

DECEMBER 2022

# GRACE MONTHLY

*"Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet."*

*John 13:14*



## Jesus... A King and a Servant?

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Recently, a verse that stuck to my heart was a part of John 13:14, where Jesus speaks after washing His disciples' feet, saying, "I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet." A few questions then follow: Why would Jesus, above all people, do the work of a servant, washing His disciples' feet? Does the Bible not state that Jesus is our King? Are not kings placed above his people, where his people should serve Him?

On the radio, I heard a song titled, "How Many Kings" by Downhere that asks a similar question. The first line of the chorus goes, "How many kings step down from their thrones?" expressing the same confusion. Then the chorus closes with the words, "Only one did that for me", indicating Jesus. Why? Because He loves us. That is the answer to the question. He was, is, and will be the only One King who will humble Himself for the sake of His people. Jesus does the work of a servant so that we can understand His selflessness, who uses His power not to bring glory to Himself, but to pour out His love for us. This song strongly depicts some of Jesus' characteristics, which we should strive to focus on during this season.

The world has given Christmas a materialistic reputation, a season of cheer, yet hectic and busy. Amidst all this, we must not treat Christmas as just a fun holiday but truly remember why we really celebrate Christmas—Jesus' birth. Since that day, Jesus was known as the Servant King, entering this world in a manger. A King who came down to this world to serve his people.

This season, let's remember this great act of Jesus' love. Keeping these in mind, we must refrain from allowing Christmas to become just a holiday of cheer but a remembrance of Jesus' humility. I pray that we all will have a season full of joy, remembering the King who stepped down from His throne, lowering Himself to be equal to a servant, because He loves us.

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# NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

## DISCOVER SEMINAR

On November 4th, a "Discover" Seminar was held at City Centre 2 for the Grade 11 and 12s. Six leaders in the field of IT, Art, Healthcare, Education, Accounting, and Law shared about their careers, including what a typical day looks like and how their faith affects the way they work. It encouraged the students to trust God in the various decisions that they are making now as they are discovering their future calling and vocation.



## "교회는 살아있다" ONE-NIGHT RETREAT

CLAY Youth had a one-night retreat on Friday, November 11th with the theme, "교회는 살아있다." They had a time of praise and worship, with a message centered around the topic of church community, as well as a time of sharing in small groups. The rest of the night was enjoyed in fellowship with one another over food and games.



## Praise & Prayer

- **Praise** God for the season of Advent, a season to reflect on Jesus as we approach Christmas. **Pray** that we would place our focus not on giving and receiving gifts, but on Jesus so that we can truly celebrate the joy of His coming.
- **Pray** for good health and safety on the icy roads as the weather gets colder.
- **Praise** God for giving us a home and family that we can stay with during this holiday season. There are a lot of people who don't have a house to keep warm and safe, so let us always be thankful.
- **Pray** for the people who got hurt or into accidents from the heavy snowfall recently.
- **Pray** for the grade 12 students who are preparing for university as they meet deadlines for early applications. **Pray** that they will get into their desired schools and glorify God in their continued studies.

## WINTER FUNDRAISER!

To bless the local community this year, GEM Youth is raising funds to donate winter items to the Surrey Urban Mission Society (SUMS). Set a goal with your small group, and purchase at least one winter item for donation!

- Winter Coats & Jackets
- Winter Hats/beanies
- Blankets
- Sleeping bags
- Scarves
- Mittens
- Thick Socks
- Long johns & Thermal underwear
- Boots

## A Real Hope for a Savior: Jeremiah Jeremiah 33:13-16

“Oh, I wish I could . . .”

We all wish for things. When we're young, we desire some awfully big things. We may wish for a bazillion dollars or for incredible strength. Or perhaps we wish that Grandma were still alive or that we hadn't said something hurtful to a friend.

Hope is greater than a wish. It's an anticipation of something that really can happen. When a student spends a lot of time preparing for a big presentation, she hopes that the production will go well. If she hasn't prepared, though, she wishes for a good presentation.

The prophet Jeremiah lived hundreds of years before Jesus came. He spoke out against the corruption and evil of his time, telling God's people that God would not let their sins go unpunished. And he longed for the Messiah to come. This was no mere wish. Jeremiah believed that the Savior would come because he was counting on a promise. He confidently hoped for the Savior's arrival because the Lord had proclaimed it.

Jeremiah delighted in God's promises. His hope was anchored in God's words: “Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart” (Jeremiah 15:16).

**REFLECT:** What promises from God give you hope? In what ways can you live with hope in those promises?

**PRAY:** Ask God to grant you confidence in His promises and to remind you that He is faithful and will never abandon you.

# UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

**Friday, Dec 18th** Christmas Banquet  
**Friday, Dec 23rd** Christmas Celebration Night

Events are subject to change. Make sure to keep up with our latest updates with your small group leader, on our website, or Instagram!