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HOM'S Reflections

A great

CRISIS has come over the world in recent times. The world is in turmoil as one particular group decides that the rest of the world does not

deserve to live.

What do we do with this **CRISIS**? During the Dialect Retreat, we discussed the Great Commission and Deacon highlighted that there were 4 important words in Matthew 28:19-20: "Therefore **go** and **make** disciples of all nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching** them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

It struck me that different churches and different leaders put their focus on one of the 4 words instead of taking the whole verse. Some emphasize **Go** and spend all their efforts in outreach. Others spend all their time on **Teaching**.

In my opinion we have to take the 4 verbs in the sequence it was given to us in the verse. We have to Go (outreach) and Make (convert), Baptize and then Teach. If we don't Go then where can we find the members to teach? If we don't Make disciples then how are we going to reach the whole world? If we don't Baptize them then where can we find committed people? Finally if we don't Teach then we will probably have very weak and maybe even superficial Christians like the seeds that fell on rocky ground.

Obviously when we teach them, they are already baptized disciples who are in training to Go. Then the cycle will begin again until the whole world is reached for Christ and the **CRISIS** is overcome.

Martin Cheah

So Little Faith I have..... Where is my Faith??

As my thoughts wandered.....

Wow! JCC has a great task to fulfil for God.

We are not called to the great commission like the Apostle Paul, to go out to plant churches in all different countries, but only to rebuild JCC, yet we have to encounter many challenges ahead.

The first hurdle is already overcome with help from our Almighty God. He has approved all permits relating to the rebuilding and for a good place for temporary relocation through the relevant authorities in Singapore.

Is this not a sign that God has shown favour to JCC?

The next hurdle is how to raise enough funds for the rebuilding? As the saying goes: "NO MONEY NO TALK"

Even though JCC has made much preparation all these years to raise funds for our rebuilding we are still far short of the target of \$25 million.

May the Lord forgive me for my little faith. Lord, how are we going to raise so much money?

The Church is buzzing with fundraising activities, selling Mementoes, JCC Family Photo Portraits and events like Concert by Michael Card, Golf Tournament and Fundraising Dinner. Even the kids have joined in by selling handmade bracelets and key-chains.

All this will add up to the Fund but will this be enough????

As I shared these worries with some Christian friends, they shared their testimony of their faith and trust in God and how God saw them through their church projects.

I am so touched by their great faith and so ashamed of the little faith I have.

A Testimony from a sister in an independent Church.

They only had their members to support the building project but the people were so stirred up that some members committed themselves to be guarantors for the Church to take a loan. Even the ladies and housewives willingly sold off their extra gold jewelries (which were sitting idly in safe deposit boxes) to raise funds for the church. *If the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.* (2 Corinthians 8:12)

HAVE FAITH THAT GOD WILL WORK WONDERS AND NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD.

JCC is so blessed that we are under the umbrella of the Lutheran Church in Singapore as we have sister's churches that will also walk together with us on this journey.

If only every member of the Lutheran Family Local or International do their best for this project we will be able to accomplish this great commission that God has for JCC, rebuilding his Holy Temple in Taman Jurong for the future generations to come.

May our Almighty God guide and direct us as we move on in greater faith.....



*Lucy
Tan*

FUND RAISING PROJECTS

In the next two months, there will be three fund raising projects. The first is the Michael Card Concert on 3rd and 4th October, quickly followed by the Golf Tournament on 24th October. Then a month later on 29th November, we will have the Fund Raising Dinner.

“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.” Luke 10:2

Certainly this is true as the Fund Raising Committee seeks help from our brothers and sisters. For shortage of ushers, our brother Nick Wong who volunteered to be a photographer has to take on the role of usher instead.

The Golf Tournament needs about 20 helpers to go around the golf course in fund raising activities but it falls on a working/schooling day so who will be able to volunteer?

What is the solution? Well, mostly those who help out in the concert will also double up to help out in the Golf Tournament. Then probably will continue to help out in the Fund Raising Dinner.

Do you find yourself in the enviable position of being free to help? Then why not sign up so that Nick can take up the role of photographer for the concert. Sign up so that the golf activities can be carried out smoothly.

Only a few days left before the first big fund raising event takes place. The workers are few. Have you thought about how you can help? If you think you are busy, think of chairman Alan Soh, whose son is in hospital due to an appendicitis operation yet he is on roster to direct traffic and double up as chargehand during the two days of the concert.

