15TH COMBINED YOUTH CONFERENCE 2019

REPENTANCE TRUE OR FALSE? PSALM 51:10

Name:

Group:

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Theme Verse & Song

"Create in me a clean heart, 0 God; and renew a right spirit within me." Psa 51:10



Foreword by the Conference Master

Dear Campers,

"O God, please forgive me for my sin that I have committed against Thee. I will strive not to do it again." How often have we prayed this prayer, and yet fallen into the same sin that we have seemingly repented of? How often do we see ourselves repeating the same besetting sins, over and over again, seeming to have no power over them? We repent over and over again but we begin questioning the genuineness of our repentance, for we see how we can so easily deceive ourselves!

Can we be ever sure about our repentance? To be sure, we cannot look into ourselves, for we know how deceptive our hearts are. We know how easily we can deceive ourselves into thinking we have repented when we have not, and vice versa. To have assurance in this matter of repentance, we must look into the unwavering standard of the Bible. What does the Bible say about true repentance? When one thinks about repentance, one would inevitably remember Psalm 51 — the penitential prayer of David. From the study of this Psalm, it is my prayer that we will learn what true repentance is, and in light of that, examine our own repentance to see whether we have true repentance or not.

I pray that those who attend this camp will be greatly blessed by the lessons we will learn from God's Word, as well as the fellowship, that we can all be better witnesses for the Lord upon this earth, not being weighed down by sin, but pointing others to Christ and serving Him faithfully.

In Christ,

David

Conference Rules

- PREPARE SELF TO WORSHIP GOD IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH BEFORE EACH MESSAGE.
 (JOHN 4:24)
- II. BE COURTEOUS, APPRECIATIVE AND HELPFUL, SHOWING LOVE AND KINDNESS TO ONE ANOTHER. (JOHN 13:14)
- III. GUARD THE TONGUE, HAVE GRACE IN OUR SPEECH.
- IV. APPROPRIATE ATTIRE AND PUNCTUALITY ARE EXPECTED FOR ALL ACTIVITIES.
- V. EXERCISE CARE WHEN USING CHURCH FACILITIES. ANY DAMAGE, LOSS OR BREAKAGE SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE CONFERENCE MASTER OR CONFERENCE COMMITTEE IMMEDIATELY.
- VI. KEEP THE PREMISES CLEAN AND TIDY.
- VII. BEDTIME IS TO BE OBSERVED. LIGHTS OUT IS AT 2300 HOURS.
- VIII. PLEASE INFORM THE I/CS WHEN LEAVING THE PREMISES.
 - IX. DO NOT ENTER DORMITORIES OF THE OPPOSITE SEX.
 - X. ABSTAIN FROM ALL UNHOLY ACTIVITIES.
 - XI. NO CARD GAMES ARE ALLOWED.

Organising Committee and Groupings

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Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	

Group Duties

Meal Duties

	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Breakfast		Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Lunch	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 1
Dinner	Group 2	Group 3	Group 1	
Supper	Group 3	Group 1	Group 2	

Chairing Duties

	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Morning		Group 3	Group 1	Group 2
Night	Group 1	Group 2		

25 June, Tuesday

What is Repentance? (Matthew 4.17)

Group Discussion 1

25 June, Tuesday

Message 1

- 1. Discuss what you intend to achieve by attending this year's Combined Youth Conference.
- 2. How may "easy believism" be manifested in our churches today? Why is it so dangerous?
- 3. During a Bible Study, a friend of yours insists that believers should not need to repent any more of their sins since their sins have already been forgiven by God in Christ Jesus. How will you respond to this statement?

Workshop: The Trends of the World and I

25 June, Tuesday

25 June, Tuesday

Repentance – The Necessity

(Psalm 51 Superscription; 2 Samuel 11)

Group Discussion 2

25 June, Tuesday

Message 2

- 1. What are some lessons we can learn from the account of 2 Samuel 11 concerning temptations?
- 2. In 1 Tim 1:15, Paul declares himself to be the chief of sinners. Does that mean that we are lesser sinners than Paul? Explain your answer and discuss how this verse should impact your conduct.

