

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!

“Marking the Miles, Pressing on Purpose”

Join us as we celebrate God's faithfulness in our church's 10th Anniversary on **October 26, 2025**.

One Combined Service at 10:00 AM.

Please note: there will be no 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM services on this day as we all gather together in one worship service.

Worship Celebration at 2:30PM.

An afternoon of praise, highlighting our church's journey and testimony of God's grace through the years.

Volunteers Appreciation Night.

A special night dedicated to honor and thank all our volunteers and ministry servants. (For volunteers only.)

Let's come together as one family to mark this milestone and look forward to the mission ahead!

How can we pray for you?

Inviting you to join our **Prayer Meeting, Tuesdays at 7PM**. 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!

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!**

Schedules for Services:

English Service:

Morning 10:00 AM

Afternoon 01:00 PM

Cebuano Service:

Afternoon 04:00 PM

2nd Floor,
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**GET IN TOUCH
WITH US!**

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Worship God. Advance His Kingdom.

LET GO OF THE ANCHOR

The Road to the Cross: Following the Suffering King (Mark Series)
Pastor Nic Sy | October 19, 2025 | Mark 10:13-31

SERMON NOTES

You can't sail if you won't lift the anchor.

I. THE ANCHOR OF PRIDE

The Kingdom is not achieved; it's received.

Religion counts achievements; relationship celebrates affection.

Only empty hands can be filled.

Where has pride anchored you?

II. THE ANCHOR OF SECURITY

The more you clutch your security, the less secure you actually are. Because the moment your security depends on something that can be lost, you're already living in fear.

We can't hold on to our anchors and follow Christ's calling at the same time.

What is your anchor of security?

III. THE ANCHOR OR CALCULATION

Salvation isn't about what you can accomplish. It's about what God can do.

God is the one who makes the impossible, possible.

When you follow Jesus, you're not purchasing blessings; you're stepping into a new family, a new reality.



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 October 20–26, 2025
“LET GO OF THE ANCHOR”

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 are some old or outdated things that you still refuse to throw away, even though it's probably useless now? Why do you think you're attached to it?

Group Discussion

Read Mark 10:13-31.

1. The disciples acted like gatekeepers, deciding who was important enough to approach Jesus. Why do you think we still fall into that same pattern today? What are some subtle ways where superiority and pride shows up in how we treat others? Who might be the “children” in your world right now, people Jesus wants you to welcome instead of overlook?

2. When Jesus welcomed the children, he said the Kingdom belongs to those who receive it like a child. What does childlike faith look like to you and how is it different from childishness? Why do you think adults often struggle to receive God's grace with simple trust? Can you think of areas in your life where you've been “too grown up” for grace and trying to earn or prove your worth to God?

3. The rich young man asked what he must “do” to inherit eternal life, approaching God as a transaction. How does our culture (or even church culture) sometimes reinforce this transactional mindset? In what specific areas of your life do you catch yourself trying to “do” instead of simply receiving God's grace? On the other hand, does this mean a Christian does nothing? What's the balance?

4. Jesus told the rich man to sell everything, not because wealth was evil, but because it owned him. What's the difference between enjoying blessings and depending on them? In what ways can financial stability, routine, or control become false security? Why does God want us to find our security in him alone?

5. Jesus said “with man it is impossible, but not with God...” Why is it significant that Jesus doesn't just say salvation is “difficult” but actually “impossible” for humans to achieve? How does understanding that salvation is 100% God's work change the way you approach the way you relate to God, to others, in how you serve and in how you live?

6. Peter said, “We've left everything to follow you.” What do you think was behind that statement? How does Jesus' response (“you will receive a hundredfold... with persecutions”) reshape your understanding of reward in the Kingdom? Why do we often expect visible or immediate payoffs for spiritual obedience?

7. Notice how Jesus “looked at him and loved him” before calling the rich man to surrender. How does knowing that Jesus' call always flows from love, not disappointment, change how you hear his invitations to let go? When have you experienced God's love as both tender and challenging? How can we help one another respond to Jesus not out of fear or guilt, but out of trust in his goodness?

Next Steps

You can't sail if you won't let go of the anchor.

- **Let Go of Pride:** I will receive grace with childlike humility.
- **Loosen the Grip:** I will trust God more than my possessions or plans.
- **Leave the Ledger:** I will serve without keeping score, trusting that God sees and rewards faithfully.
- **Let God Lead:** I will move forward wherever he calls.

Closing the Session

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

- Pray for a heart to follow Jesus fully, to choose to let go of weights that hold you back and to trust him with open hands and an undivided heart.
- 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

October 20	Mark 10:13-16
October 21	Deuteronomy 8:10-18
October 22	Mark 10:17-22
October 23	Proverbs 30:7-9
October 24	Mark 10:23-31
October 25	Psalms 79:1-13
October 26	John 13:12-15