

GRACE MONTHLY

APRIL 2017 EDITION

“Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.”

Deuteronomy 6:5 -6



A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE THAT LEADS TO A CHANGE OF HEART

For the season of Lent, Grace Youth has been going through daily devotionals through the book of Luke. When I first started with the devotionals, the passages just seemed to me as interesting stories. But as I continued to read them - even though I forgot many times - God encouraged and challenged me several times.

One passage I was challenged by was *Luke 6:37-42*. In this passage, God really made me think about how much we judge each other, even though we may be guilty of doing it ourselves. This challenged me to look at things in a new perspec-

tive, and try to understand the situations of others before going straight to making assumptions.

Another passage that really stood out to me was *Luke 12:4-12*. This passage tells us to fear God instead of man, as He has infinitely greater authority than man. In verse 12, it also tells us, “for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.” This really encouraged me because it explained that God is always in control, and is always with me.

As for the fasting, it was pretty difficult for me. I would sometimes forget

about the fasting, or even end up doing what we were supposed to refrain from when I knew I wasn’t supposed to. However, as time went on God revealed to me that fasting is really about my attitude. In the end, through these type of changes in my attitude, I thought more about God and loved him more than I did before.

In summary, in this Lent season God reminded me of the importance of our attitude, and also how we should constantly struggle to apply the things we learn into our lives. Even when it seems extremely difficult, God makes it all

possible for us to do so.

As the season of Lent continues into the month of April, I hope that everyone will think just a bit more about God and what He has done for us.

- Peter Kim, grade 10

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MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

NEWCOMERS OUTING

On Sunday, March 12th we spent some time getting to know a couple of newcomers!

Since September, we have had 51 newcomers and visitors visit Grace Youth.



NEWLEYWEDS

Pastor Josh and Pastor Sarah got married on Saturday, March 18th. Congratulations, from all of us! Grace Youth ministries will host a reception on Friday, April 7th to bless them.



PRaise & WORSHIP NIGHT

Grace Youth gathered together on Friday, March 24th for a night of praise and prayer. Join us again next month on Friday, April 21st!



STUDENT DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT

Grace Youth discipleship students went away on a retreat from March 13-15th. It was a meaningful time spent in worship, learning, as well as team building.

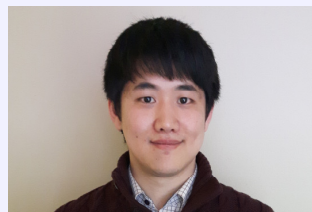


GUEST SPEAKERS

During Pastor Josh's absence, Grace Youth had the privilege to hear from three pastors who serve in different ministries of Grace Community Church. Here's who we invited to speak for us:



Pastor DANIEL SO
Gracelife Church (GLC)



Pastor PHIL SUNG
Grace Youth 3rd Service



Pastor KEVIN HER
Education Ministry

#WALKINGWITHJESUS

During the season of Lent, we have committed to reading daily devotionals and fasting weekly together to reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross, death, and resurrection. @gccyouth on Instagram has been interviewing Grace Youth students about some things that God has been revealing to them during this season. Here are some of the posts:



gccyouth "I washed the dishes and vacuumed the house... two rooms." "Two rooms? That's weak I just helped my brother."

Who did you help last week? This week, we will be fasting ONE meal a day! We will be replacing physical food with spiritual food. During the time usually allotted for breakfast, lunch, or dinner, spend time with God and His Word.

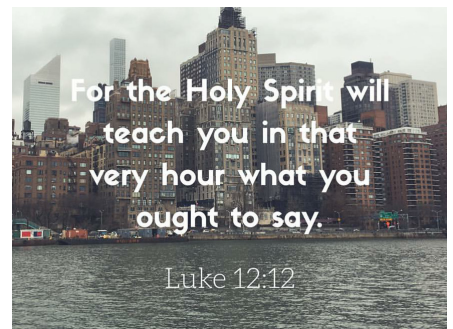
[#walkingwithjesus](#)



gccyouth "I was reminded through this passage that just going to church and reading the bible doesn't mean you know God fully. It doesn't matter if you go to church or go to missions trips regularly if you don't know who God is. "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see." Like Jesus' disciples, our eyes should be open and have our heart break for what breaks His." - Hannah Choi, grade 10



gccyouth "To remember that Jesus died on the cross for us and because of his sacrifice, we need to remember what he did. Easter isn't about weird bunnies or chocolate but that Jesus loves us." - Elizabeth, grade 8



gccyouth "I think it's important that we keep in mind that we are living in the end times and we will be questioned about our faith. We must trust God and have no fear of the world or anyone/anything else, and he will speak through us and be with us 'til the very end." - Nara Hahn, grade 10
[#walkingwithjesus](#)



gccyouth ... Without regularly feeding our spirits with God's Words from the Bible, we will never be able to fully help the faith of others or ourselves. The Bible is a super awesome gift that allows us to grow deeper in our relationships with Him and it's a blessing that we have such easy access to it. In this way, we are making ourselves more available to God to use in His kingdom work. So don't lose hope this Lent season and keep following the devotionals!

