

Welcome to Church!

We are glad you chose to join us today to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that your stay will be both meaningful and memorable.

Our Mission

We are a church that seeks to bring glory to God, to build the local church through discipleship and to fulfill the Great Commission.



Announcements

We are continuing with our New Year's Sermon Series entitled, "**20/20: A Vision for Spiritual Growth**" where we will be looking at key passages to remind us that we are *Complete* in Christ, *Called* to Christ and *Changed* into the image of Christ.

Join us for our biannual week-long **Prayer & Fasting** to be held on **January 20-24, 2020**. Let's start the year by coming together as a congregation in prayer as we seek God's will and favor for our church and for our lives.



How Can We Pray For You?

It is our privilege to pray for you. You may send your prayer requests by text, by writing them on the prayer cards provided or by sending us a private message on our FB page!



Discover Life in the Small Groups

We are passionate about community.

We encourage you to join our small groups where we cultivate meaningful relationships and grow in our relationship with God together.

To join a group, you may inquire from our volunteers at the Information Booth.



Stay for Fellowship & Refreshments

We invite you to stay for coffee and fellowship after the service. Take the opportunity to meet new friends or inquire about our small groups or about the church.

Our weekend Services are held at the *Café Corazon (2nd Floor), Bai Hotel, North Reclamation Area, Mandaue City, every Sunday 10AM-12NN and 1PM-3PM.*

*The Living Word NRA Center is located at the 2/F Northgate Centre, Banilad (across Country Mall and beside University of Cebu-Banilad).

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20/20

A VISION FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

CALLED TO CHRIST: LESSONS FROM ENOCH

Genesis 5:18-24; Hebrews 11:5-6

Pastor Nic Sy | January 19, 2020 | 10AM & 1PM Service

sermon notes



SERMON THEME/BIG IDEA



MY NOTES/HIGHLIGHTS

Small Group Discussion Guide

For the week of January 19-25, 2020



Sermon quick review

As you recall this week's sermon entitled "Called to Christ: Lessons from Enoch," what was the most compelling or memorable point that stood out or confused or challenged you?

Or

Briefly share (1) a spiritual LESSON that you learned from the sermon, (2) an application from your last week's NEXT STEPS or (3) a PRAISE report from the past week.

Connecting

Share about three things you are most thankful for this week.

Group discussion

Read Genesis 5:18-24; Hebrews 11:5-6.

1. What does the writer of Hebrews say about Enoch's faith? What does he connect Enoch's faith with (verse 5)?
2. *Discuss.* What does Genesis 6:5 say about the heart of mankind during the time of Enoch? If Enoch was born in our day, do you think he would have a harder time living out his faith as compared to living in his time? Why or why not?
3. *Discuss.* What do you think is the connection between pleasing God and walking with God?
4. What does Amos 3:3 say about walking together? What would this mean for the Christian and for *you* in a practical way? Share some specific experiences.
5. Read Galatians 1:10. What is Paul saying about the approval of men versus the approval of God? Does this mean a Christian should be rude and offensive to others? How does one strike a balance?

6. *Share.* Would you say that you know God better now than you did before? What do you think should you do when your relationship with God becomes routine or becomes a challenge for you?

7. **[NEXT STEPS]** Ask each one to check the boxes that apply to them. Consider these suggestions and be ready to share about your experience next week.
 - I will commit to go through the devotionals everyday this week.
 - I will commit to attend at least one session of the Prayer & Fasting on January 20-24.
 - I will intentionally spend _____ minutes every day this week in personal prayer and bible study, not as a duty but with a desire to commune with God.
 - I understand that walking with God also means trusting him. I will trust God in the area of _____.
 - I will memorize Hebrews 11:5 and I will seek to be sensitive to please Christ.

Closing the session.

(Group facilitators: Before closing, read through the "Personal Reflections & Action.") Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Take the time to thank God for the privilege of walking with him, knowing him, and being loved by him.
- Pray for a freshness and new passion for Christ and his Word.
- Pray for those who are going through personal struggles.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.

Personal reflection & action.

When asked to highlight the most important commandment in all of Scripture, Jesus responded, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment" (Matthew 22:37-38).

