

# 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 has been both meaningful and memorable.

Here are some activities going on with us!

## ☐ “Sibol” Youth Camp

Paragon Youth Ministry, in partnership with IVCF, is thrilled to invite all the youth to join the Youth Camp: “Sibol”— happening this **June 4-6, 2025** at Highland Mango Ecofarm! Participation fee for P2,000.00, and slots are limited.

Stop by the booth outside after the service for more inquiries about the camp registration and to learn more of our fundraising efforts.

## ☐ Free Blood Pressure & Sugar Check-up

Encouraging those who wish to monitor their **Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar** levels to avail of our free check-up, happening **every after Sunday service!**

## ☐ How can we pray for you?

It is a privilege to pray for you! You may send your **prayer requests** and **praise reports** by text (0912 130 6148), by writing them on the prayer cards provided, or by sending us a private message on our Facebook page.

## ☐ Discover life with our Small Groups.

Looking for deeper connections and a closer walk with God? Our **small groups** are where we cultivate meaningful relationships and grow in faith together. Want to join? Visit our Information Booth after the service to find the perfect group for you!

## ☐ Stay for fellowship and refreshments.

Stick around after the service for **coffee** and **connection!** It's the perfect chance to meet some friendly faces, learn more about our small groups, our ministries, and discover all that our church has to offer. We'd love to see you there!

## Schedules for Services:

### English Service:

Morning 10:00 AM  
Afternoon 01:00 PM

### Cebuano Service:

Afternoon 04:00 PM

2nd Floor,  
Northgate Center.  
across Gaisano Country Mall  
Banilad, Cebu City.

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## THE CONVERSATIONS JESUS DIDN'T HAVE

Expanding The Misson: The Kingdom Unfolds (Series)  
Pastor Nic Sy | June 1, 2025 | Mark 5:1-20

### SERMON NOTES

Sometimes the most powerful moments in Scripture aren't about what was said — they're about what wasn't.

#### I. WITH THE DISCIPLES: “WHY ARE WE GOING THERE?”

*The disciples simply trusted the destination because they trusted the One calling them there.*

*We are called to a kind of obedience that isn't reckless but rooted.*

*We demand so much certainty, so much explanation, so much guarantee of success that we never actually step out in faith.*

#### II. WITH THE TOWNSPEOPLE: “WHAT ABOUT THE COST?”

*If cost becomes our bottom line, we will miss the miracles in front of us.*

*Some decisions don't require extended conversation; they require character.*

*Let's not miss the miracle because we're holding too tightly to what it might cost us.*

#### III. WITH THE HEALED MAN: “WHY CAN'T I COME WITH YOU?”

*Sometimes the hardest thing Jesus asks of us isn't to go, but to stay.*

*Sometimes the most powerful mission strategy isn't sending people away, it's sending them back, armed with nothing but their story and the scars that prove it's true.*

*Jesus always knows what he's doing, even when he doesn't say a word.*

**SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE**  
For the week of June 2–8, 2025  
**“THE CONVERSATIONS JESUS DIDN’T HAVE”**

## Getting Started

*To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.*

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

What’s one thing people might not know about you that shaped who you are today?

## Group Discussion

Read Mark 5:1-20.

1. Read Mark 4:35–41 and Mark 5:1. Why might the disciples have struggled to understand why they crossed the sea? How do we balance faith-filled obedience with wise discernment? What helps us recognize when a “risky” move is actually led by God?
2. The text describes the demon-possessed man with vivid imagery. What does this description tell us about the power of the demonic influence and the man’s profound suffering? In what ways can sin or destructive habits in our own lives (or in the lives of those we know) feel like chains or shackles, even if they’re not literal?
3. Consider the interaction between Jesus and the demons. What is significant about the demons immediately recognizing Jesus’ identity and authority? How does this encounter demonstrate Jesus’ power over spiritual forces? Where in your life do you need to remember and lean into Jesus’ authority and power?
4. Why do you think the townspeople asked Jesus to leave after witnessing the man’s healing? In your own life, have you ever resisted change because it came with a cost? Can you think of a situation today where someone might value comfort or stability more than someone’s healing or transformation? What might it look like to choose transformation, even if it’s costly?

5. Why did Jesus send the man home instead of allowing him to follow as a disciple? Are you ever tempted to escape your past or move somewhere new instead of ministering where you are? Why is it difficult to witness to our “own people” than to others we do not know?

6. Statistics show that less than 1% of people become missionaries. What are the implications of that for you? How can we, like the healed man in the story, be agents of God’s story in our own “Decapolis” — our workplaces, neighborhoods, and families?

7. (Optional) Of the three “conversations Jesus didn’t have,” which one resonates with your life right now? What’s one area in your life where you’re waiting for an explanation before you obey? How can the group support and pray for one another as you each take the next step in your own calling or healing journey?

## Next Steps

*Jesus always knows what he’s doing, even when he doesn’t say a word.*

- I will say yes to where Jesus leads me, even if it’s uncomfortable or unfamiliar.
- I will rest in Jesus’ supreme power and authority over all things.
- I will value transformation over comfort or cost.
- I will be a witness of Jesus’ grace and mercy where he has placed me.

## Closing the Session

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for trust when the path is unclear, to value people over comfort, and to live out your story right where God has placed you.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who’s going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

### BIBLE READING GUIDE

June 2	Mark 5:1-20
June 3	Jonah 1:1-6
June 4	Acts 8:26-40
June 5	Acts 1:6-11
June 6	1 Peter 3:13-17
June 7	Psalms 60:1-12
June 8	Psalms 61:1-8