

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

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Worship God. Advance His Kingdom.

WHEN COURAGE ISN'T CONVENIENT

Bread & Blindness: Do You See Who He Is? (Mark Series)
Pastor Nic Sy | June 29, 2025 | Mark 6:14-29

SERMON NOTES

Almost obedience is still disobedience. Almost faith is still unbelief. Almost following Jesus is still not following Jesus.

I. HEROD WAS CURIOUS, BUT NOT CONVINCED.

You can be intrigued by Jesus and still ignore him.

Spiritual curiosity isn't the same as spiritual surrender.

II. HEROD WAS IMPRESSED, BUT NOT IN CONTROL.

If we live for the approval of others, we'll die by their rejection.

Herod liked to listen to John in private... but in public, he liked to look important.

III. HEROD WAS CONVICTED, BUT NOT CHANGED.

Conviction without action is like feeling hungry but refusing to eat; it doesn't change a thing.

Conviction is meant to be a starting point, not a finish line.

ENDING THOUGHT

The choice you make today will determine the person you become tomorrow.



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

OUR MISSION

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
For the week of June 30 – July 6, 2025
“WHEN COURAGE ISN’T CONVENIENT”

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 that, if someone dared you to do it, you'd *never* do, no matter the prize or reward?

Group Discussion

Read Mark 6:14-29.

1. What does this passage tell us about Herod's relationship with John the Baptist? How can someone be drawn to truth but still resist it? Have you ever found yourself in a similar situation where you respected God's Word but struggled to live it out?
2. Can you think of times when people follow spiritual content (e.g. sermons, podcasts, Christian influencers, etc.) not to obey but to feel inspired? How does that mirror Herod's response? What does it look like to be hearers of the Word but not doers in our digital age (James 1:22-24)?
3. How did Herodias use her daughter to accomplish what she couldn't do directly? What does this story teach us about the ways people can manipulate situations to achieve their goals? In what ways do we see similar dynamics in families, workplaces, or political situations today? How can we guard against being used as instruments of someone else's agenda?
4. In verses 21-23, Herod made a dramatic promise to impress his guests. Have you ever felt pressure (e.g. at work, online, or in your social circles) to say or do something just to save face? What are some subtle ways we compromise convictions (e.g. in group chats, through office jokes, get-togethers) or just to keep relationships peaceful? What's the cost of keeping up appearances?

5. Verse 26 says Herod was “exceedingly sorry,” yet he still went through with a choice he knew was wrong. How is sorrow different from repentance? Have you ever stayed in a bad decision because you felt trapped by what others might think – maybe in a relationship, a financial choice, or a career move? What does it take to reverse course when public perception is on the line?

6. In today's culture, especially on social media, truth is often “shouted” to prove a point rather than to heal or restore. How can we make sure our tone and motive reflect Christ even when we have to say hard things? Have you ever regretted how you said something, even if it was true?

7. Are there “John the Baptists” in your life — people speaking truth — that you're tempted to mute, ignore, or avoid because it's inconvenient? In a culture that values image, how do we train ourselves to value conviction instead? What helps you hear God's voice above the noise?

Next Steps

The choice we make today will determine the person we become tomorrow.

- I will identify areas of compromise in my life that I've been justifying.
- I will take a bold step of integrity to honor God even when it's uncomfortable.
- I will let the Word lead me to action, not just information.
- I will live for Jesus, not the applause of men
- I will respond to conviction with repentance, not just regret.

Closing the Session

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

- Pray for courage to always take the right step, to choose faithfulness over fear, to live not for applause, but for God's approval.
- 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 30	Colossians 1:9-14
July 1	Colossians 1:15-20
July 2	Colossians 2:6-10
July 3	Colossians 3:1-4, 12-14
July 4	Colossians 4:2-6
July 5	Psalms 66:1-20
July 6	Psalms 67:1-7