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Young Teens Department Promotional Sunday

he Sunday School Young Teens department gives biblical instruction to youth between the ages of 13 and 16 years old. We teach them the Bible is the word of God and that God has spoken very clearly through it. In the Bible, ALL that we need to live our lives as required by God has been clearly revealed to us. There is nothing we need to live successfully for God that cannot be found in the Bible.

What kind of message can we find in the Bible and what does the Young Teen Sunday School teach our youth?

The first thing you will notice about the Bible and living for God successfully is the fact that we actually cannot! This fact is clearly mentioned in scripture and our behaviour testifies to this bible truth. "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is

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Class	Sec 1 Boys	Sec 2 Boys	Sec 3 Boys	Sec 4 Boys
Theme	Lessons from Christ in New Testaments	Lessons from Old Testaments Portraits	Lessons from Early Church New Testaments	Themes from Old Testaments
Beulah Centre	Room 2-10	Room 2-3	Room 2-5	Room 3-1

Class	Sec 1 Girls	Sec 2 Girls	Sec 3 Girls	Sec 4 Girls
Theme	Lessons from Christ in New Testaments	Lessons from Old Testaments Portraits	Lessons from Early Church New Testaments	Themes from Old Testaments
Beulah Centre	Room 2-9	Room 2-4	Room 2-2	Room 3-2



Our Prayer Request

As part of our yearly curriculum where we examine Paul's missionary journey in the New Testament, 18 Teens and 6 adults will be ministering to 2 churches in Batam on 5 June 2016. The teens will be helping in the children programme leading singspiration, story telling, scripture memory and

simple craft.

We covet your prayers for:

- 1. All participants to have a heart of serving and for missions. Spiritual and physical preparation to run the programme.
- 2. Love, unity and good fellowship amongst the teens and adults.
- 3. Expanded time for Singapore and Batam coordinators to plan the logistics for the day.
- 4. A good sunday school programme that will edify the children and church members.

Do keep us in prayer!!







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none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God" Rm 3:10-11. We repeat to them from God's word that we are sinful people by nature and we would rather please ourselves than God. This self-centredness and pride is the cause of our breaking the summary of the law of God that says "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself", Matt 22:37-38.

We will teach the youth that the Bible shows us how God wants us to live for Him. In the Bible, God also tells us how we can live for Him and He also gives us the means to be able to do it. God does not just condemn us, he also saves us and enables us to live each day for Him.

In our classes, we continue to teach that all true believers turn to God only after they have acknowledged their sins. The Lord Jesus' first public message to the world was "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand". In the Bible, to repent is to do a 180-degree about turn from sin. Our Lord's word in Matt 4:17, says we need to have a change of mind and heart that will cause us to live for the kingdom of heaven. This new way of life will be very different from the one where we living for ourselves.

In the Bible, this change occurs when we are "in Christ" 2 Cor 5:17 after we are transformed by God according to what He has promised in Ex 36:26-27: "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them".

After been given this new heart, the youth will be taught that God also gave His Holy Spirit so that they may live godly and holy lives. When God said "Be ye holy; for I am holy" in 1 Pe 1:16, He also gave us the mean to achieve it. Hence we must not grieve the Holy Spirit but obey it.

This is the good news and message that we teach them! God has taken the initiative to transform us and His transformation cannot fail because God cannot fail!

We will tell the youth to confess that Jesus Christ is Saviour and LORD and how to live for God. The frustration at this juncture from the human point of view is that the transformation is a process as much as it is a single point event. God has chosen the process of sanctification to complete His transformation work of saving us. He knows we need it because He knows how imperfect and impatient we are.

This is where you, the parents, can be of great help to your child and the Sunday School. The process of making us go through difficulties in life is sanctioned by God and for our good but your teens need faithful godly examples at home. You can pass them the faith that there is nothing they need to go through in life that God is not involved in nor cannot provide (Rm 8:28). We need to constantly show them how faithful and gracious God is and thereafter encourage them to continue in their faith in God.

For our teens to grow spiritually, the church and parents need to work together. Let us disciple our teens according to the word of God and by giving them a living example of what a true disciple of Jesus Christ is like. 1 Cor 11:1.

If you are between 13 to 16 years old or a parent, whose teenage child is not attending any Sunday School Class, we invite you to join us every Sunday from 9.40am to 10.30am. Just drop by any of the classes and we will be there to welcome you! Alternatively, you may contact Shao Sheng at hengss@lifebpc.com This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. to find out more about the Young Teens Sunday School.

Yours in Christ, Young Teens Sunday School