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Written by: Evangelist-Pastor Johnny Tan

And Philip ... said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me?

Acts 8:30 – 31

There are many people without the light of the gospel in Singapore. Many more in the clutches of sin, and many

still in the clutches of religion that will bind their souls to false beliefs and tradition, till the day they pass from this world into the next. They will find that Biblical Christianity has the word of truth that leads to eternal life. Until then, they continue merrily along life's way without knowing the ends therefore are the ways of death. At our weekly outreach efforts, we find many who have never had a clear presentation of

the gospel of Jesus Christ. Others still, in the years that they have lived, have never even heard the name of Christ, let alone that the Lord Jesus died to pay for their sins and rose again. This is a glorious truth to us, but unheard of by many who will die and go to a devil's hell.

Dear believer, is that nothing to you? Philip was informed

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from the pastor's heart

by the Holy Spirit to go and join himself to a lost man. The Ethiopian Eunuch was asked if he understood the words of the Bible. His reply was "How can I except that some man should guide me?"

Learn three truths from this simple question:

There are earnest people who are seeking the answers to life's questions.

The eunuch was reading the Bible. He was reading not only with interest, but also earnestly wanting to find out answers, for he asked Philip

"..., I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?"

Acts 8:34

Because of their earnestness in seeking the truth, they are willing to listen, their hearts have been made ready by the Lord to receive the word.

They can never understand the truth of God's word unless someone guides them.

The natural man does not welcome the word of God, and therefore has no interest in trying to understand it. Therefore, it is necessary for someone who loves the truth and the Saviour to be their guide to understanding the Bible. Like the reading

of a new book or pursuit of a new course of study, details may be unclear to students unless someone takes the trouble to help them understand. The devil works hard to prevent the children of God from understanding the Bible. We must do all we can to encourage it.

These people will be lost forever, if they fail to understand the words of the Living God.

Many who do not understand the word of God, later reject it altogether, to their eternal shame and damnation. Yet, if someone would make the effort to help them, they, by the grace of God, will see the truth of God's word and be saved. Philip was used by the Lord to guide the Ethiopian Eunuch to the Saviour, and church tradition states that the Ethiopian Eunuch then went back to his accurate, and storted an outrooch to

country and started an outreach to the lost in his country.

Consider this conversation between missionary Hudson Taylor, and a local Chinese man who was saved under his preaching.

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thought for the week

Be a channel of blessing to others. Someone was a channel of salvation to you!

memory verse

They can never

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them.

And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me?

Acts 80:30-31a

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Sunday Worship Service 5 February 2012 How Do We Help Someone to the Saviour?						
I. Today's message is						
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III. What must we do to help someone to Christ?						
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B. We must be S faithfully						
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Sunday Worship Service 5 February 2012 How Do We Help Someone to the Saviour?

Turn to: Acts 8:29 - 31

Romans 3:11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Romans 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Turn to: Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15; John 20:21; Acts 1:8

Acts 8:4 ... they went everywhere preaching the word

Matthew 4:19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Mark 1:17 And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

Acts 6:5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

Acts 8:4-5 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

Luke 16:10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

Ezekiel 22:30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

Acts 8:29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

THE ELEPHANT ROOM AND HEGELIAN DIALECTICS

The Elephant Room is a dialogue forum invented in 2011 by emerging star Mark Driscoll, together with James MacDonald, Steven Furtick, David Platt, Matt Chandler, Greg Laurie, and Perry Noble. The stated objective is to discuss controversial doctrinal issues with "guests from all places and belief systems" with the goal of

we are shocked by theological error, but through dialogue with heretics the very concept of heresy becomes quaint. Through the Elephant Room we learn that "heretics" are likable people who "love Jesus" and merely have another way of looking at things. We are told that

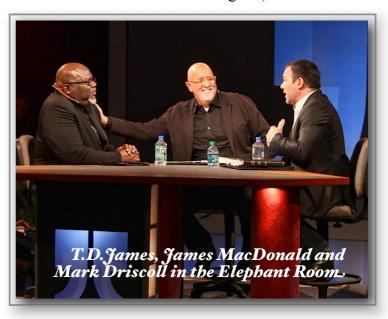


theological sharpening. Digging a little further, we see that the real objective is ecumenism. Driscoll and friends say plainly that their "goal is unity" and that they are opposed to "crouching behind walls of disagreement." Though they claim to "hold the essential tenets of the faith with a ferocious intensity," in typical emerging style they contradict this by saying we should "not isolate ourselves from relationship even with those who believe much differently." There is a Hegelian dialectic at work here. By having public "conversations" with people who "offend you or deny the faith as you see it," walls are broken down and attitudes are changed. At first

