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COMMUNION
SERIES ON LUKE:

*God the Son,
Son of Man*

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Love as Jesus Did (Part 2)

LUKE 6:32-36

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship
Worship Through Praise
Worship Through Fellowship
Worship Through Giving
Scripture Reading
Worship in the Word
Confession Prayer
Communion
Benediction

WORSHIP SERVICES

ENGLISH

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

FILIPINO

Sunday: 3:00 PM
Speaker:
Pastor BJ Sebastian

TRADITIONAL

Saturday: 5:30 PM
Speaker:
Pastor Larry Pabiona



COMMUNION SERMON SERIES

Luke: God the Son, Son of Man

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This passage is the second part of Christ's instructions about love and forgiveness that He taught in the “Sermon on the Plain.” Jesus teaches us one of the hardest teachings to apply for any Christian today: how to love those who hate us or who can never benefit us.

A SUPERNATURAL LOVE DISTINGUISHES THE GENUINE CHRISTIAN.

- Love your enemies: if you love only those who love you, even non-Christians do (1 John 4:7-8).
- Do good for those who can't return the favor: if you do good only to those who do good to you, even non-Christians do (1 John 3:17).
- Lend, expecting nothing in return: if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, even non-Christians do.

All of these are humanly impossible. The point of Jesus is that it takes a God-changed heart to love supernaturally. It is simply impossible in our strength and using our own will. But God empowers what He requires (1 John 5:14). And what He requires is always for our good and His glory.

THE EXERCISE OF GOD'S LOVE IS ALWAYS WORTH IT.

- “Your reward will be great.” It is rewarded in God's perfect way and time. But can we trust God enough for this?
- “You will be sons of the Most High.” Our love proves our lineage. Again, this is because it takes a God-changed heart to exercise supernatural love, for this is humanly unnatural.

Final Thoughts

It's a cliché, but it is still true: your Christianity is proven by how you treat others after the Worship Service. As the apostle John said, “If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother” (1 John 4:20-21).

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FILIPINO MESSAGE



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Tunay na Pag-ibig

LUKE 6:32-36



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PANIMULA

Ang mga talatang ito ay ilan sa pinakamahirap sundin sa mga kautusan ng ating Panginoon. Sa totoo lang, para sa akin, ito ang tanda na ang Batas ng Diyos ay imposibleng sundin, at ang mga tunay na mananampalataya lamang, na binuhay na mag-uli ng Panginoon, ang maaaring umibig ng ganito, dahil sa kapangyarihan ng Diwang Banal na nananahan sa kanila.

1. ANG TUNAY NA PAG-IBIG AY KAKAIBA SA PAG-IBIG NG KARAMIHAN (Luke 6:32-34)

- Pagmamahal sa Hindi Nagmamahal** — *“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.”*
- Paggawa ng Mabuti sa Hindi Pakikinabangan** — *“And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.”*
- Pagpapahiram sa Hindi Magbabayad** — *“And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount.”*

2. ANG TUNAY NA PAG-IBIG AY KATULAD NG PAG-IBIG NG ATING AMA SA KALANGITAN (Luke 6:35-36)

- Makaka-asa Tayo ng Kaluwalhatian sa Piling ng Ating Ama na nasa Langit** — *“But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High”*
- Makikita sa Atin ang Kanyang Kahabagan at Kagandahang-Loob** — *“...for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”*

HAMON

Ang tunay na pag-ibig ay makalangit, hindi makalupa — hindi katulad ng pag-ibig ng sanlibutan, kundi katulad ng pag-ibig ng ating Diyos sa kalangitan — hinahangad ang kabutihan ng iba, at hindi makasarili. Mga tunay na anak ng Diyos lamang ang umiibig ng ganito; tanda ng tunay na kaligtasan; at katiyakan ng walang-hanggang gantimpala sa piling ng ating Ama. ■

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The Shepherd's Voice



By
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What Do We Believe About the Lord's Supper?

Four views have developed over Jesus saying, "This is my body...my blood" (Luke 22:19–20).

- 1.** The Roman Catholic view is called Transubstantiation and says the bread and wine are transformed into Christ's literal body and blood. However, since Christ was physically there at the Last Supper, it is absurd to take the elements He held in His hands as His actual physical body. Hence, Christ must have been speaking in metaphors as He often did.
- 2.** The Lutheran view is called Consubstantiation. This believes that Jesus' body and blood are present in the elements, but the bread and wine do not change into literal body and blood as taught in Roman Catholic doctrine. The problem with this view is the failure to recognize Jesus' statement, "This is My body," as a figure of speech.
- 3.** The Reformed view is Spiritual Presence. Although Christ is not physically present, He is nonetheless spiritually present. This view is also unnecessary since in Jesus' divine nature, He is already everywhere spiritually (omnipresence), and in His human nature, He is in heaven until He returns (1 Corinthians 11:26).
- 4.** The Protestant reformer Zwingli (1484–1531) and the Baptist view is Memorial or symbolic presence. Given that Paul's account in 1 Corinthians 11 says nothing about Christ's presence in the elements, it is best to emphasize a remembrance and proclamation of the Lord's death. The memorial view emphasizes that the participants demonstrate faith in the death of Christ through this symbolic activity.

We must remember that Communion brings us face-to-face with Grace. What is the proper response? It should be gratitude, not guilt, as we confess our sins and celebrate the Grace that gave us eternal life. ■

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

WEDNESDAYS

5:30 PM –
Ortigas Community Outreach

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

GCF Chapel and 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

8:00 AM
10:30 AM

KidsLIFE Discipleship

For ages 1.5 to 12, 4th Floor
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

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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

CARELINK DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES (Open to all)

SUN

→ **How to Grow class (7 sessions)**
Starts August 18
12:00 – 2:30 PM
Room A303 (near 2nd flr Elevator)

→ **Membership class (4 sessions)**
Starts September 22
12:00 – 2:30 PM
Room B302-B303, 3rd Floor

GriefShare

TUE

A 13-week grief recovery support program
Starts August 6
6:00 – 8:30 PM
Register for free, contact Badet at 0917 532 7794

SHAKING HANDS Forum Series

SAT

August 10 • 9:00 AM – 12:00 NN
Fellowship Hall, GCF Ortigas
Topic: Living, Discerning, Facing Up With and
Embracing Your Upward Call in Christ
Register for free via gcf.link/ShakingHands

Biblical Portrait of Marriage 2

SAT

For married and engaged couples
August 10, September 14
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Room BM07-08, GCF Ortigas
Topics: Sex, Romance, Communication,
and Loyalty
Register for free via gcf.link/RegisterBPOM

One and Only: GCF Women's Conference 2024

SAT

September 21
9:30 AM – 11:45 AM
Auditorium B, GCF Ortigas
Speaker: Ms. Gina Espejo
Register for free via gcf.link/WomensCon

Church Leaders Election 2024



Nominations start August 4 (Sun)
Prayerfully nominate those called by God
to serve as Elders and Deacons
Visit the Main Lobby for more info

YA Wetfoot Missions Trip



Target Date: Q4 2024
Location: Local
Participants must be 20 to 40 years old, a GCF
Member, willing to be trained before the
missions trip
Register via gcf.link/YAwetfoot

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)

HARVEST Auditions



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