mga tumanggap sa Kanya nang may pananampalataya ay tumatanggap ng unang tatlong pagpapala. Ang ika-apat ay para sa mga nagdurusa sa pagsunod kay Kristo. Gagawin ng lahat ng mga Kristiyano! (2 Timothy 3:12).
- Apat na Pagpapala ng Pagiging Tagasunod ni Kristo ngayon:
 1. Ang mga dukha (sa espiritu) ay tumanggap ng Kaharian ng Diyos. *"Sila ay hindi isang umiiral na panlipunan relihiyosong grupo... Sila ay mga mananampalataya na humingi ng tulong kay Hesus dahil sa kanilang sariling kawalan ng kakayahan."* (Darell Bock, Luke, BECNT)
 2. Ang mga nagugutom (para sa katuwiran) ay mabubusog.
 3. Magiging masaya ang mga umiikay.
 4. Ang mga inuusig dahil sa paglilingkod kay Kristo ay gagantimpalaan sa langit.

Pangwakas na Kaisipan

Kapag nakatagpo tayo ng hindi maiiwasang mga pakikibaka sa paglalakad kasama ni Kristo, maaari nating itanong kung minsan, "Sulit ba ito?" At lagi, ang matunog na sagot ay, "Oo! Talagang sulit!" Ang pagtanggap ng kaharian ng Diyos ngayon, ang pagiging kumtento sa Diyos, ang kagalakan sa Diyos, at ginagantimpalaan ng Diyos ay gagawing sulit ang lahat. Panatilihin ang mga ito sa iyong puso habang ipinagdiriwang at ginugunita natin ang Hapag ng Panginoon ngayon. ■

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The Shepherd's Voice



By _____
Pastor Larry Pabiona
GCF Senior Pastor

Why do we have a Series Break each month for Communion Sunday?

Our Communion Series aims to highlight the life and ministry of Jesus Christ and collectively prepare our hearts together for the Lord's Table. We believe this merits temporarily deferring any ongoing sermon series so that on the first Sunday of each month, we instead focus on how we can commemorate and celebrate what Christ has done for us on the Cross.

When we say that our Communion Series is intentionally more "devotional" in nature, it doesn't mean that our message will be shallower or more emotional. It simply means that it will be more reflective while still focusing on the implications derived from proper exegesis of the text. We always let the Bible speak for itself after considering the passage's context and the original purpose of the author who wrote it.

Coveting your prayers as I undergo Pastoral Equipping

From May 11 to May 20, I will be at Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Washington D.C., where I am one of 15 Pastors from different countries who will be going through a pastoral equipping course called "The International Intensive" conducted by their Senior Pastor, Dr. Mark Dever, and his pastoral staff. I am praying that we can do something similar in the near future to benefit the other pastors in the Philippines. But the most immediate beneficiaries, Lord willing, will be our Pastors and church leaders, to whom I will upload whatever is relevant to our GCF culture and setting. I will then attend the Ligonier Conference in Orlando, Florida, from May 21- 25. After preaching at Filipino Baptist Church in Florida on June 2, I will return home the following day. I thank God for the equipping opportunity our elders send me to every other year, so that I can return and bless our church family after being exposed to the highest standards of ministry and preaching. But I also pray that the blessing can extend to pastors and church leaders outside GCF to bless the bigger Body of Christ. Please join me in praying for that. ■

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WORSHIP SERVICES Live at GCF Ortigas & online

SUNDAYS

8:00 AM • English
10:30 AM • English
3:00 PM • Filipino
5:30 PM • English

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 PM –
Ortigas Community Worship
(for Ortigas residents and employees)

SATURDAYS

5:30 PM • Traditional Worship *(Traditional and 8:00 AM Services are live on-site only)*

PRAYER GATHERING

THURSDAYS

8:00 PM

GCF Family's Hour of Prayer

Via Zoom
Meeting ID: 848 3227 7763
Passcode: 984990

BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAYS

9:30 AM

Sunday Bible School

Live at GCF Chapel

KIDS, YOUTH, AND YOUNG ADULTS

SUNDAYS

10:30 AM

KidsLIFE Sunday School

For ages 1.5 to 13, 4th Floor

SATURDAYS

4:00 PM

YouthLIVE Worship

For highschool and college,
Auditorium A

FRIDAYS

7:00 PM

Young Adults (YA) Fellowship

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

SHAKING HANDS Forum Series

SAT

May 11 • 9:00 AM – 12:00 NN
Room BM07-08, GCF Ortigas
Topic: Relationships and Conflict
Register via gcf.link/ShakingHands

Albay Medical Mission NEEDED: Medical Doctors and Dentists

May 23 to 27 (Thurs to Mon)
Contact Aira at 0917 532 7672 or email
mercy@gcf.org.ph

CARELINK CLASSES (Open to all)

SUN

→ How To Grow Class

*Build a good foundation in your
Christian life*

12:00–2:00 PM • Room A303
Batch 2: June 9, 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21
Register via gcf.link/HowToGrow

→ Membership Class

*Learn the importance of being a member
of a local church*

12:00–2:00 PM • Room B302-B303
Batch 2: June 30; July 7, 14, 21
Register via gcf.link/Membership

→ Spiritual Gifts Class

*Discover your spiritual gifts and how you
can serve*

July 28
12:00–2:00 PM, Room B302
Register via gcf.link/SpiritualGifts

LIKE JESUS Youth Discipleship Class

SUN

Open to all youth who want to grow
and learn to be like Jesus
9:30 AM • Room B124 (near the Chapel)

Life in Technicolor

*A Support Group for
Cancer Patients and Their Families*

SUN

Every 2nd Sunday of the Month
12:00 NN
Contact **0917 532 7794**

KidsLIFE Discipleship

SUN

Starting on May 12

(except Special Sundays)
8:00 AM • 4th Floor, GCF Ortigas

- Little Ones (ages 1.5–5)
- L.I.F.E. Discipleship (ages 6–12)

KidsLIFE Sunday School

(Except Special Sundays)

SUN

10:30 AM • Open for all kids!

- Little Ones I (ages 1.5–3)
Toddlers' Room • Ground Floor
- Little Ones II (ages 4–5)
4th Floor • GCF Ortigas
- Growing Kids (ages 6–13)
4th Floor • GCF Ortigas

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
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about the various ministries? Visit the new
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