

## Combined Youth Conference 2016

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This year's Combined Youth Conference (CYC) was held from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> of June in Calvary Pandan BPC. About 60 campers attended this year's Conference, comprising both full-timers and part-timers. The bulk of the campers stayed overnight for the duration of the Conference.

The conference theme was "Do I love the world?" based on the theme verse 1 John 2:15-17. Rev (Dr) Quek Suan Yew was our main speaker for the eight theme messages. Preaching twice or thrice daily, he explained from Scripture:

- (1) the cure for loving the world,
- (2) the evidence of not loving the world,
- (3) the evidence of loving the world,
- (4) the spectrum of growth,
- (5) the open truth about loving the world,
- (6) the stark reality of loving the world,
- (7) the truth and lies of loving the world, and
- (8) the standard of measuring the world.

Every morning and evening, after the main messages were preached, campers would break into their respective groups for an hour of group discussion. Dn Yap Wai Ho exhorted us from the Bible's wisdom literature for the morning devotions. He shed light on (1) brotherly love, (2) remembering God, and (3) trusting God.

Activities were organized for the afternoons for all the participants. On Wednesday afternoon, a workshop on Boy-Girl Relationships (BGR) was conducted by Eld Chew Chong Kiat. He exhorted specifically on how to find a life partner, and how to discern the will of God in this matter. A time of Question-and-Answer (Q-&-A) ensued after Eld Chong Kiat's exhortation, where the participants posed insightful questions on this topic to the speaker. On Thursday afternoon, we had a time of Bible games. On Friday afternoon, a door-to-door evangelism session was organized. We shared the gospel with the residents of blocks 404, 405, 406 and 407 in Pandan Gardens. By the mercies of God, three children below the age of 12 came to accept Christ and prayed the sinner's prayer. Their particulars (together with the particulars of those who have expressed an interest to know more) have been submitted to the evangelism team of Calvary Pandan BPC for their follow-up. We pray that God will work in the hearts of these whom we witnessed to.

Friday night was devoted to the giving of testimonies by the participants. Some gave thanks to God for what they have learnt and shared how God has been so gracious and merciful to them. This was followed by a time of fellowship over supper. We had a Question-and-Answer (Q-&-A) segment on the final day of the Conference, where a flurry of questions were posed to Rev Quek.

God has indeed blessed us with another wonderful and blessed Combined Youth Conference. On behalf of the organising committee, I thank God for His protection upon every participant, and for granting us good health and strength for the duration of the Conference, for the fellowship and friendships made, and for the many spiritual lessons learnt. May God help each participant to remember Him in these last days and to live holy lives for His glory. All praise and glory be to God!



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