Quiet Time Material

Readings are taken from William Gurnall's The Puritan's Daily Readings **26 June, Wednesday**

"Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." 1 Peter 5:5

Lowly Gifts

Does Satan stir up the saints to a spiritual pride of gifts? Here is a word to you that have mean gifts, yet truth of grace - be content with your condition. Perhaps when you hear others, how large they pray, how able to discourse of the truths of God, and the like, you are ready to go into a corner and mourn how weak your memory is, and how dull your apprehension, how straitened your spirit, and how hardly able, though in secret, you are to utter and express your mind to God. O, you are ready to think those the happy men and women, and to murmur at your condition. But can you not say, though I have no words, I hope I have faith? I cannot dispute for the truth, but am willing to suffer for it? I cannot remember a sermon, but I have never heard a word but I hate sin and love Christ more than ever. "Lord, thou knowest that I have love." Truly, Christian, you have the better part; you little think what a mercy may be wrapped up in even the meanness of your gifts or what temptations their gifts expose them to, which God, for aught I know, may in mercy deny you. Joseph's coat made him finer than his brethren, but this caused all his trouble – this set the archers a-shooting their arrows into his side. Thus, great gifts lift a saint up a little higher in the eyes of men, but it occasions many temptations which you do not meet with who are kept low... O, poor Christians, do not murmur or envy them but rather pity and pray for them, for they need it more than others.

Morning Devotion 1

26 June, Wednesday

Earnestly Contend for the Faith (Jude 1-10)

26 June, Wednesday

Repentance – The Plea (Psalm 51·1-2)

26 June, Wednesday

Repentance – The Confession (Psalm 51·3-6)

Group Discussion 3

26 June, Wednesday

Messages 3 and 4

- 1. What are some of obstacles that prevent us from confessing our sins?
- 2. Romans 3:4 "... let God be true, but every man a lair". Are there some ways in which we can insinuate God to be lair? If so, how?
- 3. Are there any sins in your life which you are struggling with? Share your struggles.

26 June, Wednesday

Repentance – The Restoration (Psalm 51·3-6)

Group Discussion 4

26 June, Wednesday

Message 5

- 1. What are the consequences of unrepented sin? Have you suffered from these consequences before?
- **2.** Have you ever doubted your salvation? Is it wrong to doubt? How did you overcome your doubt?

Quiet Time Material

27 June, Thursday

"Behold, God is mighty, and depiseth not any: he is mighty in strength and wisdom."

Job 36:5

A Thousand Lives

Consider who bears you up, and carries you through your sufferings for Christ. Is it your grace, of His, that is sufficient for such a work? your spirit, or Christ's, by which you speak when called to bear witness for the truth? How comes it to pass [that] you are a suffered and not a persecutor? a confessor, and not a denier, yea, betrayer of Christ and His gospel? This you owe to God. He is not beholden to you that you will part with estate, credit, or life itself for His sake – if you had a thousand lives, you would owe them all to Him; you are beholden to God exceedingly, that He will call for these in this way, which has such an honor and reward attending it. He might have suffered you to lie in your lusts, and at last to suffer the loss of all these for them...Or He might withdraw His grace, and leave you to your own cowardice and unbelief, and then you would soon show yourself in your colors. The stoutest champions for Christ have been taught how weak they are if Christ steps aside. Some that have given great testimony of their faith and resolution in Christ's cause – even to come so near dying for His name as to give themselves to be bound to the stake, and [to the] fire to be kindled upon them – yet then their hearts have failed, as that holy man Thomas Benbridge, who thrust the torches from him, and cried out, "I recant, I recant." Yet this man, when reinforced in his faith, and endued with power from above, was able to, within the space of a week after that sad foil, to die at the stake cheerfully... The more you glory in God that gives you strength to suffer for Him, the less you will boast of yourself. A thankful heart and a proud cannot dwell together in one bosom.

