

## Pray for:

- ✿ BfC distribution during Olympics February 12-28: Follow-up of the 801+ who requested further contact; that the saints would be sustained in their labor; that opposers would not gain any opportunity to stop us.
- ✿ Purchase of meeting hall in Toronto.
- ✿ Belleville conference March 19-21: That almost all the college and university students, young working saints, and serving saints in Montreal might attend.
- ✿ Lyon, France: Blending of the junior-high and high-schoolers from French-speaking Europe; the opening of a tea shop by a full-time couple as their way to continue to stay in France; the building up of nuclei of students on the campuses.
- ✿ Follow-up for the BfC Bible distribution in Montreal: coordination in following-up on the Bible recipients, especially the seminar attendees.
- ✿ That the college/university age, the teen-agers, and the children meeting with the church in Montreal would grow to love the Lord and pursue Him.

## Weekly Readings

- ✿ New Testament Recovery Version with footnotes: Week 17, *Mark 14:27 – Luke 1:4*
- ✿ HWMR: The Gospel of God, Vol. 2, Week 3
- ✿ Truth Equipping Series – Ministry Literature Sets Reading Schedule: Basic Elements, Vol 1, The Mystery of Human Life

## Announcements

- ✿ Annual General Meeting of the corporation will be held on March 14 at 12:00 PM in the meeting hall.
- ✿ The churches in New England invite you to a Spring Conference from Friday night, March 5th through March 7th. The co-workers are also burdened to join for this conference, so it will be in the up-to-date speaking of the Lord to His recovery. Please register with brother John Chao.
- ✿ Midwest Spring Conference in Chicago will be at the weekend of April 3 and 4. This conference will be at the Chicago hall and is open to all the saints. The brothers ministering will endeavour to bring us into the speaking of the Spirit to the churches from the March 2010 ITERO conference. Please register with brother John Chao.

- ✿ A conference will be held in Madison, Wisconsin April 23 - 25, please register with brother John Chao.
- ✿ Young Working Saints and College Saints conference in Belleville, Mar 19-21, 2010. Cost is \$100 per adult with the church subsidising the remaining \$100. Registration deadline Feb. 22, please register with sister Monica asap so we can arrange rooms and transportation.

## Lord's Day Lunch Clean-up Schedule

February 28	✿ Chinese (East, Central)
March 7	✿ French/Spanish/College
14	✿ Chinese (North, South, West)
21	✿ English

## Upcoming Events

- ✿ *March 5 – 7, Cambridge, MA: 2010 Spring Conference of New England Churches*
- ✿ March 14 at 12:00 PM, meeting hall: Annual General Meeting of the corporation
- ✿ *March 19 – 21, Belleville, ON: YWS/College Conference*
- ✿ *April 3 – 4, Chicago, IL: Midwest Spring Conference in Chicago*

## This Week's Activities

<b>FEBRUARY 28</b> Lord's Day	✿ 10:00am to 12:15pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings
	✿ 12:30pm to 1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
<b>MARCH 1</b> Monday	✿
<b>2</b> Tuesday	✿ 7:30pm, Prayer meeting by district in various homes
<b>3</b> Wednesday	✿
<b>4</b> Thursday	✿ 10:00am, Meeting hall: Chinese speaking pursuing meeting
<b>5</b> Friday	✿ Evening: Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
<b>6</b> Saturday	✿ 6:00pm to 9:00pm, Meeting hall: Young people meeting

## Separation from the world

Scripture Reading: Exo. 10:8-11, 21-26; 12:6-11, 37-42; 2 Cor. 6:17

### II. AREAS THAT REQUIRE SEPARATION FROM THE WORLD

#### A. Things Which the World Considers Improper for Christians to Do

We should refrain from anything that the world considers improper for Christians to do. Our Christian life at the minimum should meet the standard of the worldly people. Everyone in the world has set up a yardstick and a standard for Christians. If you do not meet this standard, you have failed them. When you do something, you should not give the Gentiles any ground to ask, "Do Christians do this?" If others say this, you are finished. As soon as you are rebuked, you are finished. Suppose you are caught visiting certain places. The Gentiles may say, "Do Christians come to places such as this?" There are many places Gentiles like to visit. If you tell them that it is wrong to visit those places, they may insist and argue with you. But if you visit those places yourself, they will ask, "How can you also go to these places?" Some matters are sinful. When the Gentiles do them, they keep quiet about it. But if you do the same things, they will speak up. Therefore, we must refrain from things that the Gentiles consider improper. This is a minimum requirement. When a Gentile says, "Christians should not do such a thing," we should turn away from it immediately.

Some young people are saved, but their parents are still unsaved. Sometimes these children ask for something from the parents. The parents may say, "Do you Christians want these things as well?" It is most shameful for a Christian to find himself adjusted by the Gentiles. Abraham lied and was rebuked by Abimelech. This is a most shameful thing in the Bible. We must refrain from things that are considered improper by the Gentiles. We must stay away from things that the worldly people, the Egyptians, consider inappropriate for Christians to do. We must be separated from them.

#### B. Things Incompatible with the Lord

Anything that is incompatible with the Lord must also be removed. Since the Lord suffered humiliation on the earth, we should not seek glory here. Since the Lord was crucified like a robber, we should not seek to be welcomed everywhere. When our Lord was walking on the earth, He was accused of demon possession. We cannot allow people to say that we have the best mind, that we are smart, or that we are very intellectual.

We have to pass through what the Lord passed through. Everything that is incompatible with the Lord must go.

The Lord said that a slave is not greater than his master and a disciple is not greater than his teacher. If the world treated our Master one way, we should not expect it to treat us another way. If it treated our Teacher one way, we should not expect it to treat us another way. If we are not treated the same as our Master, something is wrong with us, and something is definitely wrong in our relationship with the Lord. Whatever our Lord experienced on the earth should be our experience today.

To follow Jesus of Nazareth, one must be ready to suffer humiliation; this is not a thing of glory. To follow Jesus of Nazareth means to bear the cross. When others first came to the Lord, the Lord told them that they had to bear the cross in order to follow Him. According to the Lord, this is the main entrance. He does not wait until a person is in the room before He tells him this condition. Before we go in, the Lord makes it clear that we must bear the cross in order to follow Him. The Lord has called us to bear the cross. This is the way we are taking, and we can only follow the Lord according to this way. The Lord's relationship with the world should be our relationship with the world. Our relationship with the world must be compatible with our Lord's relationship with the world; we cannot take a different way.

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