



# YOUTH CONNECTION

08 FEBRUARY 2026

## FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

### **Serving Together Prayerfully - Colossians 4:2-6**

Dear brothers and sisters, warm greetings to you all.

As we begin a new year, I would like to share my first pastoral reflection for 2026 from Colossians 4:2-6. This passage was also part of my devotional sharing with the Cantonese Ministry Management Committee, and I believe it offers timely guidance for us as we journey together in the year ahead. This passage teaches us three important lessons that can help us serve together prayerfully as we step into the new year.

#### ***1. Intentional, Focused Prayer and Praying for Others***

Colossians 4:2-4 reminds us: “Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful... And pray for us, too...”

The first call here is to pray. I often hear Pastor Rebecca Kwok share how she devotes time each morning to prayer, and I have much to learn from her example.

The apostle Paul gives us two clear directions for prayer.

First, we are to be watchful and thankful. Being “watchful” reminds us that prayer is not something we do casually or as an afterthought. It calls for intentional focus. When we pray attentively and purposefully, our prayers become meaningful and powerful.

Second, we are to pray for others. Paul asks the believers in Colossae to pray that God would open doors for him to proclaim the mystery of Christ. At the time of writing, Paul was in chains, unable to travel freely to preach the gospel or establish churches. Yet he trusted deeply in the power of prayer.

This reminds us that our first calling is intentional, focused prayer — and praying for one another.

#### ***2. Living with Wisdom — Becoming God’s Wisdom to Others***

Colossians 4:5 says: “Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.”

When leaders look for co-workers, they often look for those who are knowledgeable or experienced. Experience tells us what to do; knowledge tells us how to do it. However, Paul draws our attention to something deeper — wisdom.

Biblical wisdom is not merely about what we know, but how we live out what we know. Even without formal training or extensive experience, we can still live wisely by faithfully living out a Christ-like life.

Before we teach or guide others with our knowledge or experience, we must first live out the life of Christ ourselves. The same applies to evangelism. Often, family members and friends need to see the gospel lived out in us before they become curious about the God we believe in.

Let us therefore relate to others with wisdom — allowing the life God has given us to become wisdom to those around us.

### 3. Speech Filled with Grace, and seasoned with salt

Colossians 4:6 says: “Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”

In today's society, both what we say and how we say it matter greatly. During last year's Cantonese Ministry MC Retreat, Pastor Rebecca Kwok led Cantonese Ministry Management Committee through the “Five Love Languages”, one of which is Words of Affirmation. When we hear affirming words, we feel loved, valued, and accepted.

This verse highlights the importance of gracious speech. While some translations use the word “gentle”, the original Greek word chariti (χάριτι) is better translated as “grace”. Paul's emphasis is not merely on being gentle, but on speech that is rich in grace. Just as food seasoned with salt becomes flavourful and satisfying, our words should be gracious, meaningful, and life-giving.

#### Conclusion

Dear brothers and sisters, as we begin 2026, may God guard our hearts and minds and help us to:

- Pray intentionally and with focus, and pray for one another
- Relate to others with wisdom — allowing our God-given lives to become wisdom to all
- Speak with grace, words that are rich and life-giving

May the Lord bless and guide our service in the year ahead, and may He use us to extend His Kingdom.

Amen.

REV JOSEPH CHEN



***Join us as we celebrate and testify to the amazing works of God among the nations through the teams sent out in Dec 25!***

**SUNDAY, 15 FEB 2026**

**1.30PM - 3.30PM**

**KUM YAN METHODIST CHURCH**

*Light refreshments will be served after the service till 430pm.*

*Contact Xiao Wei (97242374) if you have any enquiries about the service, or have a heart to serve*

*Kindly RSVP for family & friends who are coming at: [bit.ly/YCMT2026](https://bit.ly/YCMT2026) or by scanning the QR code:*



# DISCIPLE



## BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

*“If you make My word your home, you will indeed be My disciples.” ~ John 8:31*

Calling all KY-ers who wish to know God's Word more deeply and study it systematically! Join us as we move through the biblical story from Creation to the New Jerusalem over this 34 session course that aims to not only inform, but more crucially transform lives.

### CLASS INFORMATION:

**Orientation: Saturday, 7 Mar, 10am - 12pm @ Room 501**

**Sessions: Tuesdays, 7pm - 930pm @ Kum Yan**

Mar 24, 31

Apr 7, 14, 21, 28

May 5, 12, 19, 26

Jul 7, 14, 21, 28

Aug 4, 11, 18, 25

Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27

Nov 3, 10, 17

Jan ('27) 5, 12, 23



### REGISTRATION

To register, click [here](#) or scan the QR code  
Registration closes on 4 Mar 2026

**COURSE FEES: \$30.00** (for Materials & Cross Refs)

PayNow preferred - UEN: S87CC0539B

Please indicate “<Your Name>-Disciple Course”

For all enquiries, do approach Ps Simon Say,  
Keith Leong or Victoria Seto.



### YC COMMUNITY DAY

- Sun 22 February
- 1.30pm-4.30pm
- Is your home available?
- RSVP early please!

[bit.ly/commday22feb](http://bit.ly/commday22feb)

# KUM YAN MEN'S MINISTRY

*Calling all KY Men aged 21 and above! Join us in our safe space where we go deeper in the Lord through fellowship, and encourage one another. Lock in the following dates for our keynote sessions for 2026 and listen out for our other prayer, outreach and active sessions along the way:*

**28 Feb (Sat) · Men & Power | Phil 2:5-11**

*REGISTER HERE* 

**30 May (Sat) · Men & Money | Ecc 5:8-10**

**05 Sep (Sat) · Men & Sex | Prov 5:20**

**28 Nov (Sat) · Men & Anger | Eph 4:26-27**

Time / Venue: 8.30am-10.30am @ KYdZ Haven



## “ STAY IN TOUCH

Hi friend! Youth Connection (YC) & Junior Youth Connection (JYC) are Kum Yan's communities of students and young adults who love God and enjoy doing life together!

We invite you to join us for our weekly Worship Services and Cell Group Meetings and monthly Worship Nights.

If you'd like to find out more, do reach out to any of our Staff or Leaders, email us or drop us a DM. Follow us on our socials:



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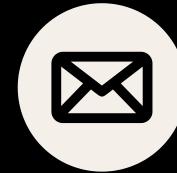
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### **OUR SUNDAY SERVICES**

**JYC · (13yo to 16 yo)**

*Sundays, 10am, The Upper Rm (L7)*

**YC · (17yo to Young Adults)**

*Sundays, 130pm, The Living Rm (L6)*