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!

Congregational Prayer & Fasting

This year's second church-wide **Prayer and Fasting** will be on **June 30 to July 4, 2025**, each evening at **7:00 PM.** This is a special opportunity to seek God together through worship, the Word, and united prayer.

We will draw from the book of Colossians with the theme "Christ Above All: Praying from a Place of Fullness." Let's come expectant for personal renewal and a fresh move of God in our church, our community, and our nation!

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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TRAVELING LIGHT

Bread & Blindness: Do You See Who He Is? (Mark Series) Pastor Nic Sy | June 22, 2025 | Mark 6:7-13,30

SERMON NOTES

When God calls us to ministry, he asks us to travel light. Not because the journey doesn't matter, but because he does.

I. SENT: PACK LIGHT, TRUST BIG.

Jesus doesn't really send them empty-handed; he sends them unburdened.

Traveling light isn't just about simplicity, it's about surrender.

We often confuse being prepared with being over-prepared.

His power + *Your availability* = *Enough.*

Don't wait to feel ready. Make yourself available.

II. SUSTAINED: LEAN IN, WALK TOGETHER

The mission gets done through God's people.

When we let people help us, we're not just receiving assistance—we're giving them the gift of partnership.

Interdependence isn't the fallback plan, it's God's design.

Sometimes your need for help is actually a gift to someone else.

III. SHAPED: SHAKE IT OFF, MOVE ON

Jesus isn't teaching us to be indifferent to rejection; he's teaching us to be free from it.

Rejection is not always a reflection of your failure, it may just be a part of your journey.

Rejection reveals more about the receiver than it does about the giver.

You're not responsible for their response; you're responsible for your obedience. The key is learning to move forward without bitterness.

ENDING THOUGHT

Traveling light doesn't make the journey easy; it makes it possible.

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

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE For the week of June 23–29, 2025 "TRAVELING LIGHT"

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 the strangest or most unnecessary thing you've ever packed for a trip?

Group Discussion -

Read Mark 6:7-13,30

1. What specific authority did Jesus give the Twelve, and what were the very specific instructions he gave them about what to take (and not take) for their journey? Why do you think these particular restrictions (staff, sandals, one tunic) were emphasized? How do you think this would have shaped their mindset during their journey?

2. Jesus sent the disciples out with radical dependence. What might *"taking nothing... except"* look like practically in your life as you seek to share or live out your faith today? What "baggage" (worries, self-reliance, materialism, distractions) might you be tempted to rely on instead of God's provision and power?

3. Jesus sent the disciples out in pairs and told them to rely on the hospitality of others. What might have been the spiritual purpose behind that? How do you think it would have challenged their independence or pride? In what ways does serving in community — rather than being alone — build our trust in God and in others?

4. The disciples "drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them" (verse 13). What does this demonstrate about the power of God at work through ordinary people? Can you recall a time when you witnessed God's power working through an unexpected person or in an unexpected way?

5. The disciples were told to shake the dust off their feet when leaving an unwelcoming town. What did this action signify in their culture? How is this principle still relevant for us today, especially when we face rejection, failure, or discouragement? Based on Jesus' instruction, what might be a healthy, faithful way to process and respond to rejection and failure without becoming bitter or discouraged?

6. Read 2 Corinthians 12:9–10. Paul says that God's power is made perfect in weakness. How does this complement the way Jesus sends out his disciples with so little? In your life right now, where do you sense God asking you to trust him more than your resources, credentials, or plans?

7. (Optional) Jesus' immediate response to their return was an invitation to rest (*"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest,"* verse 31). Why was this rest necessary, both physically and spiritually, after their intense mission? What does this reveal about Jesus' care for his workers?

Next Steps

When God calls us to ministry, he asks us to travel light - not because the journey doesn't matter, but because he does.

- I will make myself available, take the next step to serve somewhere, even if it's small, even if it's new.
- I will step into community and be connected with the household of faith.
- I will release bitterness and discouragement to God brought about by past rejections and failures.
- I will trust God and surrender to him those things that are weighing on me.

Closing the Session

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

- Pray for willingness of heart to be sent, sustained and shaped by Jesus in his mission.
- 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 23Mark 6:7-13,30June 24Exodus 4:1-13June 251 Kings 17:1-9June 26Deuteronomy 8:2-10June 27John 20:19-23June 28Psalms 65:1-13June 29Colossians 1:1-8