Morning Devotion 2

27 June, Thursday

Clouds Without Water, Trees Without Fruit (Jude 11-16)

27 June, Thursday

Examples of False Repentance (1 Samuel 15:10-23)

27 June, Thursday

Examples of True Repentance (2 Corinthians 7.9-11)

Group Discussion 5

27 June, Thursday

Messages 6 and 7

- 1. A person has wronged you. Can there be forgiveness if he has not confessed his sin? Explain your answer.
- 2. A man blatantly attacks the Word of God. He asks you to forgive him. Can you forgive him? Explain your answer.
- 3. Why is church discipline important? How should church discipline be carried out?

Quiet Time Material

28 June, Friday

"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain." **1 Corinthians 9:24**

Heaven's Treasures

The chief prize for which we wrestle against Satan is heavenly. Satan's main design is to spoil and plunder the Christian of all that is heavenly. Indeed, all the Christian has, or desires as a Christian, is heavenly. The world is extrinsic, both to his being and happiness, it is a stranger to the Christian, and intermeddles not with his joy or grief. Heap all the riches and honors of the world upon a man, they will not make him a Christian; heap them on a Christian, they will not make him a better Christian. Again, take them all away – let every bird have his feather - when stripped and naked, he will still be a Christian, and may be a better Christian. It was a notable speech of Erasmus that he said he desired wealth and honor no more than a feeble hose does a heavy saddle. I think every Christians in his right temper would be of his mind. Satan should do the saint little hurt, if he did bend his forces only or chiefly against his outward enjoyments. For, the Christians does not value them or himself by them... So far as the Spirit of grace prevails in the heart of a saint, he has put off the world in the desire of it and joy in it, so that these blows are not much felt; and therefore they are his heavenly treasures, which are the booty Satan waits for. The Christian's nature is heavenly, born from above. As Christ is the Lord from heaven, so all his offspring are heavenly and holy. Now Satan's design is to debase and deflower this; it is the precious life of this new creature that he hunts for; he has lost that beauty of holiness that once shone so gloriously on his angelical nature; and now, like a true apostate, he endeavors to ruin that in a Christian which he has lost himself.

Morning Devotion 3

28 June, Friday

Building, Praying, Keeping (Jude 17-25)

28 June, Friday

Repentance – The Fruit (Psalm 51·13-19)

Reflection Questions

My Personal Walk

- 1. My Relationship with Christ (Read Phil 1:20-21)
 - a. How have I been doing spiritually for the past year?
 - b. Have I been living knowing that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Saviour, Lord and Master of my life?
- 2. My Struggle against Sin (Read 1 John 1:5-10)
 - a. Am I sensitive to the sins which are present in my life?
 - b. Are there any known sins in my life which I have not repented of? Are there sins which I have to repent of?
- 3. My Christian walk in practice (Read 1 Tim 4:6-16)
 - a. Have I given time to the reading of God's Word daily? How can I spend more time for the reading of God's Word?
 - b. Have I been enjoying communion with the Lord in prayer? What are the hindrances to me praying?

My Service

- 1. My Relationship with My Fellow Man (Read Gal 5:13-15; Rom 12:9-15)
 - a. Have I been serving the Lord Jesus Christ by serving others in love?
 - b. Have I been an encouragement or a hindrance to others in their service?
- 2. My Service unto the Lord (Read Psalm 100)
 - a. What is my attitude towards service?
 - b. Have I been faithful in my areas of service in the Church?

My Resolve

In light of my own personal reflections, what are my resolves?