we all "see through a glass darkly," so no one can claim a corner on the truth. Therefore, instead of separating and condemning, let's relax and dialogue. The apostle Paul was so old-fashioned and non-emerging when he persisted in pronouncing God's curse on the Galatian heretics instead of inviting them to a dialogue. How could he have been so sure that he even understood the fine nuances of their position? Apparently he just wasn't clever enough. And he certainly wasn't cool enough to build a big church in Seattle. (See also "Hegelian Dialectics: The Devil's Winning Tool" at the Way of Life web site. There is a search engine.)

T.D. JAKES IN THE ELEPHANT ROOM

In the most recent Elephant Room conversation, which was held at First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, last month, Driscoll and friends gave prosperity gospel preacher T.D. Jakes a forum to smokescreen his compromise pertaining to the fundamental doctrine of the Trinity. Mr. Jakes, who is a master of facing two ways and for whom someone like Driscoll and MacDonald are pushovers, said on one hand that he has moved away from a Oneness, "Jesus Only" view to embrace the Trinity as "one God, three Persons." But he hastened to say that he still "prefers" the term "manifestations," believes that men on both sides of the issue are "saying the same thing," and has fellowship with those on all sides. He issued no repentance that he admittedly preached Oneness heresy for years. In fact, he is still at least sympathetic to Oneness theology, still defends its unscriptural continued on page 2



T.D. Jakes in the Elephant Room continued......

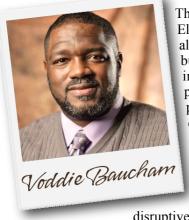
terminology (by the misuse of 1 Timothy 3:16, for example), still falsely claims that this doctrine is an issue of "seeing through a glass darkly" and thus no one has it right, and refuses to obey the Bible by separating from heretics. In fact, he's not sure there are any heretics, and he's far too busy promoting unity to worry much about them, even if they exist. Far from challenging Jakes in a serious way, a pathetically fawning Driscoll and MacDonald treated the man like a religious rock star. They were so busy praising him as a man of "courage and humility" that they gave him a pass on the aforementioned contradictions and didn't challenge his sloppy biblical exegesis. So much for boldly unveiling the "elephants."

ELEPHANTS THAT ARE INVISIBLE IN THE ELEPHANT ROOM

In typical Emerging New Evangelical fashion, there are lots of elephants that will always be invisible in Driscoll's Elephant Room. Consider the elephant of biblical separatism. God's Word clearly demands separation from false teaching and end-time apostasy and even from compromise by true brethren (e.g., Romans 16:17; 21 Corinthians 6:14-18; 2 Thessalonians 3:13-14; 1 Timothy 6:3-5; 2 Timothy 3:5; 2 John 10-11; Revelation 18:4), but Driscoll and friends ignore this injunction. Separatism is a foreign concept to them, as it interferes with their unity/friendship/kingdom building agenda. Consider the elephant of "cultural liberalism," which is espoused by Driscoll. He

claims to be "theologically conservative and culturally liberal," meaning that he is free to drink deeply of the pop culture and to baptize huge elements of it in his church, such as Christianizing filthy rock & roll, imitating the world's sensual fashions, traveling to Las Vegas to attend Extreme Fighting championships, having champagne dance parties, hosting a secular rock theater, and writing X-rated sex books. These and many other elephants won't be discussed in the Elephant Room for the simple fact that it is not possible to see an elephant when you have been flattened by it.

PASTOR LOSES SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT FOR DISAGREEING WITH ELEPHANT ROOM



The movers and shakers of the Elephant Room claim that it is all about promoting dialogue, but the treatment of a pastor in their own circles who protested Jakes' appearance proves that it is all about ecumenical unity. In an ecumenical atmosphere, you aren't allowed to "judge" or "criticize." You can hold private opinions but you must not express them in a

disruptive way, and if you do you are marked as a troublemaker and ostracized. Pastor Voddie Baucham of Grace Family Baptist Church in Spring, Texas, learned this recently. To his credit Baucham spoke out against Jake's appearance in no uncertain terms and refused an invitation to participate in the Elephant Room conversation. In fact, this Southern Baptist pastor was bolder in his stand for truth, at least in this particular context, than a lot of milquetoast Independent Baptists preachers who are keeping quiet in the face of the greatest spiritual war that has ever faced them. In his blog, Baucham rightly identified Jakes' "masterful dodge" on questions pertaining to the Trinity, but he went further and warned of Jakes' Word-Faith heresy which was another

