Truth B-P Church

Report on Church Evangelism Workshop (1 May 2023) by Mrs Gracia Chew

This year's Church Evangelism Workshop was conducted on 1 May 2023 (Mon), from 8.30am to 12.30pm in the Level 3 Sanctuary, followed by lunch thereafter. The topic was "Christ Liveth in Me" taken from Galatians 2:20, focusing on our personal witness for the Lord. The objectives of the workshop were to remind the members of our duty and calling of the Great Commission, and to equip us with skills to better help us do the work of evangelism. We thank God for this event and for providing us with our speakers: Pr Joshua Yong who spoke to the adults and Tammy Ho who spoke to the children.

The committee comprised of Dn Franco Wong (Committee Chairman), Rev Dennis Kwok (Meeting Chairman), Mrs Sara Wong (Logistics and Photography), Car Vincent Cuesta Magkidong (Tracting), Cheong Sock Wah (Refreshments and Lunch), Mrs Kwok Yee Min (Message Transcription) and Mrs Gracia Chew (Publicity), and we thank God for a total of fifty-three adults and three children who attended this event.



Pr Joshua preached from Galatians 2:20, reminding us that though not every Christian is called to be an evangelist, every Christian must live a life of testimony to evangelise for Christ. Before the Apostle Paul's conversion, he was one who observed the deeds of the law and persecuted Christians. However, after being transformed by the gospel, he testified in Galatians 2:20 that his old man was no longer present, but "Christ liveth in me".

As Christians, we too are crucified with Christ. This means that when we trust in the finished work of Christ who loves us, our old man is crucified and we identify with Christ. This shows in the



transformation of a Christian, where his old ways, old manner of life, old philosophy, and old ways of trying to obtain righteousness by the works of the law, are now all changed. This applies to both first-generation and second-generation Christians. Though the outward transformation of a second-generation Christian may not be as drastic, yet there will be an inward transformation of his heart and mind. Such a transformation does not mean sinless

perfection but a conviction. It is where one will now have a desire to obey the Lord and will struggle with sin, and where one now bears the image of Christ.

A Christian, now identifying himself with Christ, bears a testimony for Him. It is not a burden because it is not just a facade but a wonderful privilege that stems from the change of heart. When we bear a Christian testimony, such a transformation will be evident to the people of the world, and we will be able to share the gospel with them.

After a break for refreshments, we split up into nine groups, led by Dn Alan Tam, Rev Dennis Kwok, Dn Benjamin Yeo, Eric Toh, Dn Anthony Cheng, Eld Winston Chew, Pr David Chew, Dn Franco Wong and Dn Emerson Ang, for a time of workshop and discussion. The discussion consisted of three questions:

- 1. What are the key points of the Gospel which a person must believe in in order that he might be saved?
- 2. How would you share the Gospel with a Roman Catholic? What is the key truth of the Gospel that the Catholic needs to hear and believe in?
- 3. How would you share the Gospel with a charismatic? What is the key truth of the Gospel that the charismatic needs to hear and believe in?

After a time of discussion among the groups, Pr Joshua concluded the session by going through all three questions with the members, and providing answers from Scripture. Following the discussion, Rev Dennis went through the tract "Only Jesus Saves!" with the members.

The children's programme, for children aged four to nine, was held concurrently in Room 01-05, where Tammy taught the children on the same topic and verse as the adult message. After the programme, the children joined the adults for tracting.

We praise God for a fruitful tracting session, where we were able to cover 200 flats in Pandan Gardens with many open doors and several people who were willing to hear the whole gospel! The programme concluded with lunch fellowship in the level 3



classrooms. Thank God for the many hands who helped to prepare and clean up, and all who ministered to one another.

We also thank God for this blessed and smooth Church Evangelism Workshop where the members were encouraged and reminded of our calling to evangelise for Christ.

Matthew 28:18-20: "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."