- 1. In my Personal Walk
 - a. In my Relationship with Christ
 - b. In my Struggle against Sin
 - c. In my Deeds
 - d. In my Hope in Christ's Coming
- 2. In my Service
 - a. In my Relationship with Others
 - b. In my Service unto the Lord

A&D

The Gospel

1 Cor 15:1-4

- 1. Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;
- 2. By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.
- 3. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;
- 4. And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Components of the Gospel

- 1. God and His Creation- Gen 1:1, Ps 19:1, Rom 1:20
- 2. Sin and the Fall of man-Rom 5:12, Rom 3:23
- 3. Penalty of Sin-Rom 6:23
- 4. Total Depravity and Futility of Works- Rom 3:10-12, Isa 64:6
- 5. God's love and Jesus as the only Saviour- John 3:16, 1Tim 2:5, Acts 4:12, Rom 5:8
- 6. Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection- Gal 4:4-5, 1Cor 15:3-4
- 7. Need to confess with mouth and believe in the heart for Salvation-Rom 10:9
- 8. Jesus' Second Coming, Judgment and urgency- Rev 22:7, Rev 14:7

Do's and Don'ts

Objectives

- To obey the Great Commission
- To obey the manner of bringing the gospel according to the Bible Not to be a hindrance to the gospel presentation

1. Do's

- a. Preparing yourself
 - i. Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling first
 - ii. Pray for the Holy Spirit to help you
 - iii. Pray for the preparation of the hearts of the hearers
- b. Knowledge preparation
 - i. Be familiar with your Bible, memorise the relevant verses
 - ii. Be familiar with your tract, knowing whether the content is sound
 - iii. Bring along different types of tracts for different languages and age groups
- c. Presenting the gospel
 - i. Practice presenting the full gospel until it becomes second nature
 - ii. Make it clear from the start who you are, where you are from and your intention to preach the gospel
 - iii. Be complete with the gospel
 - iv. Be polite and attentive, especially for the accompanying partner
 - v. Be prepared to share the gospel at any time. This may be the only opportunity to share with this particular person
- d. The journey
 - i. Go in twos, and if possible, one man and one woman
 - ii. Do not carry unnecessary things, travel light
- e. Contacts
 - i. Do try to get the contacts of the hearers for future follow-up, if they are willing
 - ii. Give them our church contact information, and if appropriate, give them your contact also. Be wise.
 - 1) Same sex only
 - 2) If different sex, may need to pass on to other church members
 - iii. For young children, try to get permission from the parents before sharing the gospel or inviting them to church

2. Don'ts

- a. Your attitude
 - i. Do not be rude, pushy or aggressive
 - ii. Do not aim to win an argument, but to present the gospel
 - iii. Do not assert anything which you are not sure of, lest it be wrong
 - iv. Do not try to show off your knowledge, but try to present the gospel in the simplest manner which the hearer may understand

b. Your zeal

- i. Do not aim to convert the hearer by your own efforts, but pray for God's intervention
- ii. Do not be discouraged if they reject you, because it is God who elects and calls in His own time
- c. Safety tips
- i. Do not enter any flat/ house if there's any doubt of safety Do not follow-up contacts of the opposite sex for safety reasons but pass on to other church members

Different Life Scenarios for Evangelism

Discussion Scenarios

- 1. Street
 - a. Place- MRT station
 - b. Person-Taoist house-wife, 45, going home from the market
 - c. Things to take note
 - i. Works vs grace
 - ii. Idols vs One and Living God
 - iii. Tradition vs freedom from bondage of sin
 - 1) Can talk about beautiful and purposeful design of things such as all things in the market for our consumption

2. Door to door

- a. Place- HDB flat
- b. Person- Retired mechanic, 60, Buddhist, just woke up on a Sunday morning
- c. Things to take note
 - i. Works vs grace
 - ii. Reincarnation vs urgency of judgment day
 - iii. Spirituality vs conviction of sins
 - iv. Can talk about
 - 1) Design and chance
 - 2) A loving God who allows sufferings