All of Christianity boils down to this one pursuit. And because we are to pursue loving God in all we do, all of life boils down to this single pursuit. Every single thing we do, whether it involves work, family, friends, church, entertainment, school, or solitude, is meant to be marked by the simplicity of loving God.

At the end of our days, the way we loved our heavenly Father will matter most. Our love for God matters more than any achievement, success, or program. It matters more than any possession, status, or relationship. And when we align our perspective with the first and greatest commandment, everything else comes into focus. When we pursue loving God above all else, all other pursuits fall into their proper places.

A. W. Tozer remarks in *The Pursuit of God*, "If we would find God amid all the religious externals, we must first determine to find Him, and then proceed in the way of simplicity." May we discover the peace and joy that come from pursuing a simple Christianity this week.

DAY 4.
CALLED TO BE FAITHFUL STEWARDS

Read: Matthew 6:1-4; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15.
 It’s possible to do all the right things for all the wrong reasons. We can read our Bibles, go to church, put money in the collection plate, live an exemplary life—all as a means of serving ourselves. We may be doing these things to ease a guilty conscience, to impress others, or to try to earn God’s approval or secure blessings from God.

Jesus calls all that hypocrisy. In those days, some people went to great lengths to do all the right things for all the wrong reasons. They made public displays of giving money to the poor. They made a great fuss as they brought money to the temple. They did all they could to draw attention to themselves. But their giving was not pleasing to God, because they gave to serve their own purposes.

Jesus wants our generosity to be motivated by love and gratitude. When our hearts are awash in the richness of God’s kindness to us, our natural response should be generous giving in all areas of life—time, talents, and treasures. We should give without regard for any recognition or reward. Jesus, who was infinitely wealthy, became poor for our sake. Through his poverty, we gain riches beyond compare!

Are you generous in giving to people in need? What motivates your giving? May gratitude to our Lord always be our guide.

Reflect & Apply.

1. Would you consider yourself a generous person? What would the Holy Spirit say about your true motivations in your generosity?
2. In 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, what would “cheerful” giving look like in your life? Could you think of specific examples or ways?
3. What do you hear God saying to you by way of affirmation or challenge through these passages? How will you respond?

DAY 5.
CALLED TO WORSHIP

Read: Revelations 4:8-11; Psalm 19.
 Heaven’s throne room is filled with sounds of praise and worship. The four living creatures give round-the-clock adoration to the One on the throne. “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,” they proclaim. This is a picture of all creation honoring God as the Creator and Lord over all things—the only one worthy of all praise.

Creation’s song of praise—led by the four living creatures—serves as a call to worship for the twenty-four elders. God’s people cannot help responding in worship when surrounded by the authentic, enthusiastic praises of all the rest of creation.

All God’s people in his worldwide church—young and elderly, seekers and established followers—help each other celebrate and confess with praise. Together, we join with the rest of creation, saying, “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they ... have their being.”

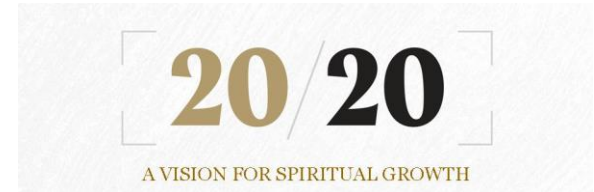
This picture reminds us that just as creation constantly proclaims the glory of God (Psalm 19), so can all God’s people—in our work and play each day as well as when we gather for a worship service. All things give glory to God for bringing them into being, and he keeps all creation in his constant care. Our creating, life-sustaining God is worthy to receive our praise always.

Reflect & Apply.

1. In a congregational setting, how do you express your worship? If you ask yourself why you express it the way you do, what would be your answer?
2. Is there anything you couldn’t live without today? How close is that to being an idol?
3. Complete this sentence: If truly worshipping God is my priority, my daily schedule must change by _____.



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CALLED TO CHRIST
 January 19, 2020

Questions for Personal Study & Reflection

This 5-day devotional includes readings with brief commentaries that builds upon the weekend sermon. You are encouraged to take the time to read the Bible passages and meditate on them. On average, you will need 20-30 minutes to complete them.

Reflection questions and applications are intended to invite you to slow down and mediate on the truth that God is teaching you. Daily application steps are also given to help drive the message in practical ways.