UPCOMING EVENTS for APRIL

Friday, **Apr 7th** : Pastor Josh & Sarah's Youth Reception

Friday, **Apr 21st** : Praise & Prayer Night

Friday, **Apr 14th** : Good Friday Service

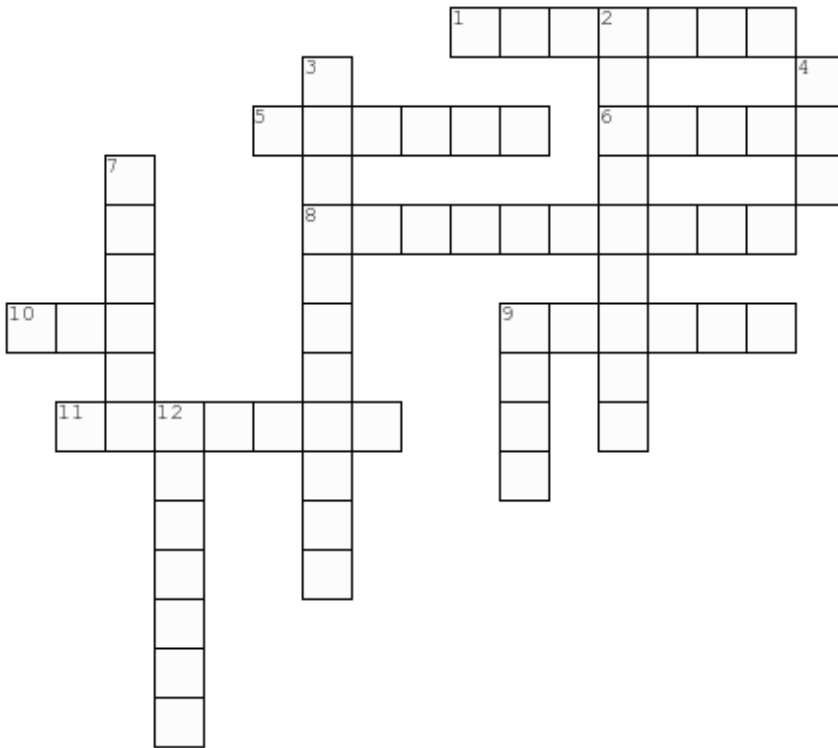
Friday, **Apr 28th** : Friday Youth Night

Sunday, **Apr 16th** : Easter Sunday | Baptism

Please note that these scheduled events are subject to change. Be sure to keep up with the latest updates on Sundays or on [gccyouth.weebly.com!](#)

LIFE IN CHRIST

During Friday Youth Nights, students of Grace Youth are going through a Bible study series titled, "Life in Christ". Complete the crossword puzzle below to learn the takeaways from each session!



ACROSS

1. another word for "worship"
5. to rely on
6. the undeserving favour of God
8. to comprehend
9. something that is fractured or damaged
10. Jesus is the ____ of God
11. to fix or mend to its original state

DOWN

2. morally justified
3. our Lord and Saviour
4. opposite of "old"
7. to alter something
9. we are called to be a united ____ of Christ
12. Jesus died because we are ____

WEEK 1: Christian identity is found on our relationship with God...

... Through Jesus Christ, our Mediator.

1. God embraced our weaknesses with His _____⁽⁶⁾ and sent us His _____⁽¹⁰⁾, Jesus Christ.
2. Through the incarnation of Jesus Christ, we are able to _____⁽⁸⁾ and _____⁽¹¹⁾ our relationship with God more deeply.

Answers: (1) glory (2) righteous (3) Jesus Christ (4) new (5) depend (6) grace (7) change (8) understand (9) ACROSS broken (10) Son (11) restore (12) sinners

WEEK 2: Christian faith is built...

... On Jesus Christ, our Foundation.

1. By restoring the _____⁽⁹⁾ relationship between God and man, Jesus became the foundation for us to _____⁽⁵⁾ on Him.
2. On Jesus Christ, we are able to build our foundation of faith because Jesus Christ does not _____⁽⁷⁾ or wither, but he is always faithful to us.
3. The grace of God through _____⁽³⁾ lays the foundation to build our faith.

WEEK 3: All Christians are united...

... In Jesus Christ, our Life-Giver.

1. In Christ we find ourselves a status, that we are no longer remembered as _____⁽¹²⁾, but that we are called _____⁽²⁾ before God because of Jesus' righteousness.
2. The _____⁽⁴⁾ life in Christ allows us to find a new life with a new purpose.
3. As Christians we are called to serve as the _____⁽⁹⁾ of Christ, so that we might _____⁽¹⁾ Jesus Christ, who is the head of the whole body.

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