If you are really, really busy then do what the rest of the verse say: “**Pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask Him to send more workers into his field**”. I believe more can be done by prayer than by competency.

Martin Cheah

PRECIOUS GEORGE! PRECIOUS LIFE!

George was a 10-year-old suffering from a large brain tumour. Death would be the result if not treated, but death might still be the result with a surgery option because the doctor advised that an operation to remove the tumour was high-risk.

George was dearly loved, so the decision was made to give brain surgery a chance. It was a delicate surgery in which George could not afford to lose half a millilitre of blood, the surgeon said. Thanks to the expert skill of the surgeon, the operation was a success.

George was a goldfish, and his doting owner did not mind spending the “few hundred dollars” to have the surgery done instead of getting a replacement goldfish for just less than US\$10.



A 10-year-old pet goldfish named George prepares to undergo veterinarian Tristan Rich's scalpel to remove a life-threatening head tumor in this handout picture taken September 11, 2014 and provided to Reuters by the Lort Smith Animal Hospital in Melbourne, Australia.
(<http://in.reuters.com/article/2014/09/16/us-australia-goldfish-idINKENoHB07520140916>)

It is common knowledge that many pet owners have great attachments to their pets whereby they go great lengths to pamper the animals. This contrasts intensely with the heartlessness of people who go about killing people and the not-infrequent incidences of cruelty to animals that animal lovers grimace at.

Animals have rights. They were created by God before He created man. God spoke:

“Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature. So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, And, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth.”

– Ge. 1:26-28 (MSG)

People who love animals are naturally kind-hearted, I suppose, unlike evil people who enjoy taking lives without scruples. Certainly, I do not relish seeing people treating their animals with love but not shower care on humans around them.

I am not a pet keeper, not because I don't love animals but because I recognize the huge responsibility in taking care of pets and I fear that if I am not great at discharging such a responsibility I may hurt the animals unwittingly instead. For me, I already find it tough to take care of humans. ☺ Pets are God's gifts to the

pet-lovers who have the time, energy and wherewithal to take care of them without hurting them. I admire the dedication of pet lovers to their pets.

Human responsibility to animals, not to cause them suffering, is obvious too from God's Word such as in Deut. 22:6-7, Prov. 12:10 and 1 Tim. 5:18.

George was very fortunate to have a loving owner. She did not like the idea of euthanasia for the goldfish, and her deep attachment to the pet was obvious by her effort to save him from a seemingly hopeless situation. She valued the fish life so much; how much more would she value human life? The same thought must apply to all pet lovers who pamper their pets with their fortunes: How much more should they value human lives?

George was suffering, in death throes. Did George manage in his fish language to tell his master that he did not want to die? I do not know about this, but I know something about a man who lived in the land of Uz whose name was Job. We read in the Bible (Job 2:7-8) that "Satan afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head. Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes."

Job was suffering intensely, and his wife still taunted him to die, "Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!" (Job 2:8) What a contrast between the attitudes of Job's wife to her human mate and of another woman to her fish companion!

Wisely, Job did not succumb to the taunt. He replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. **Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?**" In all this, Job did not sin in what he said. (Job 2:10)

The friends of George among the creatures of the sea must be congratulating him for having a master who protected him against any idea of euthanasia that might have been suggested by well-meaning human vets, and that he (George) also did not have a wife to suggest suicide to him like what the wife of Job did to her husband.

The story of George makes me think about the preciousness of life to people who love life. It also makes me unable to believe in the blatant contrast displayed by people who treat human life with callousness.

JOHN LEE

Dialect Ministry Leaders' Retreat in Batam – Recharged to GO ...



It was 12 noon at the BCC Hotel in Batam on 13th September. It was time to GO for the Dialect Ministry Leadership Team (DLT) at the end of a power retreat. Having been de-stressed, re-energized and fully charged to GO ...

GO where? The night before, Deacon Peter had reminded the DLT about the charge Jesus had given His disciples:

“Therefore GO and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” – Matt. 28:19-20

Everyone in the DLT was like a battery with energy constantly being consumed



through the demands of regular service. As the battery charge becomes drained, it needs regular re-charging. It was this time at the power camp in Batam that the batteries were given a fresh charge, a

full charge, and THEREFORE, they were all readied once again to GO ..., to continue the good service that they have been rendering to the Lord through the years starting from scratch through growing the membership participating in a formal and regular dialect worship service every week.