elephant that was totally ignored in the Elephant Room. Baucham wrote: "Having studied the 'Word of Faith' movement, and seen the devastation it leaves in its wake, I was disinclined to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the man who has been this country's most popular purveyor of this heresy in the past two decades. ... [Jakes] has brought a charismatic, theatrical, excessive, 'Word of Faith' flavor to the city [Dallas] that permeates many churches (especially black churches)." Elephant Room leader James MacDonald took offense at this outspoken criticism of his dialogue partner Jakes, even though Baucham was speaking the truth, and when Baucham arrived at MacDonald's church for a previously scheduled preaching engagement at a men's conference, he was informed that he had been cancelled. "MacDonald had already selected Baucham's replacement as a speaker, and Baucham and his assistant were escorted to a waiting car and taken back to the airport" ("Texas Pastor Reveals Rift," Christian Post, Jan. 30, 2012). I have been treated the same way by some Independent Baptists who have gotten too big for their britches and who mistake godly reproof for cheap gossip and who can't countenance the truth. (We deal extensively with the Word-Faith heresy in the illustrated book The Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements, which is available in print and eBook editions from Way of Life Literature -- www.wayoflife.org.)

SEEING THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY

At the recent Elephant Room dialogue, T.D. Jakes claimed that the doctrine of the Trinity is a matter of "seeing through a glass darkly," and the men who conducted the dialogue agreed with him. Jakes said, "We are both attempting to describe a God we love, that we serve, and that we have not seen. And that we are viewing Him through the context of the Scriptures, but that with a glass darkly. Why should I fall out and hate and throw names at you when all that I know and understand, be it very orthodox, is still through a glass darkly?" Jakes was referring to 1 Corinthians 13:12, which says, "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." Jakes is abusing this Scripture by applying it to Bible doctrine. Paul was talking about the fact that we don't have full knowledge of everything we would like to know. He was most definitely NOT referring to Bible doctrine, which is bright light rather than dark glass. The things God has revealed, we can know for sure and we can understand by the indwelling Holy Spirit (Deut. 29:29). It is only the things that God has not revealed that we cannot yet know. (Jakes' reference to "hate" is typical ecumenicalspeak. In the ecumenist's mind, to earnestly defend the faith and reprove heretics is "hate," but if this is hate, then the apostle Paul and the apostle John and the apostle Peter and Jude and all of the prophets of old were great haters!) Jakes said further, "I think it's so important that we realize that four God is beyond our intellect. And if you

can define Him and completely describe Him and say you are the end-all definition of who God is, then He ceases to be God." No one is saying that we can define God completely. That is a ridiculous straw man. The real issue is that God has revealed certain



things about Himself in Scripture, and the question is whether we are going to believe what He has revealed and take a stand for it, or not. Paul told Timothy that men can rightly divide the Word of God and that we will be held accountable before God for doing so (2 Timothy 2:15). Jakes further said, "Because the reason Paul says it is a mystery, is that we deify the fact that God does things that don't fit our formulas." Here Jakes grossly misdefines the New Testament term "mystery" and none of the Elephant Room theologians called him on it. Paul plainly and consistently defined "mystery" as a doctrine that was hidden in Old Testament times but is now revealed. "... the mystery ... which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit" (Ephesians 3:3-5). See also Romans 11:25-26; 1 Corinthians 2:7-10; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:26. The Elephant Room outfit is the blind leading the blind; they can't even see the elephants!

RICK WARREN'S CHURCH MEMBERS SHED 250,000 POUNDS VIA DANIEL PLAN



Members of Rick Warren's Saddleback Church have reportedly collectively lost 250,000 pounds since the Daniel Plan was launched a year ago. The alternative health program was created by three men whose thinking is permeated with New Age principles: Mehmet Oz, Daniel Amen, and Mark Hyman. Oz is a follower of Emanuel Swedenborg, who entertained spirit guides and

was deeply involved with Eastern mysticism ("Special Report," Lighthouse Trails, Jan. 11, 2011). Amen teaches Eastern meditation and deals in pop psychology and self-help. Both Oz and Amen promote Reiki, an occultic practice that allegedly channels "universal healing energy." Amen told Warren that he intends to