3. Family

- a. Place- Dining table at grandparents' home, after dinner
- b. Person- Grandfather, 70, previously a grocery store owner, Taoist
- c. Things to take note
 - i. Works vs grace
 - ii. Idols vs one and living God
 - iii. Tradition vs freedom from bondage of sin
 - iv. Can talk about
 - 1) Federal headship and representative rule of original sin
 - 2) Fragility of life

- 4. Work place
 - a. Place- Tea-room during break
 - b. Person-Female senior colleague, atheist
 - c. Things to take note
 - i. Design vs chance
 - ii. Creator and man created in His image: holiness, justice, goodness, truth
 - iii. Life after death issues
 - iv. Purpose in life
 - v. Can talk about
 - 1) A just God who demands truth and holiness
 - 2) Be respectful but still declare the whole gospel undiluted

5. Taxi

- a. Place- In taxi going to church
- b. Person- Indian taxi man, 40, just retrenched from office job 3 months ago, Hindu
- c. Things to take note
 - i. Works vs grace
 - ii. Reincarnation vs urgency of judgment day
 - iii. Idols vs one and living God
 - 1) Can talk about a provident God who supplies all needs

6. School

- a. Place- On the field after school
- b. Person- Best friend since primary school, now in different Sec 3 class, parents are Taoists
- c. Things to take note
 - i. Design vs chance
 - ii. Creator and man created in His image: holiness, justice, goodness, truth
 - iii. Works vs grace
 - iv. Idols vs one and living God
 - v. Things to take note
 - 1) Can talk about
 - (a) Purpose in life
 - (b) Help from above for all problems in life

- 7. Social
 - a. Place- Chinese restaurant
 - b. Person- Dinner meet up with old colleague's family, Roman Catholics
 - c. Things to take note
 - i. Works vs grace
 - ii. Traditions vs the Bible
 - iii. Mediator vs Mediatrix
 - iv. Can talk about
 - 1) Sufficiency of Bible and Jesus for salvation

Things to observe for presentation:

- 1. To note down hindrances and barriers related specifically to the particular scenario
- 2. To identify solutions to the above problems
- 3. To identify special pointers from the scenario which can help to share the gospel

What to do when someone believes

Objectives:

- 1. Help the believer to ensure he understands the gospel
- 2. Guide the believer to pray, in his words, with understanding and commitment:
 - a. To acknowledge he is a sinner
 - b. To confess his sins
 - c. To believe that Jesus Christ lived and died for him on the cross and rose bodily from the dead
 - d. To invite Jesus Christ into his heart and to be his Saviour and Lord
- 3. Direct him to a faithful and sound Church near his home for follow-up
- 4. Help him to focus on his need to grow as a Christian
 - a. In prayer
 - b. In bible reading
 - c. In fellowship
 - d. In service

(Useful for tracting)

Basic Terms:

English Terms	Chinese Terms	Hanyu Pinyin	Hokkien
Gospel	福音/好消息	fú yīn/hǎo xiāo xì	Hok-Im/hô-siau-sit
Christian	基督徒	jī dū tú	Ki-tok-tơ
Bible	圣经	shèn jīng	Sèng-Keng
God	上帝	shàng dì	Siōng-tè
Sin	罪恶	zuì èr	chōe/chōe-ok
Sinner	罪人	zuì rén	chōe-lâng
Judgement	审判	shěn pàn	sím phòa*
Hell	地狱	dì yù	tē-gék
Heaven	天堂	tiān tang	Thīan-tông
God so loved the world	上帝爱世人	shàng dì ài shì rén	Siōng-tè thia* sè- lâng
Grace	恩典	ēn diǎn	un-tián
Virgin	童女	tóng nü	tòng-lú/chhú-lú
Holy Spirit	圣灵	shèng líng	Sèng-Lêng
Begotten son	独生儿子	dú shēng ér zĭ	tok-se* kia*
Jesus Christ	耶稣基督	yē sū jī dū	lâ-sơ Ki-tok
Nailed on the cross	被钉在十字架	bèi dīng zài shí zì jià	téng tì sip-jī-kè
Precious blood	宝血	báo xuě	pó-huih
Risen from the grave in three days	三天后死里复活	sān tiān hòu sí lǐ fù huó	sa* jit aū túi sí lai hok-oah
Salvation	救恩	jiù ēn	kiù-un

