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# 3 Things Christians Can Do When Malaysia is in Pain

*"Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." Jeremiah 29:7*

Ask anyone in the street what's wrong with our country and you'll get a litany of woes - the economy, our children's education, race relations and our

standing in the international arena. I get an earful if I start a conversation on this with friends. It does seem that anything that could go wrong in the country, has gone wrong. The political intrigues we read on social media are no longer mere coffee shop talk, but are having a real impact on our everyday lives due to the authorities' decisions, or non-decisions.

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### **An important role to play**

As such, I keep hearing about parents who are sending their children overseas for university, with the explicit instruction to stay and find a job abroad. These plus those who have migrated means a growing brain drain for the country.

Decisions to leave make a huge impact on the Malaysian Church. From a pastoral perspective, more efforts have to be made for elderly care in our churches. From a leadership viewpoint, there will be succession issues with less capable men and women to pass the baton to.

Malaysia is in trouble and the government is the most obvious target for caustic comments, criticism and outright condemnation. Nevertheless, I'm going to make an optimistic and seemingly naïve comment, to say that we Christians have a unique role to play in the present national crisis.

Here's what we can do:

### **1. Pray and fast for those in authority.**

In 1 Timothy 2:1-3, Paul instructs Timothy to pray for kings and all those in authority. It's so that all may live peaceful and quiet lives in godliness and holiness. Immediately following in verses 5-6, Paul proclaims Christ as the mediator between God and mankind. Praying for the nation's welfare and proclaiming the Gospel, therefore, go hand in hand for all believers to practise.

### **2. Play our part in nation building.**

In public life, many younger people have taken active roles in politics. They continue to make a difference in nation-building. The most high profile to date is YB Hannah Yeoh, Malaysia's first woman speaker. A Christian herself, she is regarded as a role model who has inspired many to participate in politics, run for office and serve the nation.

### **3. Perform acts of mercy.**

There are many Christians who are quietly serving in civil society and non-government organisations, from feeding the poor to housing the destitute, caring for the environment and seeking justice for migrant communities, the marginalised and the disadvantaged. These people deserve our salute and admiration, and are worthy to be emulated.

At the end of the day, we are all Malaysians. I get goosebumps each time my flight touches down in KLIA with the announcement, "...and to all Malaysians, 'Selamat pulang ke tanah air'". While I'm a citizen of another kingdom (Philippians 3:20), I still love Malaysia and this is home for me. And though some of us may struggle with how we are valued, yet in obedience to Scripture, let us continue to pray and participate in the life of this nation. 🙏



#### **By Tan Meng Poo**

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# Life Group Splash: Featuring **SEED LG**

## How did SEED begin?

In 2017, a group of graduates from the Alpha program realised the need for a fellowship group to help young Christians to continue their spiritual "discovery" and to grow in maturity as a member of the body of Christ.

The SEED LG was planted:

- To love and affirm each member in their walk with Christ.
- To nurture a strong foundation in the Christian principles of faith.
- To provide a safe place to fellowship and grow in Christian maturity.
- To build Christian discipleship and encourage Christian ministry.

## Tell us more about SEED.

Under brother Lammy and sister Iris's leadership, our LG currently has 25 members. We meet every Sunday at 2:30pm on Zoom. Our focus is to do life together as the body of Christ. We study the Bible together to understand God's word and encourage each other.

Over the years, we have done topical studies relating to the "Journey of Discipleship". For example, Articles of Faith and Christian Endurance. We have also studied book of the Bible, like John, Romans, Acts, Hebrews, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, Ruth, and Joshua. Currently, we are studying 1 Kings and 2 Kings.

## What are some memorable Life Group experiences?

- Discovering God's word together.
- Fellowship visits to orphanages, Kuala Selangor, Cyberjaya park, etc.
- *Makan-makan* adventure trips to Malacca, Ipoh, and Penang.





**How has being part of a Life Group made a difference to SEED members?**

We share a bond and fellowship akin to that of an extended family. Love and concern for each other's welfare, shared through good and bad times, have brought us together in Christ's love. Many of us are also now actively serving in FBC. From being "seekers" in the Alpha program and being new to the church, we are now an integral part of FBC's community life, providing leadership service in ministries across the church.

