**EQUIP – 2**

May the people raise you, O God. Then the earth will yield its harvests.

1. Who Redeemed Us

A discipleship journey which continues with asking who God is and why we follow after Him.

**MEETING EXPECTATIONS:**

1. Respect each other’s privacy

(do not ask for contact number, no business transactions)

2. Honor the vision of this church

(do not promote or invite to other church events and programs)

3. Humility and Order

(humble despite disagreements. Other questions can be discussed after the class)

**SHARING:**

John 1:18

No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known. NIV

Who is God, really?

Without a revelation of some kind by which God makes Himself known to us, we could know nothing about Him. Something of God may be learned from the natural revelation in conscience and nature; but, as we have already seen, this revelation is partial and incomplete.

Knowing God emphasizes grounding our discipleship upon biblical in which there is an urgent call to truly know the God of the Bible!

As we saw in the previous sessions, we are first spirit, soul and body. There will always be a deep longing for the supernatural and that is because the missing link is God. We were meant to do life with God, not alone.

"Theology" or "the study of God" is our attempt to know God. And the first thing to understand in the study of God is that God speaks to us.

By speaking, it is in a mode in which we are able to understand, comprehend and receive. By speaking, it is a revelation, He reveals Himself through the pages of the Holy Scriptures.

Amos 3:7

Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets. NIV

Now isn’t this incredible? That when God speaks, it is to reveal to us, communicate with us, talk to us and be with us.

It tells us that God’s intentional plan was to be in an intimate relationship with humans all alone.

True discipleship is a journey. And it begins with knowing God.

And the mercy of God is in Him redeeming us.

Romans 1:16-17

God’s power for salvation to everyone who believes, 17 For the righteousness of God is revealed in the gospel from faith to faith, just as it is written, "The righteous by faith, will live.”

Ephesians 1:7

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. NLT

Some people are stuck with guilt and condemnation because of the bad choices they have made. They think they are condemned to live a life that is second best.

Realize that God is not surprised at your bad choices. God has comebacks for every setback.

God is the one who redeemed us.

He is perfectly holy.

He is love.

We can trust Him because He has great compassion upon us and grants us His unmerited favor.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit For The Redeemed

Knowing God redeemed us leads us to knowing that God did not intend for us to be alone but gives the Holy Spirit to help us.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is not the end of spiritual experiences but the beginning.

Praying in tongues:

1. … is where our spirit that prays.

(1 Cor 14:14)

2. … enables us to pray for things to deep for words. (Romans 8:26)

3. … makes us more conscious of the spirit man within us, bringing us rest and tuning in to the presence of God.

(1 Cor 14:39)

4. … is a spiritual gift for our edification.

(Jude 1:20)

5. … magnifies God

(Acts 10:46)

6. … is part of our spiritual weapon

(Eph 6:18)

7. … brings rest and refreshment

(Isaiah 28:11-12)

There are different kinds of tongues:

Directed to God (prayer and worship)

Directed to man (prophesy)

Directed to the devil (binding specific spirits that we are not aware of in the natural)

Adapted from resources:

Kingdom Series Bible Study by Joshua Yee

The Christian Faith by Joseph Stump

Roots and Wings by Edmund Chan

**DISCUSSION**:

Objectives of discussion:

Deeper thought learning

Interactive and Engaging

Going slow to build strong foundations

A. Trusting or Not Trusting (Luke 18:9-14)

1. Compare the 2 individuals in the story and how they view God. What are the similarities and differences?

2. What does this tell us about trusting in God?

3. How can a person grow to trust God more?

4. What is a key takeaway you learnt from this verse?

5. What are some new insights and revelations you learnt today?

B. Spiritual Eyes (2 Kings 6:8-18)

1. What is the difference between the natural and spiritual eye?

2. What may be a distraction from having “eyes to see”?

3. Why does knowing the heart of God require spiritual eyes?

4. What is a key takeaway you learnt from this verse?

5. What are some new insights and revelations you learnt today?

C. Knowing God (Isaiah 40:27-31)

1. What is God’s reply?

2. What does “waiting on the Lord” mean?

3. How can waiting on the Lord make a practical difference in your life?

4. What is a key takeaway you learnt from this verse?

5. What are some new insights and revelations you learnt today?

D. Praying In Tongues (1 Corinthians 14-15)

1. What is praying in tongues meant for?

2. How does praying in tongues lead to a higher level of understanding of the spiritual world?

3. How can we cultivate a habit of praying in tongues?

4. What is a key takeaway you learnt from this verse?

5. What are some new insights and revelations you learnt today?