

Combined Youth Conference 2019

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This year's Combined Youth Conference (CYC) 2019 was held in Calvary Pandan BPC from the 25th to 28th of June. In addition to the full-timers, thank God that those who could not make it full-time joined us as part-timers, making a total of almost 40 participants.

The Conference theme this year was "My Repentance: True or False?" with Psalm 51:10 as the theme verse. This is a very needful topic to address as many young people today struggle with assurance of their salvation and with living holy lives. Our main speaker was Rev Clement Chew (Pastor, Tabernacle BPC), who shared God's Word with us through eight messages:

- (1) What is Repentance? (Matt 4:17)
- (2) Repentance – The Necessity (Ps 51 Superscription; 2 Sam 11)
- (3) Repentance – The Plea (Ps 51:1-2)
- (4) Repentance – The Confession (Ps 51:3-6)
- (5) Repentance – The Restoration (Ps 51: 7-12)
- (6) Repentance – Examples of False Repentance (1 Sam 15:10-23)
- (7) Repentance – Examples of True Repentance (2 Cor 7:9-11)
- (8) Repentance – The Fruit (Ps 51:13-19)

After each main message, we broke into groups for discussion. Rev Clement also addressed the discussion questions after every discussion, before he began his next message.

For morning devotions, Bro Samuel Joseph (True Life BPC) expounded on the Epistle of Jude:

- (1) Earnestly Contend for the Faith (Jude 1-10)
- (2) Clouds without Water, Trees without Fruit (Jude 11-16)
- (3) Building, Praying, Keeping (Jude 17-25)

Afternoon activities included a workshop by Pr Joshua Yong (Calvary Pandan BPC) on Tuesday on "Trends of the World and I," evangelism on Wednesday, and games on Thursday. For the workshop, Pr Yong gave us six principles that we can adhere to when we engage in world-trendy activities:

- (1) Have a transformed mind, shaped according to God's Word
- (2) Have a sober mind that is alert and prepared
- (3) Be obedient to God
- (4) Be content
- (5) Ask yourself if you will be brought under the power of that activity (i.e. addiction)
- (6) Is the activity expedient?

These principles are useful in serving as guidelines for us to have the right attitude towards the world and its temptations, so that we do not fall away from God. We also had group discussions on some of the world trends that we encounter as youths and evaluated them, using the principles that Pr Yong shared with us.

Evangelism was held at Blk 241 along Jurong East Central. Though many did not answer their doors when we knocked, thank God that we were able to share the Gospel with those who did. This exercise helped some of us to experience tracting for the first time. May we

continue to make evangelism part of our lives. We pray for those whom we shared the gospel or tracts with that the Holy Spirit may work in their hearts.

For games, we had a quiz on the Bible as well as on the messages. We also played ball games for recreation, which gave us an opportunity to bond with the other CYC participants who are our brothers and sisters in Christ.

On the final evening, we had a time of testimony sharing, where some of us gave thanks for the spiritual blessings received through the messages, for God's enablement for them to even come for this Conference in the first place, etc. They also shared their favourite hymns for us to sing. It is a joy to hear how God's Word impacted our brethren's lives.

At the end of the Conference, there was a Question-and-Answer (Q&A) session. Thank God for the many questions asked, and for Rev Clement who painstakingly answered them with much detail. Some of the questions were application questions, while some were asked to clarify certain verses in the Bible.

Thank God for this year's CYC: for a blessed time of learning God's Word and fellowship with His saints. I pray that all of us had been enriched by the messages and will be challenged to truly repent of our sins, and to walk closely with our Lord and Saviour. When we doubt our salvation or continually sin against God, thinking we can hide our sins from God, we can never have true joy or peace deep in our hearts.

It is only through God's grace that we were able to have yet another CYC this year. Thank God for the hard work of the organizing committee, as well as God's provision of speakers who patiently shared God's Word with us.

All Glory be to God!



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