“GO” is both an imperative (a command to be obeyed) and an action (to quicken to do what we are supposed to do, NOT to procrastinate or stay put with inertia).

I am not part of the DLT team, but I have the advantage of being an



observer (旁观者) and we all know that 旁观者清, which means that as a spectator, I see more of the selfless action of the team members going through moments of highs and lows. These constant faces in the team from right at the beginning are showing signs of physically maturing in age; yet, this does not conceal the fact of the members' spiritually maturing in their faith as **they bond their varied talents to serve** and see for themselves with the perfect clarity of 20/20 hindsight how God moves in bringing about each and every achievement despite their limited human foresight that often rendered them exasperation and weariness from time to time in their dedicated service.



Bonded to serve – “Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.” (Rom. 12:10-11)

Deacon Peter exhorted the team with the persuasion of the passage from Romans 12 and the charge of the Lord’s Commission in Matthew 28.

We are to be **U.S.E.D.** by God as a suitable instrument/vessel for His Kingdom work. Henceforth, the DLT must always be:

United, be **S**purred, be **E**ncouraged, be **D**aring to GO, continuing to serve with joy and conviction.

Ultimately, it is for the DLT to be **C.H.A.R.G.E.D** for Kingdom work:

- **C**hallenge – The challenge to live for Christ.
- **H**onour – To honour Christ with our lives through our conversations and conduct. (1 Tim. 4:12)
- **A**ffirm – To recognise, support and affirm each other's spiritual gifts and calling to serve in the ministry.

- **R**estore – To restore the spiritual passion of one another at times when weariness sets in, dispensing love and encouragement.
- **G**lorify – To glorify God in our service. (1 Pet. 4:11)
- **E**xcel – to excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love kindled in you, and also excel in the grace of giving. (2 Cor. 8:7)
- **D**evote – To devote to one another in brotherly/sisterly love and be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.

Are these the 5 C's of our desires – Car, Condo, Credit Card, Cash, Career?

Deacon Peter shared about the more meaningful 5 C's with the DLT: The "5 Cs – 2 Go" that will enhance our role in a disciples-making church. These 5 Cs, as shown in the picture, are the example and counsel we have from Apostle Paul.

In Gal. 1, Paul commenced his letter declaring himself as "an apostle (not from men nor by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead)...," Without doubt, Paul declared his **CONVICTION** to the calling by God.



From the Scriptures, we can tell that Paul's **COMMITMENT** to his calling was wholehearted, self-sacrificing and persevering through persecutions and great suffering, and he urged the same of his brothers and sisters in Christ. (Rom. 12:1-2)

The world will come to an end. While we don't know when exactly it will be, we need to be

CONCERNED about the Last Day to have a spiritual sense of urgency to act right for ourselves (to wake up from our slumber – Rom. 13:11-14) and:

- accept the charge, in view of Christ’s appearing and His Kingdom (2 Tim. 4:1),
- to be ready at all times (in season and out of season) to preach the Word to win souls (2 Tim. 4:2)
- for the time will come when it becomes harder to preach to people (2 Tim. 4:3-4)

We GO also because we are **COMPELLED** by Christ’s love (2 Cor. 5:14) and we have the **COURAGE** to trust the Holy Spirit when trouble looms, like in the example of Paul’s experience with shipwreck (Acts 27) when the Holy Spirit enabled him to overcome fear and place hope in God coming to the rescue. Prior to the exhortations by Deacon Peter, we sang Hokkien hymns and one of them had the following lines (translated into English):

*“I want to sing a song of thanksgiving to thank my Lord and Saviour Jesus
 He himself bore my sins and gives me eternal life and blesses me with His grace”*



Indeed, for this retreat, God blessed us with journey mercy and a smooth passage through the Batam immigration. Then He blessed us with fine weather (no rain) although, as the tour guide told us, it was raining heavily only the day before. If we had timed our trip only one day

earlier, we would have been much inconvenienced for our warming-up tour of places in Batam before spending serious time with God.

The retreat was only for 2-day-1-night, quite a short one. Nevertheless, it packed in good time for both recreation and spiritual energizing worthy of thanksgiving to God. The testimonies shared in the fellowship session in the hotel room just before our departure was telling of the many blessings members of the DLT cherished having





had from God. May God continue to enrich the DLT members with growing faith and trust in Him wherever they GO ...!

