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Today's Service

Welcome and Singing	See the Man Let Your Kingdom Come My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
Holy Communion	
Community News	
Bible Reading	2 Corinthians 4:1-16a
Sermon	By Pastor Ben Ho
Song of Response	O Church Arise

Financial Update

Last Week	\$5,948.10
Weekly Required (adjusted)	\$6,280.00
Shortfall 2020	\$0.00

Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

A/C Name:	SLE Church
Bank:	National Australia Bank
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10 May 2020 | Service Times: 9am & 11:40am

Welcome, we're glad you're here!

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. Find out more about us at www.slechurch.org.au.

**Authentic
Gospel
Ministry**

power in weakness

The Unimpressive Ministry of the Powerful Gospel

Paul, like many of us, found that serving people with the gospel was hard. It is tempting to give up when people reject or don't respond to God's word, and when we feel weak and suffer as we try to serve others. Paul shares why he won't lose heart—the best way forward is to keep preaching the gospel plainly and to keep pressing on in personal weakness, because the power is in the gospel and through God.

Prayer Points

PRAISE GOD THAT PAUL'S MINISTRY CONFIDENCE, and our ministry confidence, is rooted in God who has made him sufficient for the task, and given him a ministry which surpasses that of the Old Covenant. Praise God that in Christ we share this ministry as well.

PRAY THAT WE WOULD BE THE AROMA OF CHRIST TO OUR WORLD.

Pray that our lives and our testimony would be in harmony, and that Christlikeness may be seen in all we say and do. Pray that we would trust the response to our aroma to God. Ask that God would give His Spirit to lift the veil from people's eyes that they might behold Jesus and be saved.

PRAISE GOD THAT THE MEASURES TAKEN BY OUR GOVERNMENTS have helped to flatten the curve in our country. Praise God that restrictions are being planned and lifted. Pray that Christians would lead in responding to the new restrictions with wisdom, acting in ways that are good for our neighbours and glorify God,

PRAY FOR OUR WITNESS TO THE WORLD. Pray that even in these times of isolation we will be willing to share the gospel of Jesus to our family, friends, neighbours, and colleagues. Pray for opportunities to appropriately connect with people, pray for boldness to share the gospel, and pray for God's Spirit to be at work in changing lives as we point to Jesus.

Community News

SLDB AGM | TUESDAY 2 JUNE

SLE members, please note the SLDB AGM will be held on Tuesday 2 June via Zoom at 10am.

Members who are unable to attend in person are able to submit a proxy for another member of SLE to represent him.

More information to follow in the coming weeks.

SLE CHURCH AGM | SUNDAY 7 JUNE

SLE members, please note the SLE Church AGM will be held on Sunday 7 June via Zoom at 1:30pm.

Members are expected to attend in person or by proxy.

More information to follow in the coming weeks.

CCCB INC AGM | TUESDAY 9 JUNE

SLE members, please note the CCCB Inc AGM will be held on Tuesday 9 June via Zoom at 7:30pm.

Members who are unable to attend in person are able to submit a proxy for another member of SLE to represent him.

More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Pastor's Desk—10 May 2020

So last weekend Pastor Ben gave us a brilliant and encouraging glimpse into what's happening in our church. We got to hear stories from various members on how their groups have been meeting up – even during this Covid-19 isolation. There's also a longer version available – more sharing and more encouragement, so check that out.

It's hard to believe that it's now been 8 weeks since we started live streaming our services. 8 weeks of getting used to viewing church from the comfort of our own living rooms. 8 weeks of gratefulness for technology, and the boys who have helped put it together each week.

But over the past 8 weeks, while we have been grateful that our church services have continue to run there is a small danger, which if we're not conscious of it can subtly influence our view of church.

See, the danger that we face is the very thing you are viewing me through right now – your screen. Watching church on your TV, your computer, tablet or phone is great – but it can, without warning, subtly shift our understanding of church.

For those who have completed the 6 Steps to Loving Your Church bible study series you'll remember that church is a gathering of God's people, those who have already been saved by Jesus Christ, and who gather as a family because we need each other. We gather to build one another up in love.

It has been the desire of the leaders of SLE Church that everyone participate in the ministry of the pew – a ministry that we all do together, the ministry of encouraging each other in love, to build each other up. And we do that sharing our thoughts on the Word of God and praying for each other.

What does this have to do with the screen you're watching me on right now? The danger of the screen is that it shifts emphasis away from our ministry to one another. And it shifts it onto just consuming what we see on the screen – much like we consume other media like YouTube or Netflix. As a consumer of content we can then start to become a connoisseur of content – hopping from one livestream to the next, comparing what we're hearing in one to the other. When you become a consumer of content you are less an active builder of the body of Christ.

The ministry of the pew works naturally and well when we're all physically gathered, together. But can the ministry of the pew work when we're not sitting in pews?

Yes, it can, but it requires a bit more hard work from all of us. It means revising the 7

tips that Pastor Ben posted onto the church website at the end of March. Tips like: getting out of bed to watch the stream, getting dressed and not staying in our cosy pyjamas, removing distractions like our phone or other web browsers we have open, messaging a friend before the start of the service, being ready and on time – tuning into the stream before it begins, praying before we start, and using a physical Bible rather than a mobile one.

And then after, and this is most crucial for our ministry of the pew online: taking the initiative to jump online, whether in Whatsapp chat or through a video conferencing app, to connect with other members of our church. To share with them what you learned from God's Word, how you were encouraged, and to pray for each other.

The more regularly and consistently we do this, the more we push against the subtle shift that our screens want to push us towards. We push to keep being builders of each other rather than become consumers of the show.

To facilitate this building effort, this Sunday I'm going to host a Zoom conference after the service. Details will be posted online, or sent directly to those interested. For those who don't usually get to chat to someone after the service, or if you would like a chance to chat to someone outside of your friendship circles, please connect with us. I'm hoping a wide variety of people will be present so that we can break off into smaller breakout rooms of randomly assigned people to share our thoughts.

If you already have an organised catch up after the service, by all means keep to that! But for anyone else wanting an opportunity to chat to someone you wouldn't normally, this will be a great chance. For more details keep an eye on our Facebook page, or message me directly for more information.

4. The Unimpressive Ministry of the Powerful Gospel (2 Corinthians 4:1-16a)

C. Why? (It doesn't seem to work)

1. Introduction: Losing Heart (4:1, 16a)

2. Why Would Paul Lose Heart?

4. Personal Weakness Shows God's Power (vv7-16a)

3. The Plain Truth is God's Power to Save (vv2-6)

A. No manipulation or modification

5. Conclusion

B. Plainly unveiling the truth