help Saddleback church members to have good "brain health," a subject he has addressed in several books. Amen's The Brain in Love promotes Hindu Tantra, the pagan concept of combining yogic meditation with sex. Making a Good Brain Great promotes Hindu-style meditation through the vain repetition of the alleged primal sounds saa, taa, naa, maa, aa. Even if these actual demonic practices are not part of the Saddleback health program, Rick Warren has brought his people into potential contact with such things by his enthusiastic recommendation of these men. Mark Hyman promotes meditation based on Buddhist principles. He clams that "diseases don't exist; their symptoms are related to effects" ("Rick Warren's Celebrity Health Plan Draws Thousands," The Orange County Register, Jan. 16, 2011). To say that disease doesn't exist apart from human causes is New Age nonsense. While it is true that diet and exercise can affect one's health, all diseases are not the result of lifestyle. We are fallen sinners who live in a sin-cursed world, and disease and death are realities

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Rick Warren's Church Members continued......

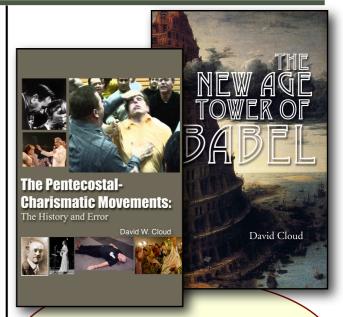
that affect every individual regardless of what type of "healthy lifestyle" he pursues. In our book *The New Age Tower of Babel*, we warn that the alternative health care field is permeated with New Age philosophy. A friend observed that health food stores are New Age chapels. Beware! Though we know that physical health is important, the Bible itself doesn't have much to say about it. What the Bible does have a lot to say about is spiritual health in general and *not* associating with paganism in particular! "Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils" (1 Corinthians 10:21). Rick Warren is a major builder of the apostate one-world church.

DRAGON PROGNOSTICATORS



The Chinese New Year has ushered in the zodiacal Year of the Dragon, and the media in Asia at least is filled with prophecies based on the stars. For example, astrologer Peter So makes the following predictions: "Europe will not recover so soon. ... A recovery for the U.S. economy is possible for 2013. I can predict that in Hong Kong and in China a number of high-ranking officials will be forced to step down. Some may be thrown behind bars, or even

pass away" (Philippine Star, Jan. 23, 2012). These are typical astrology-type prophecies. They are couched in vague generalities and are therefore meaningless. Any person who reads newspapers could predict that Europe will not recover soon and that the U.S. might recover in 2013! And to predict that some high-ranking officials in China might be forced to step down or might die is an exercise in the ridiculous. Contrast this with the Bible's prophecies, which are precise. Before Jesus was born, the very town of His birthplace was named, and the details of the events of the crucifixion were described in ancient prophecies by David and Isaiah. These details included the words Jesus spoke from the cross, the mocking of the crowd, the gambling for His garments, the offer of vinegar to drink, the fact that none of His bones would be broken, and His burial in a rich man's tomb. David's prophecy in Psalm 22 was written 1,000 years before Jesus was born, and Isaiah 53 was written 700 years before. Believing that the Bible is the divinely-inspired Word of God is not a blind leap in the dark. The evidence is overwhelming for those who are not willfully blind.



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sermon notes: verse list

Acts 9:10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

Acts 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Acts 16:9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

Matthew 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Galatians 5:16 Walk in the Spirit