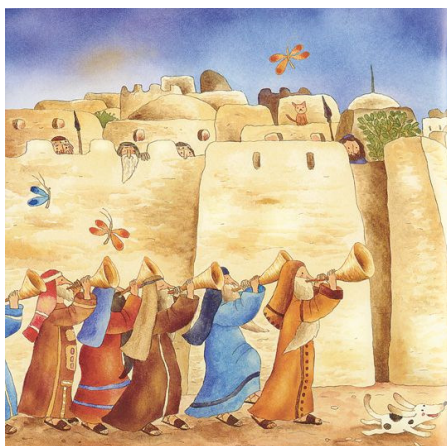


JOHN LEE

JUST THINKING ABOUT JERICHO...

It was jokingly proposed that we march around the perimeter of JCC seven times and on the last turn, give a great shout and bring it down, saving on the cost of demolition. Will this work?

Consider what happened at Jericho and ask why there were no other records of this method of conquest throughout the Bible? If it was meant to be the modus operandi of Joshua's conquest of Canaan there would have been more application of this tactic.



Since it was meant to be a unique experience of God's presence with the Israelites at the beginning of their campaign, I don't think it could be repeated, not unless God told us to do so again. In fact it is such a rare occurrence that the people of this world mostly do not believe it happened at all.

So why do Christians always assume that if they march around a site seven times, they would be able to tear down the stronghold?

Did God make Jericho an example of a method of conquest endorsed by God to be repeated at any time a Christian goes round a site seven times? "I believe we must seek God's will, never presuming to identify it with our own program or power." David E. Price

Martin Cheah



“Sorry, I Don’t Know.”

When you ask people questions and they always answer “I don’t know,” do you get the impression that they are selfish people who are unwilling to share their knowledge?



On the other hand, what do you think of people who always seem to know everything?

People who do not know anything and people who always know everything are both extraordinary. I assume that people like you and me most likely belong to the ordinary group who know some answers and don’t know some. For answers that

you know, it is good to share for the blessing of others. Do not keep knowledge to yourself just because you are shy or selfish. Here are some wise words from *Deuteronomy Rabbah* (a Hebrew commentary on the Book of the Bible):

“In vain have you acquired knowledge if you have not imparted it to others.”



On the other hand, if you don’t know the answer to any question, it is quite alright to say “Sorry, I don’t know” without fear of embarrassment. I believe it is not God’s intent for us to know everything.

In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve were free to eat whatever they desired, but NOT eat the tree of knowledge of good and evil. (Gen 2:16-17) Why was the tree of knowledge so deadly?

Adam and Eve did not know, but God knew that man would not be able to handle such knowledge. In other words, not all knowledge is good for man. Man in his babyhood’s ignorance is well taken care of. Adam and Eve in their original innocence would be well provided for by the Father – everything God had created was good for their



enjoyment. There was no need for them to push the boundary that sealed in their innocence and gave them protection from the weight of choices. **There was no need for them to acquire the knowledge of**

evil to have to make a choice! Alas, they took one wrong step, and the presence of good and evil confronted them starkly in their nakedness. Now, man has become entrapped in life forever with the need to make choices. And we know too well that it is frequently never easy to make choices – whereby man has coined expressions such as “Hobson’s choice”, “Catch-22”, “in a dilemma”, and “caught between a rock and a cornered hard place”. The late American novelist, John William Cheever said, “[Human] wisdom is the knowledge of good and evil, not the strength to choose between the two.”

It is a treacherous (snake in the grass) no-win situation that man often subjects himself to in his aspiration for self-determination of good and evil; i.e., of making his own choice now that he boasts knowledge!