**What is SEED thankful for in the past year?**

We are thankful that our LG members have grown in spiritual maturity and many are serving in various ministries within FBC, like Media, Welcome Ministry, Family Life, Talk-2-Us, Community Care, Community Connection, etc. It is also encouraging to see our LG members stepping up to serve as hosts, facilitators, and helpers in some Discipleship Training programs. In May, we celebrated the baptism of two LG members! This was the first baptisms held in FBC since the pandemic began.

We also give thanks and praise for our brother Vincent Yee, our "Covid Survivor". He is an inspiring testimony of God's love and protection during these difficult times.

**What is SEED looking forward to in the coming year?**

As more of our LG members are vaccinated, we look forward to gathering in-person for LG meetings. In the meantime, while we do miss seeing each other, we will continue to fellowship in the spirit and meet via Zoom on Sundays.

**Our LG will be conducting three Discipleship Training programs. They are BETA, Sermon on the Mount, and Gospel of John. If you are interested to join any of these programs, please get in touch with us!**

**Join A Life Group Today!** 

## | Pulpit Program

October 3, 2021  
**Genuine Repentance**  
(Psalm 51)



**PREACHER**  
Ps. Massimo Gei

October 10, 2021  
**Jesus the Lord of The Sabbath**  
(Matthew 12:1-13)



**PREACHER**  
Dr. Peter Ng

October 17, 2021  
**When God Speaks**  
(1 Kings 22:1-39)



**PREACHER**  
Dr. Hew Fen Lee

October 24, 2021  
**Parable of the Sower**  
(Matthew 13:1-23)



**PREACHER**  
Leong Yew Lum

## | Worship with Us



**MAIN SERVICE**  
| ZOOM |  
Sundays 8:45am & 11:15am



**YOUTH SERVICE**  
| ZOOM |  
Sundays 9:00am



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
for Ages 0-12yrs  
| ZOOM |  
Sundays



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## PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

Malaysia



1. Praise and thanks be to God for the rollout of the vaccinations across Malaysia, and for the decrease in the number of Covid-related deaths and hospitalisations in several states.
2. Pray for God to give the Prime Minister and his cabinet the wisdom and boldness to implement plans to improve the stricken economy. Pray that they may strive to serve all Malaysians regardless of religion, race or creed.
3. Pray that marketplace leaders will think beyond profits. Pray that they will use their resources wisely and with integrity, bringing righteousness to the marketplace.
4. Pray that God will ease any anxieties that children and parents may have with regards to the reopening of schools. Pray that God will provide teachers, education authorities and parents with wisdom, creativity and peace as they deal with new challenges.
5. Pray that we, as Christians, will not be weary of doing the right thing. Pray for strength to stay the course and keep focused on God and His purposes.

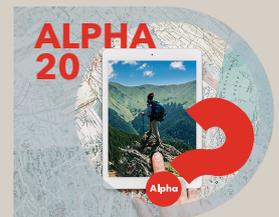
## | Upcoming Events



**FBC (E)  
Members Special Meeting**  
3 October 2021 (Today)  
3:00pm  
Zoom ID: 914 5121 9747  
Password: fbc



**Romans**  
From Wretchedness  
To Righteousness  
Every Wednesday  
For more information,  
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to Life Than This?**  
Every Thursday  
8:00pm  
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starting January 2022.



**DAILY  
oZoom  
PRAYER MEETING**  
HOLY BIBLE  
**Daily Prayer Meeting**  
Every Saturday  
to Thursday  
9:00pm  
Zoom ID: 929 735 694  
Password: pray



**MONTHLY  
oZoom  
PRAYER MEETING**  
HOLY BIBLE  
**Monthly Prayer Meeting**  
30 October 2021  
(Saturday)  
2:00pm to 3:30pm  
Zoom ID: 869 8003 5137  
Password: pray

[More Information on Upcoming Events](#)