Acts 5:20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

Mark 5:19 Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

Exodus 4:10 - 12 And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

Turn to: **Mark 16:15**

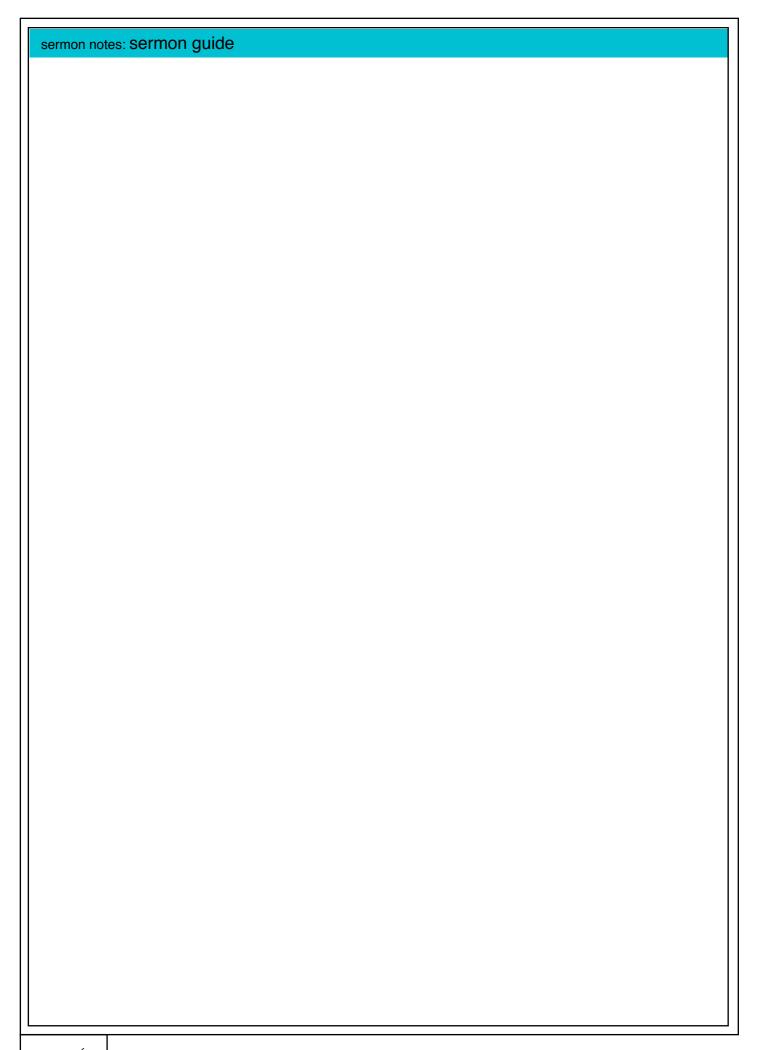
Acts 5:20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Hebrews 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.





Many people in this world will never come to a knowledge of Christ, not because they don't want to, but because there is no one going and telling them in the first place. Let us be the helpers of the Lord to help someone to the Saviour this month. Being involved in helping someone find Christ involves our time, our resources, our heart and ourselves. It involves listening to them, sympathizing with them and meeting their needs with the goal of leading them to the Life-giver, the Lord Jesus Christ.

MINISTRY NEWS • IN PICTURES

Chinese Ministry Special Dinner

29 January 2012

大使浸信会 CCQ - ResCHRISTY PREAMS 222 The Chinese Ministry held a special dinner after their Sunday service last week.

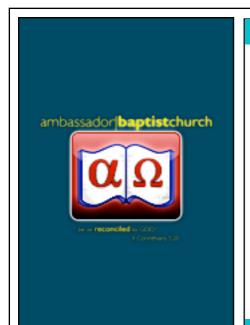
It was a blessed time of fellowship amongst our Chinese-speaking brethren. We thank the Lord for the time and look forward to the expansion of the Chinese Ministry in 2012!

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"To win the north of Singapore for Christ and a thousand souls for Christ in five years."

THEME FORTHE MONTH:

Helping Someone to the Saviour



the week at a glance

6 - 12 FEBRUARY 2012

6 Feb	7 Feb	8 Feb	9 Feb	10 Feb	11 Feb	12 Feb
monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	sunday
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timings

Sunday Services

Children's Bible Hour 09:30AM Sunday Bible Hour 09:30AM Mandarin Service 03:30PM English Worship Service 11:00AM

Routine Weekly Activities

Faith Bible Institute Mondays, 07:45PM

"Rivers in a Dry Place" Fridays, 08:00PM

Ambassador Youth Saturdays, 10:30AM

Outreach Efforts

SEMBAWANG Person-in-Charge: Bro. Robert Tuesdays, 08:15PM

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Person-in-Charge: We need one. Wednesdays, 08:15PM

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from the pastor's heart - continued

He it was who, talking with Mr. Taylor, unexpectedly raised a question, the pain of which was not easily forgotten.

"How long have you had the Glad Tidings (the gospel) in England?" he asked all unsuspectingly.

The young missionary was ashamed to tell him, and

vaguely replied that it was several hundreds of years.

"What," he exclaimed in astonishment, "several hundreds of years! Is it possible that you have known about Jesus so long, and only now have come to tell us?"

"My father sought the truth for more than twenty years," he continued sadly, "and died without finding it. Oh, why did you not come sooner?"

"Lord Jesus, use me to help someone to the Saviour." Let this be our prayer today.