THE GOSPEL OF

FINDING LIFE IN JESUS

30 March 2025

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Who is Worthy to Follow?

John 3:22-36



John 3:22-36 (ESV)

²² After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing. ²³ John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized ²⁴ (for John had not yet been put in prison).

²⁵ Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. ²⁶ And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him." ²⁷ John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.' ²⁹ The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease."

³¹He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all. ³²He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. ³³Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true. ³⁴For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. ³⁵The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. ³⁶Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

THE FLOW OF WORSHIP

ADORATION

Welcome Call to Worship Together Worship in Songs

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

Guests' Spotlight Greeting, Offering, Dismissal Testimony Scripture Reading Sermon Prayer/Reflection

COMMITMENT

Songs of Response Benediction

COMMUNITY GROUPS

We are small disciple-making communities pursuing Jesus and serving, growing and reaching out together. For more information, email *community@watermarkchurch.hk*.

ISLAND WEST

BROKEN VESSELS (Sai Ying Pun) | Mon 7:30pm SHALOM (Sai Ying Pun) | Thu 7:30pm LIVING STONES (Sai Ying Pun) | Thu 7:30pm JARS OF CLAY (Sai Ying Pun) | Fri 7:30pm MANDARIN CG | Fri 8:00pm INNER CHAMBERS (Kennedy Town) | Sat 3:00pm ISLAND CENTRAL UPPER ROOM (Wan Chai) | Fri 7:30pm BREAKING BREAD (Parkview) | Fri 7:30pm ABIDE (Tinhau) | Thu 8:00pm GRACE (Midlevels) | Thu 8:00pm

OTHERS THE OAKS (Tai Wai) | Wed 7:30pm INSIDE OUT (Jordan) | Thu 7:30pm THE MESSENGERS (West Kowloon) | Fri 7:30pm

* We also have a number of Family Groups meeting after the service at Ebenezer, for families with young children.

REGULAR MINISTRIES

MOMS FELLOWSHIP (Sai Ying Pun) | Wed 10:00am

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (Sai Ying Pun) | Wed 7:30pm

WHAT'S HAPPENING

April 3 (Thu) | **Prayer Meeting with Fasting** | Come join us on Thursday April 3, at the CC for our monthly Prayer Meeting. As a sign of our total dependence on God, we encourage people to fast that day. The prayer meeting will be 7.30-8.30pm, and then we break fast together with a meal afterwards.

Apr 5 (Sat) |ICM Kids Club: Open to Volunteers | We are looking for volunteers to help with ICM's Kids Club on Apr 5, Saturday. 2-4:30pm. Volunteers meet at 1:30pm. Helpers will be engaging with children of non-Christian families with an ethnic minority background to share God's love and the gospel with them. We welcome you to come join us whether you're a veteran or a first-time helper! Please contact Sora (9147 5914) (*Sora@innercityministries.org*) and/or Vanessa (94448761) if you're interested in volunteering with ICM that afternoon.

April 6 (Sun) Empty tomb or Empty faith? The resurrection of Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith, yet for many people exploring Christianity it is an obstacle that is hard to believe. Come and hear about the historical evidence of the resurrection, and feel free to invite your friends for whom this is an obstacle. Sunday 6 April, 12:30 in the Ebenezer student canteen. Please sign up by scanning the Events Sign Up Form QR code on the right if you want to order lunch.

April 13 (Sun) | Helpers' Appreciation Day | Foreign domestic helpers fulfill a major role in our families and communities while facing much marginalisation in the city. Invite the helpers in your life to our annual H.A.D., where they will be honoured in service, then we will host them for lunch. To RSVP, please scan the QR code to your right to view the flyer.



April 18 (Fri) Encountering the Cross | God is good and Good Friday is the ultimate proof. This year we have again a special service in Sai Ying Pun, at the Community Center where we will encounter Jesus on the cross through the eyes of some of those who were there. Services are 6pm and 7:30pm and will last for one hour. To sign up, please scan the Event Sign up Form QR code below.

April 28 to May 26 (Mon) | **Rethinking Sexuality** | Whether male or female, disheartening conversations about sexuality are all around us. Sexual abuse. Sexual addiction. Gender confusion. Brokenness. Shame. What if all this pain presented an invitation: an opportunity to pursue the heart of God and become Jesus' disciples? Join us for a book discussion on the book Rethinking Sexuality and learn more about what it looks like to understand sexuality based on biblical truth whether you or those around you are encountering the pain of sexual brokenness. We will meet on Zoom for 5 sessions from April 28 to May 26 from 7:30pm - 9:00pm. Please purchase the online book from Amazon or other online stores. The deadline to sign up is on April 13. Limited space available. Commitment to all 5 sessions is highly encouraged. To sign up, please scan the Event Sign up Form QR code below.



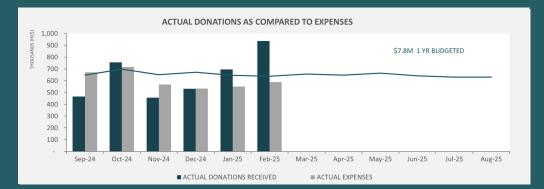
TITHING & OFFERING

The gospel is the story of God's radical generosity to us: the giving of Himself. Knowing that all we have is from Him, as an act of faith, obedience and worship, we joyfully give back to His kingdom advancement through tithes and offerings.

Here are ways you can give on Sunday at our collection boxes or during the week:

For direct transfers, please debit to our HSBC account: 004 808 829 709 838 (savings) and email *finance@watermarkchurch.hk* to inform us of the transfer.

Cheques should be made payable to: "Watermark Community Church Limited". For US citizen/ residents who wish to have a US tax receipt, each donation must be at least US\$100 (or HK\$800) and made payable to "Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc." We cannot accept cash offerings for FOHK; all contributions must be made by cheque. Cheques (both to Watermark and to FOHK) can be mailed to Watermark Community Centre.



You can also donate via FPS. Our FPS ID is: 164253833.



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<u>Sunday Services</u> Ebenezer: 10:30am Watermark Community Centre: 2:30pm