

A God Who Is Determined To Save

(Pastor Steven's notes from the 4th morning session at the Ignite Training Conference 2018)

This idea that faith in Jesus alone is the only way to be saved is repugnant to this world. Our world wants all people to go to heaven because we're all basically good. And here we come with this news that only through Jesus can this happen.

A few years ago in a NY Times article, Tim Keller was asked whether this was right – right that good people should go to hell. Keller replied,

“You imply that really good people (e.g., Gandhi) should also be saved, not just Christians. The problem is that Christians do not believe anyone can be saved by being good. If you don't come to God through faith in what Christ has done, you would be approaching on the basis of your own goodness. This would, ironically, actually be more exclusive and unfair, since so often those that we tend to think of as “bad” — the abusers, the haters, the feckless and selfish — have themselves often had abusive and brutal backgrounds. Christians believe that it is those who admit their weakness and need for a saviour who get salvation.”

And that's right. We don't get in by our goodness – but by admitting our weakness and need for a saviour.

The story of Noah, as understood by the Apostle Peter – 2 Peter 3 – is a reminder that this world is reserved for judgement. But Christians don't tend to live that way. We live as though this world is ok. Do we look at our friends and family who do not know Jesus and does our heartache that they do not know Jesus?

Peter Jensen shared that on the ABC's Q&A program the hostility he felt while he was on the panel was not directed at him, but directed to God. And yet he lovingly stood his ground on the gospel, and managed to proclaim the gospel clearly in the final minutes... and two people that he knows of got saved! Would Peter Jensen trade away the 55 minutes of mockery and scorn for the eternal lives of two people? No way.

Judgement is looming. 2 Peter 3:9ff – God's heart aches for the lost. And that should shape our priorities, our lives, and the way that we view this world. In the face of mockery, we will lovingly proclaim this news.

Want to find out more about Ignite? Chat to the many SLEers who went!

giving: financial stewardship update

Last Week:	\$5,929.30
Weekly Required (for 2018):	\$5,513.00
Shortfall (for 2018):	\$ 700.00

electronic fund transfer

A/C Name:	SLE Church
Bank:	National Australia Bank
BSB:	084-424
A/C No:	396558544
Description:	Offering

21 January 2018

welcome to sle church

We are delighted to have you join us today! It is our prayer that you will enjoy all aspects of our gathering this morning.

about

The 'SL' in 'SLE' means St Lucia. The suburb our church is located in. The 'E' stands for English. We are a church family made of many migrant families from across South-East Asia, and we are English speaking. The 'E' also stands for Evangelical. We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord. We do this by getting to know him through his living Word, the Bible, which is why the sermon is the key part of our Sunday services.

get connected

Please join us for refreshments and a chat after the service. We look forward to getting to know you. If you are new to SLE Church, have a prayer request, family news, or change of contact details please email: info@slechurch.org.au or call 3371 7589.

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service times

9:00am and 11:00am





THE STORIES
JESUS
TOLD

FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

serving grace

	Today	Next Week
Chair	Bryan	Simeon
Preach	Ps Steven	Ps Ben
Bible Read	Mathew <i>Dan Lowe</i>	Jansen <i>Alan</i>
M.Tea	Winnie T Alice	Cecilia Shelley
Wash Up	SOS Randy	SOS Randy
Welcome	Meng Yin Esther Dan <i>TBA</i> <i>TBA</i> <i>TBA</i>	Meng Yin Esther Dan <i>TBA</i> <i>TBA</i> <i>TBA</i>
Stewards	Richard Stephen <i>Helen</i> <i>Josiah</i> <i>Li Kai</i>	Richard Stephen <i>Helen</i> <i>Josiah</i> <i>Li Kai</i>
Piano	Sylvia	Dan Lowe
Guitar etc	Ivan, CY	Ivan, Aaron
Drums	Marcus	Marcus
Vocal		Dan Lowe
PA	William Chris	Reuten Chris

current sermons

Last Week: War on Truth 3: Contend for the Faith [Jude]

This Week: Parables in Luke #1: A Parable on Parables
[Luke 8:4-18]

Next Week: Parables in Luke #2: The Good Samaritan
[Luke 10:25-37]

prayer points

- Give thanks to God for revealing the gospel to us through the preservation of His word and the raising of gospel workers and disciples who have preached the gospel to us. Thank God that many men and women throughout the ages have contended for the faith.
- Pray that we would seek to contend for the faith ourselves by being prepared for the opposition that will come, by our own study and conviction of the Word of God, by persistent prayerfulness and by 'snatching out of fire' those who are in danger from false teaching and wandering faith.
- Give God great thanks for the wonderful week at Ignite Training Conference. Pray that the Word of God will dwell deeply in all who attended. Pray that God will establish and equip all who attended. Pray that God will use all that was gained at the conference for the building up of His church here in Brisbane and beyond.

community news

Junior Sunday School Registration | 21 Jan | Downstairs after 9am service

Junior Sunday School registration (kids 2-5years) will be held today straight after the 9am service in the rooms downstairs. We will really appreciate all families with children that age to come down and sign their children up for Sunday School this year.

Primary Sunday School Registration | 21 Jan | Downstairs in the Meeting Room | 10:30 to 11:15am

Today from 10:30-11am Sunday School Registration for years 1-6 will be open downstairs in the Meeting Room. All parents need to register. From 11 to 11:15am there will be an information session for parents.

date claimers

1. Junior Sunday School registration—TODAY
2. Primary Sunday School registration—TODAY

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A Parable on Parables [Luke 8:4-21]

Intro: four different types of people I've seen in my ministry experience...

1. The Parable (8:4-8a)

2. The Purpose (8:8b-10)

3. The Explanation (8:11-15)

a. The Seed: Word of God

b. The Pavement: Hard Hearts

c. The Rocky Path: Shallow Hearts

d. The Thorny Ground: Divided Hearts

e. The Good Soil: Honest and Good Hearts

4. The Warnings (8:16-21)

So What?

How do you 'hear' the word?

Share the gospel—let God take care of the rest

Pray for a change of heart