**EQUIP – 3**

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

1. Who’s In Charge

A discipleship journey which continues with what our devotion and walk means with the grace of God in our lives.

**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:**

Many people are living a miserable and unhappy life. They are always so worried and anxious over many things, even things that God has promised. But when we hunger for the things of God and His righteousness, transformation takes place.

Matthew 6:33

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. KJV

A walk takes place on one single path. It is not one foot here and another foot in another. It would be physically impossible! How much more our spiritual walk when it is one foot in and another foot out.

Romans 8:8

That’s why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God. NLT

At the heart of biblical discipleship is the Lordship of Christ and accepting that He is in charge every step of the way.

The fundamental question of “Who’s in charge?"

The truth is there are many times in which we would much rather be in charge, take the lead and make our own decisions. The control being in our own hands.

We may be in charge at home, in our workplace, over a project or even ministry but Jesus is really in charge.

When we hunger and thirst for His righteousness, for seeing more of His glory, power and purpose made known in our life, we are able to receive power to enforce His victory and pray bold prayers. Christ is Lord of all.

Hunger and thirst for His righteousness is not to earn His forgiveness and salvation. Instead, it is to live out of the privilege of having received His forgiveness and salvation.

Jesus has paid the price for us and we are therefore made anew.

Galatians 3:13

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— ESV

In response to the grace of God, we abound by walking with Him whole-heartedly all the way. Without holding back.

Jesus is the Senior Partner.

He is the Captain of our lives, not the co-pilot.

"If Christ is not LORD OF ALL, He is not Lord

AT ALL."

This takes the load off our back, doesn’t it? The stress for things to work out, the worries of bad outcomes and the need for control melts away in the assurance that Jesus is Lord.

Law demands but grace supplies.

Justice: Getting what we deserve, the punishment is dealt fully

Mercy: Pardoned, to go separate ways after

Grace: Forgiven, Blessed, Protected, Loved

By understanding who’s in charge, we are able to submit to His plans, His ways and His authority in a way that leads to “things added to us.”

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. What Is Grace For? (1 Corinthians 10:1-11)

1. What are the blessings stated here?

2. What is verse 5 pertaining to?

3. If grace is freely given, then why does God expect us to live according to verse 6-11?

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

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

B. Come After Jesus (Luke 9:23)

1. What does it mean to “come after Jesus?”

2. Why does it entail so much to come after Jesus?

3. How can we come after Jesus when life itself is demanding?

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

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

C. Life With Christ (Philippians 3:7-14)

1. What is Paul saying here?

2. How does Paul approach his spiritual walk with Jesus having done so much damage before being saved?

3. How can we follow his example in a practical way?

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

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