Let’s take a look at the following news captions:

- Hamilton lottery winner fritters away \$10 million
- Widow of cleaner who died at Budget Terminal now broke after spending \$1m

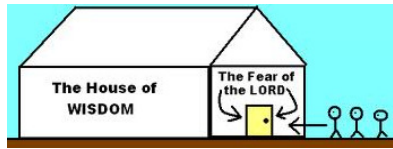


A fool and his money are soon parted. Some money (enough of it) is good for spending on necessities in life, but too much of it can easily overwhelm and put one in a stupor whereby painful decisions are actually made under evil influences. Similarly, some

amount of knowledge (enough of it) is useful but too much of it can become crushing for human minds (with their limited capacity) to process, whereby, in our dazed state, evil influences set the course for the ultimate outcomes. The Bible has this:

*Life’s a corkscrew that can’t be straightened, a minus that won’t add up. I said to myself, “I know more and I’m wiser than anyone before me in Jerusalem. I’ve stockpiled wisdom and knowledge.” What I’ve finally concluded is that so-called wisdom and knowledge are mindless and witless—nothing but spitting into the wind. **Much learning earns you much trouble. The more you know, the more you hurt.** – Ecc 1:15-18 (MSG)*

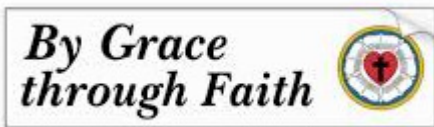
I am certainly aware that “the heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.” (Prov 18:15) But then, I am also aware that this encouragement to seek knowledge is grounded on another piece of sound advice that “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” (Prov. 1:7)



We are to base our knowledge seeking on the right beginning – the fear of the Lord – and we must not spurn Godly wisdom and instruction. Man already failed in the Garden of Eden when the wisdom and instruction of God (against eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil) were snubbed. To man’s eternal peril, he is now suffering from the consequence of his inability to handle too much knowledge as simple trust breaks down between man and

God as well as between man and man, because it has become each man to himself (according to his own wisdom) and each interest group to itself (according to its self-enlightened agenda). Someone said, “Our knowledge has made us cynical; our cleverness, hard and unkind. We think too much and feel too little.”

There is too much knowledge, and with it too much confusion about what is good and what is evil whereas before the fall in Eden there was only plain innocence and no complication of choice – just plain trust in God and worry-free dependence on the Father’s providence. Attached to the unnecessary knowledge surplus is knowledge abuse for the potential self-annihilation of the human race.



At Creation, everything was good. Why did Adam and Eve so foolishly fall into Satan’s trap, thinking that all that was good in the Garden was not good enough? The result of their

adventure in tasting the forbidden fruit was that the knowledge of evil came into the world to *kachau*¹ our lives. Things would not be so bad in the world

¹ Word of Malay origin, meaning “to disturb” or “to interfere”.

if man did not acquire the knowledge of evil to become inclined to choosing it. Now we have an important choice to make – the choice to be delivered from the eternal peril by the grace of God through faith in Christ.

Until the time of the end, many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase. This is a message from Daniel 12:4. When it is said that knowledge shall increase in the end times, we understand that our knowledge at this point of time is not complete. There is a lot we have yet to understand of good and evil. When we read Scripture and learn that “All Scripture is breathed out by God ...,” (2 Tim 3:16) we understand that the knowledge we get therein is all according to the sovereign will of God to reveal – what is important, necessary and sufficient for us; not more than what we need to know or what we can handle.

Deuteronomy 29:29 says, “The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.”

Do we need to be unduly concerned about knowledge that we do not yet possess, or be obsessed to seek “all knowledge”?

In the NT, the word “mystery” occurs 28 times. There are varied exegeses of passages to explicate the idea of God’s mystery. In the context of this article, my thought is drawn to Luke 8:17, “For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open.”

In the verses above, the “things revealed” and the use of the future tense “will” convince me that there is a time and there is an occasion for God to reveal knowledge to us.

At present, it is not God’s will for us to have “all knowledge” (which means knowledge without further room to grow). It can sometimes be unsettling to hear quarrels, arguments or debates in the Christian community that professes ONE FAITH in Jesus Christ. Are there diverse truths on any single issue, or is it a fact that a single truth can be split up into parts with all sub-groups in the community each taking its preferred share? If Christians, including those with titles of biblical scholarship, have from time immemorial been discussing and dissecting Scripture this way and that

way and yet been unable to come to a consensus, it only proves the tenuousness of knowledge that the human mind can process.



As a kid, I used to enjoy playing the Chinese Animal Chess. In the game, the elephant “eats” the lion, the lion “eats” the tiger ... the dog “eats” the cat ... in a certain order of animal supremacy.

