

Welcome to Bethesda Frankel Estate Church

⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous & successful. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong & courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. - Joshua 1:8-9

Rooted in the Living Word

Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Abiding in Christ only

Daring to Hope and to Love

Yielding Fruit To God's Glory

CONQUERORS

IN GOD'S WISDOM & COURAGE

JOSHUA 1:8-9

Topic: Do you see the Kingdom?
(Seeing and living out the majestic in the mundane)

Service: 8am and 10am Service
Speaker: Elder Jimmy Tan

"Nothing matters but the kingdom, but because of the kingdom everything matters." Gordon Spykman

1. I must see the Kingdom

- Not for all but for you, the 'insider' (Matthew 13:11)
- Not born to reign but born again into royalty (Luke 17:21, John 3:3, Revelation 1:6)
- Not a privileged class but privileged to go into all spheres of life as He commands (Matthew 5:13-16; 28:18-19, 1 Cor 10:31)
- Not an optional tour but a compulsory battleground (1 John 5:19, Ephesians 2:2)

2. I can flourish in the Kingdom

"To claim Jesus as king demands that we submit all of life to his kingship...The call of the kingdom is for God's reign to shape all of life." Jeremy Treat

- Not of this world... (John 17:14, 1 John 2:15,16)
- ...yet fully in it
 - We can work because God cares about all work.
 - We can rest because He reigns.
 - We can play or take part in sports because it is a gift from Him to delight in His creation.
 - We can enjoy food because it is His gift pointing to His goodness.
 - We can engage in artistic endeavours because we are made for beauty and wonder by our Creator God.
- From surviving to thriving in His kingdom
 - Draw near to the King to stay true to your true identity. (John 15:5)
 - Dream with Him. (Matthew 6:10, John 5:19-20, Ephesians 2:10)
 - Do what matters most to the King. (Romans 14:17)
 - Deploy your God-given gifts and abilities. (Matthew 25:14-30)

Questions for Personal Study or Group Discussion

- Read Rev 1:5-7. How do these verses motivate us to embrace the royal standing he has bestowed on us?
- Read Matt 5:13-16. As salt of the earth, we delay the rot and decay we see and experience around us. Knowing our nature of being salt is not only as a role to do but a powerful reality with potential to penetrate spiritual darkness, what in your situation do you think can benefit from your presence and influence?
- In Matt 6:33, the meaning of "seek first" in Greek is to "devote serious effort to realise one's desire or objective". Examine how you spend your time, talent, treasures each week; which aspects of your life are off-limits? What have you compartmentalised as "not spiritual"? Repent and commit to setting your affections on Him and pursuing what matters most to Him.
- Do you now believe that God cares about your work, rest, play, food or art? How does this awareness make a difference to you? Where do you honestly struggle?
- How does nurturing your time spent with God build up your faith?
- Do you have an unrealised dream, accomplishment, or bucket list? Is it also His dream? Would you like to dream with Him to realise His purposes and 'good works' meant for you? What obstacles do you need to overcome by His strength and wisdom?
- Read Romans 14:17. Discuss how you can specifically bring His "righteousness, peace and joy" into your situation at work, home, school, at play, through art.
- In Matthew 25:14-30, some theologians say the one talent in this parable is already roughly equivalent to today's US\$600,000. This means everyone (be it five, two or one-talented) has truly been graciously given much to 'work with'. In light of this, no wonder the master was angry, judging the one-talent servant as "wicked and lazy" instead of "good and faithful". This parable is meant to strike the appropriate fear of the Lord in us lest we be tempted to undermine what He has graciously given us, how He has wired us. But instead of being paralysed by the sober warning, be liberated to know He has indeed equipped you sufficiently and there is therefore no need to compare ourselves with others. Realizing this, how will you deploy and steward what He bestowed you for His purpose?

My Response: Our Response during the service is an act of worship. Do submit your reflections online to <http://bfec.sg/response> or via whatsapp or sms to 9670 1800.

Holy Communion: We welcome baptized believers to join in the Lord's Supper.

Tithes & Offerings: Giving as "unto the Lord" is the privilege of every disciple of Christ. As an act of personal & corporate worship, we encourage members to participate purposefully through regular giving during worship services.

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“Seek First”
Living For What Matters Most

This church-wide journey aims to explore this teaching and encouragement from Jesus to “seek first” His Kingdom and His righteousness, by purposefully and practically examining what the Kingdom of God and His righteousness mean, how this changes the way we live it out in the various arenas of our lives, while honestly considering the real challenges that all of us face today.

