

## Practice a God-Centered Perspective

SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR THE ELECTIONS

What do we do when our expectations are not met? How do we navigate through life when we don't get what we want? The Bible tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:7 – “we walk by faith, not by sight.” To walk by faith means that even if we don't understand the whys, we cling onto the trustworthiness of God. We do not judge God based on circumstances. Rather, we view our circumstances based the goodness and faithfulness of God. How do we develop this God-centered perspective? Remember the 3R's.

### RECOGNIZE GOD IS SOVEREIGN

We need to remember that we are not God, GOD is! He does not need anyone's approval. He has every right to do as He pleases (Psalm 135:5-6). Daniel was an example of someone who recognizes the sovereign will and power of God. Throughout his life, Daniel acknowledged that God is always in control, moving behind the scenes (Daniel 1:3, 2:21, 4:35). When Jerusalem was besieged and had fallen into the hands of Babylon, Daniel had certainty that God will protect them to accomplish His purpose in all circumstances as He had always done before. God's sovereignty does not remove human will or choice. As we recognize God's sovereignty, we are to do our part to trust and obey. Through Jeremiah, God gave a reminder to His people who were exiled in Babylon to carry out the normal activities of daily life, to pray, and seek the welfare of the nation they were living in (Jeremiah 29:4-5,7) with the promise and assurance of hope for the future (Jeremiah 29:11-13). God allows trials and calamities to get our attention to turn to Him, seek Him, find Him, and find rest in His guidance.

### REST IN HIS PLAN

The Bible commands us to rest in the Lord (Psalm 37:7). When we believe that God is in control, we can rest and be grateful in our situation no matter what it may be. In this election, if the candidate we voted for did not win, we can rest and say GOD IS GOD and we are not God! We are to submit to the authorities established by God (Romans 13:1-2). A.W. Tozer once said, “a Christian who is not obedient to the Word of God is not a true Christian.” The only time we will not obey is when we are asked to go against the word of God! We must

consider it all JOY (James 1:2-4) when we face trials, because through these our faith will be tested and developed. It is in these moments that we can practice dependence on His plan which builds endurance in us, leading to spiritual maturity and lacking in nothing – in wisdom and understanding.

### REPRESENT HIM TO THE WORLD

In 2 Corinthians 5:20, we are called AMBASSADORS for CHRIST. We are the representatives of Christ, more than our politicians, our country, our passions, or even our businesses. Our primary objective is to tell people the important message of reconciliation. Our passion for other things must never exceed our passion for Jesus. Our main mission is to share the gospel for Christ because the power of the gospel (2 Corinthians 5:21) ultimately transforms and makes a lasting eternal impact in the lives of people and nations for generations to come. This is the kind of transformation we Christ-committed followers must carry throughout our days until the very end (Revelation 1:7-8). Let us be true ambassadors of Christ!

### discussion questions

How do you process disappointments? What do you do when you don't get what you want?

How do you demonstrate your trust in God's sovereignty?

What can you do to represent Jesus properly?

### last week's memory verse

You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

JEREMIAH 29:13

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## GLC

### Think Discipleship:

#### GLC Apologetics Program

WEBINAR SERIES, OPEN TO ALL LEADERS

Session 3: Everyday Gospel

Conversations: Conversational

Apologetics with Ptr. Mike Cariño

May 17, Tuesday, 7:30 PM

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starts May 22, 1:00 PM

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#### Book 1: One by One

Session 1: One Truth (The Gospel)

Teacher: Ptr. Erick Totañes

head to Room 3A

#### Book 2: Spiritual Disciplines

Session 1: One Connection (Prayer)

Teacher: Verlonn Valencia

head to Room 4A

#### Go Viral Basics

Session 1:

Starting a Movement of Small Groups

Session 2: God's Heart for the Lost

Teacher: Atty. Chris Morania

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## Women2Women

ALL WOMEN

### Women Leaders of the Bible: Naomi

May 19, Thursday, 10:00 AM

 ccfwomen2women

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## B1G Ministry



SINGLES

### Back On-Sight:

#### Seeing Work in a New Light

May 20, Friday

7:30 PM, Multi-Purpose Hall

ALSO STREAMED LIVE ONLINE

 B1GMinistry

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## Elevate



HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

### Director's Cut

May 14, Saturday

3:00 PM, Multi-Purpose Hall

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## NXTGEN



OPEN TO KIDS FROM 4-12 YEARS OLD

### Kids' Church: Riches and Treasures

A NXTGEN Series on Money

10:00 AM and 3:00 PM

G/F North Wing, CCF Center

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 ccfnxtgen for ages 4-12

zoom for ages 7-12

### Bible Lesson Videos

Sundays, 5:00 PM

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## Retreats

### B1G True Life Retreat

OPEN TO ALL

June 10-12, Mt. Makiling Re-creation Center

**Last day of registration is on May 29!**

Register at [bit.ly/BTLR2022BestWeekendEver](http://bit.ly/BTLR2022BestWeekendEver) or visit the booth on Fridays (7:30 - 10:00 PM) and Sundays (10:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

LOOKING FOR ANSWERS? THINK YOUR VISIT IS A COINCIDENCE? YOUR BEING HERE TODAY IS NO ACCIDENT!

## God brought you here for His purpose.

### 1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments –Deuteronomy 7:9*

### 2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23*

### 3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6*

### 4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16*

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9*

### 5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:11-13*

 **join us on Sundays**

AT CCF CENTER  
10:00 AM (English), 3:00 PM (Filipino)

ONLINE  
10:00 AM, 12:00 NN (English)  
3:00 PM, 6:00 PM (Filipino)

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