How many of you grew up as a kid with the knowledge that dogs eat cats and cats frighten mouse? Now read the following news:

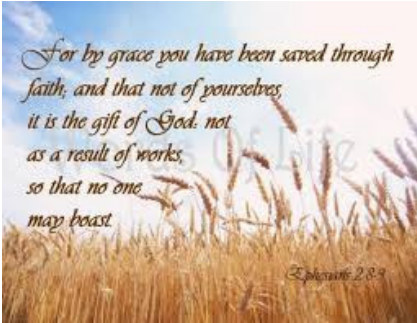
- “A California child pulled from his bike by an attacking dog was saved by his family's cat on Tuesday, which quickly rushed in and attacked the dog.” (The dog ran away from the cat.)²
- A big cat scared of a small mouse.³

It is not unusual for people to adjust their knowledge in the light of experiences, discoveries and growing wisdom. All this may not happen in an instant. Likewise, in spiritual matters, as we grow from babies drinking milk to matured eating solid foods, we imbibe knowledge in a gradual process, and we are always on a journey of growing wisdom while maintaining a confident unpretentiousness that we do not know everything, and that the knowledge we have may turn out to be partly-baked.. **From rejection of Christ to acceptance to growing trust, I look at my assumed “growing knowledge” with a tinge of embarrassment when I see my febleness in wrestling with the deep truths of the faith (1 Tim 3:9) as my oars beat the flowing water of knowledge furiously while my compatriots (“ignorant” but humble brothers and sisters in Christ cruise by effortlessly (incognizant of the flowing water beneath that gives them the buoyancy) simply by trusting the wind to beat their sails and set them on course.**

² Watch the video at <https://sg.news.yahoo.com/video-captures-family-cat-saving-california-boy-dog-214201515.html>

³ http://www.youtube.com/watch?gl=SG&v=-ampvkn_3-A&hl=en-GB

It pleases God our Saviour who wants all people to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. (1 Tim 2:3-4) Yet, it is not knowledge that saves us, but the grace of God through our faith, wherein dwell the deep truths I struggle to grasp in feebleness.



Ponder on what Eph. 2:8-9 tells us. I think it is not wrong to say that our salvation is also “not by knowledge, so that no one can boast.”

Knowledge has its place and right quantity as God dispenses. However, knowledge is not the be-all and end-all of our pilgrimage in the world. There are a lot of things man has yet to grasp about the deep Kingdom

truths, and it is quite fine if any is asked a question and he has to frankly answer, “Sorry, I don’t know.”

Yes, “Sorry, I don’t know” is the best human answer I have from time to time to give to questions arising in chit-chat sessions with brothers and sisters in Christ. Of things that are essential for me to know, I have to seek God (not man) for the best holy answer. For issues that are non-critical,



it is fine for me to sidestep them for the moment to focus energy on the deep truths of faith for spiritual edification.



JOHN LEE

MID AUTUMN OUTREACH

In the last issue of The Vine, we mentioned what the mid-autumn celebration was all about. Here we show the event in photos. The event was organized by the Outreach Committee together with the Abundance and Jurong West Care Groups.

There were games, riddles, moon cake making, lantern walk



and finger foods for all the participants. It was a fun time for the people, especially the children. The crowds were reluctant to leave even after the last program was over.





We hope they will all come back for Christmas @ 101. For those who would want to view the 400 over photos, go to this link: <http://youtu.be/TfYVexsvjt0>

We can invite the neighbourhood, our friends and relatives but it is God who works to grant salvation. Pray then for God to be gracious to all these people.

Martin Cheah

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

Fund Raising Dinner 2014

The Fund Raising Dinner sub-committee did a food tasting recently and rated it 8 out of 10. It will make some recommendations to the caterer to improve the dishes and hopefully, we will all find it a perfect menu for the dinner to celebrate the end of an era for JCC.



Food is really not the main consideration of the Fund Raising Dinner. Granted, it has to be good but the main consideration is that the people have a good time of fellowship and celebration in remembrance of the good times and God's blessings, protection and provision for JCC over the last 46 years.

It is regrettable if we cannot count our blessings over these last 4 decades. *They spoke against God, saying, "Can God spread a table in the desert? Can he supply meat for his people?" When the LORD heard them, he was very angry; His fire broke out against Jacob, and His wrath rose against Israel, for they did not believe in God or trust in His deliverance.* Psalm 78:19, 20b-22

Let us therefore look forward to this great celebration with joy and trust in the God who provides.

Fund Raising Committee