Visit <https://bfec.sg/seekfirst> -- a one-stop platform to see how the entire church is journeying together through this Kingdom series! Check out photos of KSS and JSS, encourage each other on the virtual notice board, and take part in weekly challenges based on the sermon topics. Find sermon notes and schedules here too.

Date	Topic	Speakers	Services
LIVING IN THE KINGDOM			
3 Oct	Living <i>as</i> Royals	Elder Alex Lo	8 am
	Living <i>with</i> Royals	Deacon Jason Sin	10 am
10 Oct	Royal Duties	Co-opt Elder Jonathan Cho & Deacon Willy Ong	8 am & 10 am
UNTIL THE KING RETURNS			
17 Oct	His Kingdom Come	Elder Joshua Quek Mong Hua	8 am & 10 am
24 Oct	“Happily Ever After” - Celebration Service	Elder Jimmy Tan and Deacon Kiang Tzy Peng	8 am & 10 am

Synopses for 3 & 10 Oct

- ◆ **Living as Royals (1 Peter 2:9; John 1:12; Luke 9:23)**
Jesus preached much about the Kingdom of God and his followers as children of God – Princes & Princesses of His Kingdom. Are we a part of the royal family? What do they look like? How do they behave? What do they do?

Join us as we look into what Jesus deemed as essentials that will help us live impactful Kingdom lives – Lives that will help expand the Kingdom, to the Glory of the Father.
- ◆ **Living with Royals (1 Peter 2:9; Colossians 1:9-14)**
Jesus commands each believer to “seek first” the kingdom of God and his righteousness. But how would we also do this together in community, as the corporate body of Christ?

What does it mean for us to “seek first” together as the local church in BFEC? What would this look like in the life of our church community? And what is it that will empower and sustain us in doing so?

As we continue our churchwide journey, let’s explore together these important questions for the church and the biblical and practical answers to them in the talk, “Living with Royals.”
- ◆ **Royal Duties (Psalm 9:7; Micah 6:8)**
Our King is one who reigns with Justice and desires to see His Justice done, especially for the least and down-trodden in society who are hidden away and cannot easily speak up for themselves.

As citizens of this Kingdom of God, we are called to live like our King. This is our ‘royal duty’.

But we cannot live this out if we don’t understand what our King’s vision for Justice looks like. In this workshop, we will explore together what a biblical vision of Justice is as we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

We encourage everyone to be part of a cell group for the best experience of this journey.
Visit <https://bfec.sg/cell> for the list of cell groups in BFEC!

Our Condolences and Love to...

Cathy, Daniel, Estelle and Erica Lim on the homecall of their beloved father/father-in-law/grandfather, Mr Foong Cheong Fatt, aged 91, on 19 Sep, in Malaysia.



Let us offer our love and support to the above family with our prayers during this time of their bereavement.



N5Collective Conference 2021 (29-30 Oct)

<https://tinyurl.com/N5introvideo>
The first-ever virtual conference on Personal Finance for the Body of Christ is now open for registrations!
The Conference will feature more than 25 speakers & panelists who will share and help address your burning questions on money matters..... sharing biblical worldview and kingdom principles on Investing, Debt, Giving, Legacy, Faith, Family Communications, Social Impact, Missions and more!
Go to <https://n5conference.com> for more information and SIGN UP TODAY for the Early Bird Promo today!

Our Weekly Sunday Services from 3 Oct

- **English Services:** 8am & 10am - Physical meeting. (for fully vaccinated attendees)
- **KSS & JSS:** Via Zoom
- **Chinese Service:** 2 pm Physical meeting
- **Youth Service:** (Physical meeting) 12noon

Other Weekly Ministry Meetings:

- **Ladies Group Meeting:** * NO meeting on 28 Sep (Tue)
- **CPM:** will support Alpha in prayers to 1 October. No physical meeting in church.
- **IFM:** Sun 10.00am (Chapel)
- **Jesus Club:** meeting 2 evenings monthly over zoom. Interested? Pls contact Fann (9040 9473) or Jocelyn (929 83150)
- **Evergreen (Chinese):** * NO meeting until further notice
- **40:31** * NO meeting until further notice
- **CCsg Limousine fellowship:** Sat 10am meeting via Zoom