Eternal life	永生	yŏng shēng	êng seng
Believe	相信	xiāng xìn	siōng-sìn
Repent	Repent 悔改		hóe-kái
Sins are forgiven	罪得赦免	zuì dé shè miǎn	chōe tek-tio sìa-bián
Confess you are a sinner	承认你是罪人	chéng rèn nǐ shì zuì rén	sēng-jīn lí sī chōe- lâng
Saviour	救主	jiù zhǔ	Kiù-Chu
Bible-Presbyterian Church	圣经长老会真理 堂	shèng jīng zháng lǎo huì zhēn lǐ táng	Sèng-Keng tíu*-lô hōe chin-lí tng
Adam and Eve	亚当和复娃	yă dāng hé xià wā	A-tong kap Hā-oa
Original sin	原罪	yuán zuì	gōan chōe
Satan	撒旦	sā dàn	Sat-tàn/Mơ-kúi
Heavenly Father	天父	tiān fù	Thi*-Pē
Holy	圣洁	shèng jié	Sèng kiát
Mary	马利亚	mǎ lì yǎ	Má-lī-a
Saved	得救	dé jiù	tek-kiù
Good works	好行为	hǎo xíng wéi	ho heng ui
Precious blood to wash away our sins	宝血来洗清罪恶	báo xuě lái xǐ jìng zuì è	pó-huih lai soe- chheng chōe-ok
Accept Jesus as your personal Saviour	13		chiap-sīu lâ-sơ cho lí ê Kiù-Chu
Atonement for our sins	ent for our sins 赎罪		siok chōe
Church	教会	jiào huì	káu-hōe
Fellowship	团契	tuán qì	tuan-ke

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Combined Youth Conference 2019 Programme

Theme: "My Repentance: True or False?"

Theme Verse: Psalm 51:10

Time\Date	25/6/19 (Tue)	26/6/19 (Wed)	27/6/19 (Thu)	28/6/19 (Fri)
7.15 – 8.00am		Morning Devotion		
8.00 – 8.45am		Personal Quiet-Time		
8.45 – 9.30am			Breakfast	
9.30 – 10.00am	Registration			
10.00 – 10.45am	Briefing + Ice Breakers	Singspiration + Message (3)	Singspiration + Message (6)	Singspiration + Message (8)
10.45 – 11.00am		Br	eak	
11.00 – 12.00pm	Singspiration + Message (1)	Message (4)	Message (7)	Q&A and Round Up
12.00 – 12.30pm				
12.30 – 1.00pm	Group discussion	Group discussion	Group discussion	Clean Up
1.00 – 2.00pm		Lunc	h	
	Workshop:			
2.00 – 4.30pm	The Trends of the World and I	Evangelism	Games	
4.30 – 6.00pm	Settle in / Free time / Wash up	Free time / Wash up	Free time / Wash up	
6.00 – 7.00pm				
7.00 – 8.00pm	Gin a naineathan d	Gin a main at i a m	Reflection	
8.00 – 8.30pm	Singspiration + Message (2)	Singspiration + Message (5)		Break Camp
8.30 – 9.00pm	Group discussion	Group discussion		
9.00 – 9.30pm	Supper	Supper		
9.30 – 10.00pm	Dorm fellowship	Dorm fellowship	Singspiration + Testimony night Dorm fellowship	
10.00 – 11.00pm	1		Supper + Fellowship	
11.00pm	Lights out			