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What makes a person great before God? The world's standards and God's are so different and often opposite. That's why every Christ-follower must know what matters to God. There is much for us to learn about greatness in God's eyes from Christ:

1. **You are great in God's eyes when you serve Him, whatever it costs you (vv. 24–28a).**
   - John the Baptizer was no pushover, not a man-pleaser. What mattered to him was to fulfill his calling, trusting that God knew what He was doing when He appointed John as the Messiah's forerunner (Malachi 3:1, Luke 1:16–17).
   - When you obey God's will for your life, you must often go against the tide. Sometimes, you'll also ask God for clarity (Luke 7:19), but set your face in the direction God leads you, for as you trust Him, He will make your paths straight (Proverbs 3:5–6).

2. **You are great in God's eyes when you truly belong to His Kingdom (vv. 28b–30).**
   How can the least in the kingdom of God be greater than John? Hebrews 11:39: *"And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised."* Christians have the privilege of witnessing the Messiah's arrival, the Gospel message in full, the permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and the Law of God written in our hearts! (Hebrews 10:16). How can we belong to the Kingdom of God?

   a. We join God's kingdom through repentance (v. 29: *"Baptized with the baptism of John"*).
      - John's ministry was to call people to humble themselves and recognize their condition before God as sinners (Mathew 3:2).

   b. We join God's kingdom by faith, accepting His purpose for our lives (v. 30).
      - What does God want for us? John 6:40: *"For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."*

FINAL THOUGHTS

Why did Jesus commend John the Baptizer so highly? Because many accepted John but not Jesus, although their ministries were inseparable. John prepared the way for the whole Gospel, which involves repentance toward God and faith (Acts 20:21) in Christ as God's Messiah, the only Savior. Please join us at the Lord's Table today if you've done this. If not, *now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation (*2 Corinthians 6:2). ■

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Mga Parangal at Pangaral Tungkol sa Tagapag-Panguna ng Mesias

Luke 7:24–30

PANIMULA
Layunin ni Dr. Luke sa ebanghelyong ito na ipakita ang pagka-Mesias ni Kristo Hesus; na Siya ang katangi-tanging "God-Man" at hinirang na Tagapagligtas. Kanyang maingat na inilatag ang mga dakilang palatandaan ng Kanyang pagiging Anak ng Diyos, katulad halimbawa ng pagpapagaling Niya ng isang alipin at pagbuhay ng isang patay na anak ng isang balo (Luke 7:1-15). Noong nakaraan, nakita natin kung paano pinatunayan ni Hesus kay John at ang Kanyang mga disipulo na Siya ang ipinangakong Mesias ng Diyos (Luke 7:18-23). Makikita naman natin ngayon kung paano pinarangalan ni Hesus si John, at mga mahalagang pangaral tungkol sa katuwiran ng Diyos.

1. **MGA PARANGAL TUNGKOL SA PAGKATAO AT PAGLILINGKOD NI JOHN THE BAPTIST**
   a. Isang Matapang na Lingkod – *"What did you go out into the wilderness to see?..."* (vv. 24–25; Ephesians 4:14; Luke 1:80; Matthew 3:1)
   b. Isang Tunay na Propeta – *"Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet... Behold, I send my messenger before your face..."* (v. 26–27; Luke 1:17, 76; 20:6; Matthew 14:5; Mark 1:2; Malachi 3:1; John 1:23; Isaiah 40:3)
   c. Isang Pamantayan ng Kadakilaan – "*...none is greater than John..."* (v. 28a; Matthew 11:11)

2. **MGA PANGARAL TUNGKOL SA KAHALAGAHAN NG MINISTERYO NI JOHN THE BAPTIST**
   a. Mas Nakahihigit ang Nasa Ilalim ng Bagong Tipan kaysa sa Lumang Tipan – *"...Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."* (v. 28b; 1 Peter 1:10-12; Hebrews 3:3–6; 10:1-14; Ephesians 2:19–22)
   b. Matingkad ang Katuwiran ng Diyos sa Kanyang Mapagbigay-loob na Pakikitungo sa mga Makasalanan – *"When all the people heard this... they declared God just... having been baptized..."* (v. 29; Luke 3:12; Matthew 21:32)
   c. Malinaw ang Babala sa mga Tumatanggi sa Panawagan ng Diyos na Magsisi – *"...rejected the purpose of God for themselves..."* (v. 30; Matthew 23:13; Luke 11:52; Mark 7:9)

HAMON
Pinili ng Panginoon ang isang dakilang tagapag-panguna para sa Kanyang Mesias sapagkat ang mensaheng dala niya ay ang maluwalhating kaligtasan sa pamamagitan ng buhay at ministeryo ni Kristo Hesus, na nagbibigay papuri sa katuwiran ng Diyos. Huwag nating sayangin ang katotohanan na ito at yakapin natin ang paraan na ipinagkaloob ng Diyos upang tayong mga makasalanan ay makatayong matuwid sa Kanyang harapan. ■

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SUNDAYS

8:00 AM English
10:30 AM English
Auditorium B

3:00 PM Filipino
5:30 PM English
Auditorium A

SATURDAYS

5:30 PM Traditional
Auditorium B

Livestream is available during the 10:30 AM and 3:00 PM Sunday Services. The recording of the Traditional Service will be streamed on Sundays at 5:30 PM.

