

# 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!

## Leaders Ministry Summit

Calling all ministry leaders, core members and assistants to join the Leaders Summit on **March 1, 2026 (Sun) at 7PM**. Please send ahead a copy of your 2026 Ministry Plan to Ptr. Nic by February 21.

## Women's Event

Inviting all women for a special fellowship event on **February 24, 2026, 1-5PM**. Special guest speaker is Sis. Marie Caparros, who will expound on "Faithfully Kept."

## Lenten Retreat 2026

You are invited to join our annual Lenten Retreat to be held during the Holy Week. In order to accommodate more people, we will have two batches. There is a **registration fee of P3,000.00**.

Batch 1: **March 30-April 1, 2026**

Batch 2: **April 2-4, 2026**

## 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,  
Northgate Center.  
across Gaisano Country Mall  
Banalad, Cebu City.

## ways to give TITHES and LOVE GIFTS

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WITH US!**

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## WHO IS LORD HERE?

The Jerusalem Ministry: The King Confronts Empty Religion (series)  
Ptr Nic Sy | February 22, 2026 | Mark 12:35-44

### SERMON NOTES

#### I. DON'T SHRINK JESUS TO FIT YOUR EXPECTATIONS

*Knowing the lordship of Jesus is not the same as encountering his authority.*

**Reflect:** Have we become over-familiar with Jesus that his Lordship no longer means anything to us?

#### II. DON'T MEASURE YOUR LIFE BY WHAT OTHERS SEE

**Reflect:** What are you performing?

*What you show is not what God sees. Stop performing for the wrong audience.*

#### III. TRUST THE LORD WITH YOUR WHOLE LIFE, NOT JUST YOUR LEFTOVERS

*You can give to a system out of obligation. Or you can give to the Lord out of trust.*

*God is not impressed by the size of what you give. He's looking at what it costs you.*



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 February 23–March 1, 2026  
“WHO IS LORD HERE?”

### 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.

Have you ever seen a post by a friend or acquaintance that made you ask if it was real or not? What was it?

### Group Discussion

Read Mark 12:35-44

1. Who were the scribes in first-century Judaism, and what role did they play in religious life? What made them seem so credible and authoritative to the average person? Why do you think Jesus chose to challenge them publicly in the temple during the final week of his life, and what was at stake in asking this question about David's Lord?

2. Jesus says the scribes “like” recognition, status, and visible spirituality. What does that word “like” reveal about the beginning of hypocrisy? How can a healthy desire for encouragement slowly turn into craving approval? How can we guard our hearts before outward hypocrisy becomes inward hardness?

3. Jesus says the scribes “devour widows’ houses.” What images come to mind when you hear the word “devour”? Why is spiritual authority especially dangerous when misused? How can positions of influence (e.g. pastor, leader, parent, employer, mentor) create opportunities either to protect or to exploit others?

4. Jesus contrasts large contributions with the widow’s two small coins. Why does Jesus say she gave “more” than the others? What does it mean that she gave “all she had to live on”? What might be a modern equivalent of giving your “last coin”? Where in your life is God inviting you to trust him beyond your comfort zone, not recklessly, but relationally?

5. Jesus was paying close, deliberate attention to what people’s giving revealed about their hearts. How do you respond to the fact that God sees not just what you do but why you do it? Is the idea that God sees everything about you (including your motives) primarily terrifying to you, or is it freeing? Why?

6. The passage shows us the difference between letting Jesus be Lord theologically (what we say we believe) versus practically (how we actually live). If you’re honest, what’s one specific area of your life where you’ve been unwilling to fully surrender control to Jesus as Lord? Why are you afraid to release control of that area to him, and what does that fear reveal about what you’re trusting in more than Jesus?

### Next Steps

We all have a throne. And the question is: Who is sitting there?

- **See Clearly.** I will ask God to show me where I’m performing instead of being real
- **Live Honestly.** I will stop the performance and embrace authenticity.
- **Give Boldly.** I will endeavour to give what costs me, not just surplus.
- **Trust Completely.** I will surrender control to Jesus.

### Closing the Session

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

- Pray for the grace to love God with everything you are, the courage to love the people around you with everything you have, and the faith to stop standing at the gate and finally step all the way in.
- 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

February 23 **Mark 12:35-37**  
February 24 **Mark 12:38-40**  
February 25 **Mark 12:41-44**  
February 26 **Daniel 7:13-18**  
February 27 **1 Kings 17:8-16**  
February 28 **Psalms 92:1-15**  
March 1 **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

