

YOUTH CONNECTION

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FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

by Rev Herman Kan

SERVICE AND WORSHIP: DIFFERENT EFFECTS

Romans 12:1 (NIV)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Over the past two weeks, we considered two distinctions between worship and service – that is, a difference in identity and a difference in order of priority. Today, we will explore the differences in the effects of worship and service on our lives.

Worship reinforces our sense of identity as a child of God. We are truly God's children, but sometimes we have doubts about this identity, and make attempts to seek verification for it. Worship is the only way for us to confirm our identity as God's children, not through works or service.

On the other hand, service spurs our spiritual growth. Worship is about us approaching God directly, while service is about us serving God indirectly through serving the people around us. Sometimes, when we choose to love and serve people with God's love, especially when we do so in a principled way, we could be judged to be meddlesome, weak and insensible, or persons with a hidden agenda; instead of receiving approval, appreciation or acceptance from others. As a result, we could be ostracised, misunderstood, bullied, rejected, and even regarded as an enemy.

However, we can overcome such struggles and wounding by receiving healing in Christ, so that our spirit man will be renewed and grow in maturity, and we can realign ourselves with God's desires and purposes once again. In fact, Jesus has already set the example for us by learning obedience from what He suffered (Hebrews 5:8).

Finally, let us consider how we can move from worship into service, and transit from a child of God to a servant of Christ. Such a change can happen in an instant. When worshippers connect with God, and receive His unconditional love, we also experience His deep concern for the lost and broken. We will begin to see the world through God's eyes, and demonstrate His love to the people. We will also lay aside our identity as a child of God, and take on the identity of a servant of Christ to love and serve others.

May each one of us have an abundant life of worship and an abundant life of service!

HELLO FRIEND

Youth Connection (YC) and Junior Youth Connection (JYC) are Kum Yan's community of students and young adults who love God, and doing life together!

We believe in Jesus, and are committed to know Him better and grow and mature in His likeness, and cheer each other on and journey together in community.

We'd love to invite you join us at Cell Group and Worship Services (online and in person).

If you would like to find out more about Jesus or Church, or if you would like some prayer support or someone to talk to, feel free to reach out to any of the staff or leaders!



FAMILY NEWS + UPDATES

YC & JYC ON-SITE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

SUN 29 NOV 2020, 1:30PM
KY LIVING ROOM | ZOOM

We're so excited to welcome everyone back to Church again in two weeks' time! This time, we will have BOTH YC and JYC together and we will be meeting in the Living Room! (The service will be streamed online on Zoom for those of us who will not be able to join us onsite.)

RSVP ASAP

In order to facilitate Safe Entry, seating (in two Zones) and all other Safe Management Measures, we will need all YCers and JYCers to RSVP as soon as possible. As soon as you decide, please inform your cell / small group leader(s), Queenie or Kerin to choose your seat!

Those who, or whose parents, may need more info about the safe management measures that will be in place for our onsite worship service may contact Queenie directly.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

At least 12 people are needed to serve on site with Hospitality / Safe Management Ambassadors. Please indicate your availability when you RSVP with your cell leaders! Thank you!

HOLY COMMUNION ELEMENTS

Those who are joining the service on Zoom will need to make sure they have Holy Communion elements to partake of at the Service. Please contact your cell leaders if you need to arrange to collect the elements.

CHRISTMAS BAPTISM

25 DEC, 2:00PM

Let us support our brothers and sisters getting baptised / confirmed real soon!

BAPTISM

Jonathan Chan, Joshua Lee, Keith Phua, Renee Loo, Reuben Ng, Shannen Leong

CONFIRMATION:

Benedict Ng, Calista Tan, Celeste Tan, Jonathan Tan, Priscilla Tan, Rachel Kan, Ronice Li, Xanaz Wong

KY FAMILY CHRISTMAS COMBINED SERVICE

SUN 20 DEC 2020, 10AM
KY SANCTUARY | ZOOM

We are looking forward to worshipping all together as a KY Family this Christmas, with 100 worshippers on site and more online via Zoom!

Registration starts today (22 Nov) for those who wish to participate in the service on-site at Kum Yan, and will close on 6 Dec 2020. With the current limit of 100 worshippers at our on-site Services, each congregation has been allocated a number of tickets for this Service (YC & JYC: 30). Do register as soon as possible through this website:

<https://kumyan201220.eventbrite.sg>

NB:

- KY-ers are encouraged to register in groups of up to 5 persons. This will help us meet the safety requirements, while optimizing the use of space.
- The Service will be about 1 hour long, and doors will open at 9.20am.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETINGS

Prayer is the most essential service we each can render our nation and the world in this long season of disruption, change and challenge. Let us join with family, friends and brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ, to fervently seek God's heart and purpose, and to faithfully act upon His word in obedience to pray without ceasing, and intercede with all kinds of prayer.

KUM YAN WATCH & PRAY

-Wednesdays, 8PM - 930PM, Zoom

All of us are invited to join in this weekly time with God to worship and pray together, as the Spirit leads, to seek the welfare of the city (Jer 29:7)! Happens weekly on Zoom!

LOVESINGAPORE MORNING PRAYER

Sundays, 7AM-8PM, Zoom

KY anchors Morning Prayer every Sunday. Until 31 Dec 2020, we will follow the adjusted timing and format. Everyone is invited! Contact Kerin for the Zoom Meeting Room details.



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT: TAMAR VILLAGE

Tamar Village (TV) Singapore is part of a global movement to see justice and compassion revealed in the red light districts of Asia.

TV is committed to bring hope, help, and healing to individuals and family units affected by the trades of the red light district. Their heart is to reach out and intentionally stop for one person at a time. By journeying towards restoration with TV brothers and sisters, lives are rebuilt, people restored, and communities renewed.

SPROUT is the work initiative of TV to restore the lives of people involved in or at-risk of the red-light trades in Singapore by engaging them to create handmade lifestyle products to infuse love, joy and contentment into your home. SPROUT website: <https://sprout.tamarvillage.org/>

In view of the Safe Management Measures in place for all visitors to SPROUT, do contact Armstrong in advance to book your visit so as to avoid disappointment!

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