

## Pastor's Desk: Year End Reflections (part 2 of 2)

In last week's pastor's desk, we began the process of reflecting on the year that is about to be over. We started by reflecting on our 'personal walk' with the Lord. In case you missed it, here's the summary version:

**How have I grown this year in godly character?**

**In what areas of sin and weakness have I remained the same or gotten worse?**

**How have I grown this year in conviction and devotion to Christ?**

**How have I grown in biblical and theological knowledge?**

**How have I grown in my ability to explain/defend/promote the gospel?**

**How have I gone with building relationships this year for the sake of evangelism and discipleship?**

**How has your prayer life been this year?**

For this week, here are some questions to probe reflection on 'church life'

**Have you been committed to church attendance this year?** If you have, has it been due to a true understanding of the gospel that gathers us to God and each other or has it been more of a chore/'tick the box' mentality? If you haven't, why has commitment been lacking?

**Have you grown in relationship with others in the church?** Has there been a deepening of relationship? Have your relationships progressed in quality of interactions or has it remained superficial and distant? Do your interactions reflect a growing maturity in Christian understanding, deeper care, and prayerfulness? Have you resolved conflict in a Christ-like, grace-infused, humble and open way?

**Have you grown or persevered in service?** Has there been a growing desire to serve in different areas of the church? Have you been mindful of the needs of the church and sought to meet some of them? Have you dwelt upon and sought to develop your gifts so as to be able to meet these needs? Has there been joy in service or has service been marked by disinterest, frustration and/or resentment?

Here's some reflection questions to think through. Why not grab a piece of paper or open up a new document on your device of choice and write down your answers to these questions? Perhaps come up with more of your own. Even better, why not compare your answers to a close brother or sister in Christ in the church? And best of all, why not pray on your own and together with that brother or sister about all that you've reflected on? Hopefully there will be plenty of praise points, thanksgiving points, confession and supplication (asking for stuff)!

### giving: financial stewardship update

Last Week:	\$4,378.45
Weekly Required:	\$7,739.00
Shortfall:	\$2,240.00

### electronic fund transfer

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

31 December 2017

## 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](mailto:info@slechurch.org.au) or call 3371 7589.

Connect with us online: [slechurch.org.au](http://slechurch.org.au) or 'like' us for further updates at [facebook.com/slechurch](https://facebook.com/slechurch)

## service times

9:00am and 11:00am



## current sermons

Last Week: Our Comforting God [Psalm 57]  
This Week: War on Truth 1: Shun False Teachers [2 John]  
Christmas: War on Truth 2: Support Truth Workers [3 John]

## serving grace

	Today	Next Week
Chair	Randy	Mervin
Preach	Gabriel	Gabriel
Bible Read	Matthew <i>Alice</i>	Simeon <i>Dan Lowe</i>
M.Tea	Georgie Winnie T	Boon Karilyn
Wash Up	YF Sunday	Clay
Welcome	Amy Ken Stephanie <i>Marilyn</i> <i>Joy</i> <i>Andrew</i>	
Stewards	Jeffery Meng Yin Matthew <i>Josiah</i> <i>Aaron</i>	Richard Stephen  <i>Helen</i> <i>Josiah</i> <i>Li Kai</i>
Piano	Deborah	Joanna
Guitar etc	Ivan	Ivan, CY
Vocal	Joachim	Joachim
PA	Daniel Chris	William Chris

## community news

**Ignite Training Conference—Dust to Glory | 15 Jan-19 Jan, 2018 | 1 Cross Street, Toowong**

Registration: by 11:30pm, Sunday 31 December, 2017

For more information head to

<https://ignitetrainingconference.com/>

## date claimers

1. Ignite Training Conference—15-19 January, 2018

## prayer points

- Praise God that He is the sovereign ruler over time and our lives. Praise God that nothing is out of His control or reach.
- Pray that we would reflect on the year past with humility and insight: to confess the sins we struggle with, to humbly acknowledge our faults and weaknesses, and to be thankful for His grace.
- Pray that God would help us to number our days that we may grow a heart of wisdom (Psalm 90:12). Pray that we would find our satisfaction and rejoicing in Him every morning, in His steadfast love for us (Psalm 90:14). Pray for biblical eyes to be glad in the difficult days that we live in (Psalm 90:15). Pray that the Cross would be the place we most clearly see God's power at work, where His favour is shown to rest upon us (cf Psalm 19:16-17).
- Pray for Pastors Ben and Steven on leave during this time. Pray that they and their families would have good rest, and be re-energised to serve in 2018.

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# Shun False Teachers [2 John]

Intro & Context of 2 John

## 1. Walk in truth and love (v1-6)

Gospel Truth in 1 John:

- We are all sinners (1 John 1:8)
- But Jesus' blood cleanses all the sins of those who believe in Him (1 John 1:7; 5:13)
- So now in response to God's love, we love others as God loved us (1 John 4:7)
- And we keep fighting sin until Jesus returns (1 John 3:9; 5:18)

## 2. Watch yourselves that you abide in truth (v7-9)

## 3. Shun those who don't teach the truth (v10-11)

Application