KIDS on SUNDAYS

8:00 AM — **Kids L.I.F.E. Sunday School**
Ages 2 to 6 • 4F | Ages 7 to 13 • 4F

10:30 AM — **Kids L.I.F.E. Sunday School**
Ages 1.5 to 3 • Toddlers' Center, Ground Floor
Ages 4 to 13 • 4F Assembly Area

YOUTH on SATURDAYS

4:00 PM — **YouthLIVE Discipleship Gathering**
For ages 13 to 20 • Fellowship Hall

YOUNG ADULTS on FRIDAYS

7:00 PM — **YA Fridays**
For ages 20s to 40s • Fellowship Hall

BIBLE STUDY on SUNDAYS

9:30 AM — **Sunday Bible School (SBS)**
Open to all • GCF Chapel

9:30 AM — **"Like Jesus" Youth Bible Study**
For all high school students • Room B124

9:30 AM — **Men's Growth Group Express**
Open to all men • Room A107a

PRAYER HOUR on THURSDAYS

8:00 PM — **GCF Family's Hour of Prayer**
Open to all • GCF Chapel and Zoom

OUTREACH on WEDNESDAYS

5:30 PM — **Ortigas Community Outreach**
Open to all • Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM — **Ortigas Community Worship**
Open to all • GCF Chapel

TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE & DEATH

Share this with your friends and family who need to know Christ!

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."

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT GCF ORTIGAS

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.

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**

DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

If you need support or clarification on some issues, we are here to help. Call the GCF ERCC Hotline at 0917 532 7794

Kids L.I.F.E. Needs Volunteers!

If you are a mature Christian who loves God and loves kids, creative, teachable, a GCF member, part of a Growth Group, and endorsed by your GG Leader / Pastor / Elder to serve, then sign up now!

Contact Teacher Angel at **0917 532 7768**

Bible Study Methods at Sunday Bible School

Sundays — 9:30 AM, GCF Chapel

GriefShare Support Group

Starts **Mar 4**, Tuesdays — **13 Sessions**, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Open to those who've lost loved ones
For inquiries, contact **0917 532 7794**

Naomi Women 10th Anniversary Celebration

Mar 8, Saturday — 1:30 – 4:30 PM
Youth Center, 6th Floor
Speaker:
Carla Martinez
Open to all widows
Register via gcf.link/**NaomiFellowship**

Kids L.I.F.E. Sunday School Afternoon Services

Starting **Mar 16**, Sundays — 3:00 PM and 5:30 PM
Little Ones, Toddlers Center (Nursery to 5 years old),
Growing Ones, 4th Floor (6 to 12 years old)

Kids L.I.F.E. Christian Education Training 1

Starts **Mar 10**, Mondays — **5 Sessions**, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, via Zoom

**CE 1 is for those who will serve at Kids L.I.F.E. for the Afternoon Services and those who haven't completed CE 1 yet.*

Register now, contact
Teacher Angel at **0917 532 7768**

Two Timeslots for "Like Jesus" Youth Bible Study

Starting **Mar 16**, Sundays — 9:30 – 10:30 AM and 4:30 – 5:30 PM
Room B124, GCF Ortigas
Open to all high school students

Biblical Portrait of Marriage 1

Mar 22, Apr 5, and 12, Saturdays — 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Room BM07–08
Open to all dating, engaged, & married couples
Register via **gcf.link/BPOM**

THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



Pastor Larry Pabiona
Senior Pastor

Praise God for GCF-Dubai and GCF-Rizal!

The recent launch of GCF Dubai and GCF-Rizal brought to mind the heart of Jesus in Matthew 9:36-38: When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."*

There are strong possibilities of launching other churches in the Philippines and at least three different countries—Taiwan, Switzerland, and South Korea. Our problem? We don't have enough pastors. Our pastoral lineup at GCF-Main is already depleted, and we can't send out more without affecting our own ministry.

I am praying about a 6-month boot camp to train potential pastors that run in the evenings so trainees can continue their usual lives until God asks them to cross the line. This is followed by a lifetime of mentoring, like what Paul did for Timothy and Titus. It will focus on Expository preaching/teaching, Systematic Theology, and Basic Bible Knowledge (OT and NT Survey). We will incorporate other subjects into the lifetime mentoring process. Pray for wisdom in making the curriculum and getting the right teachers and mentors. Most of all, join us in praying as Jesus said, *"Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."*

Learn About the Five Solas in a Reformation Tour

This coming April 13–27, 2025, there will be a Reformation Tour through Germany and Switzerland organized by a fellow GCFer to trace the journey of the Reformation, which gave us the Five Solas. My role will be purely the spiritual aspect of the tour. For any inquiries, you may contact ChrisLink International at 09178302664 or 09167230109. ■

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