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Why Do I Serve in Church?

When I became a Christian a few years ago, I spent a lot of time studying the Bible. I was studying the Bible with my Life Group, I attended Gamma discipleship every Wednesday, and I was also studying the Bible with my godson in Germany through Skype. Since day one, I was told that studying the Bible is important in a Christian's life.

Then I started asking myself, "Is Bible study the only important thing in a Christian's life?"

No, it is not. In fact, the Bible taught me that there is more to Christian living than just Bible study. As I understood more about the Bible and its message, I learned that prayer, worship, and serving God and His people are



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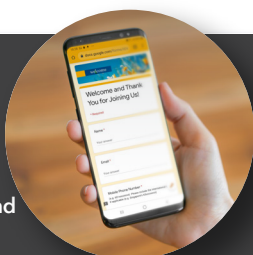
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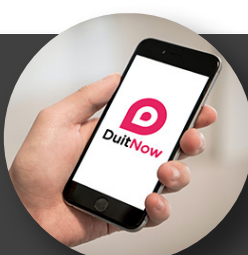
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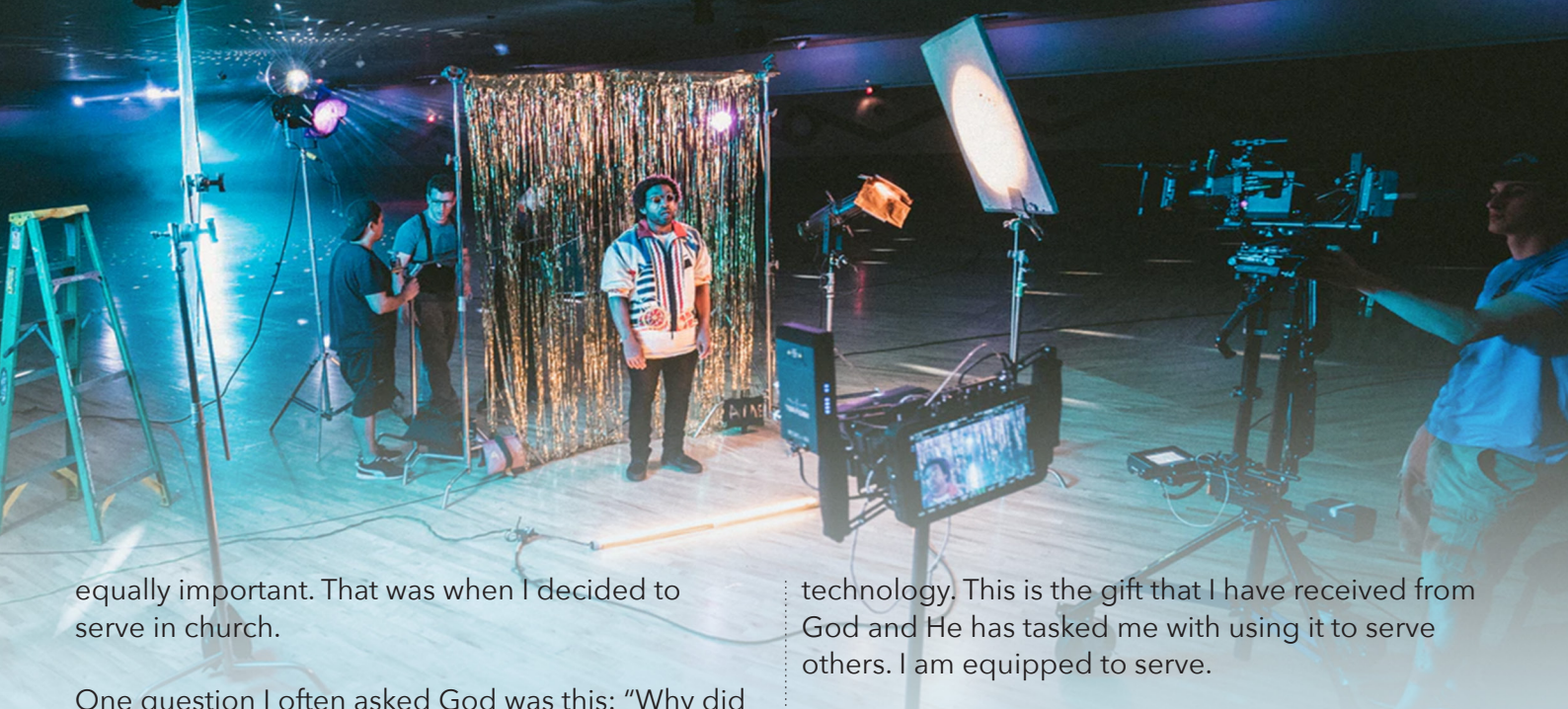


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equally important. That was when I decided to serve in church.

One question I often asked God was this: "Why did He create me?" I wondered what the purpose of my life was now that I have decided to follow Jesus. And God answered me through Paul's words in Ephesians 2:10, which says,

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

I am God's workmanship and I am created in Christ Jesus to do good works. God has even prepared in advance tasks for me to do. This means that I am created to serve; one of the purposes of my existence is to serve God and His people. Paul also said in 2 Timothy 1:9a,

"It is God who saved us and chose us for his holy work..."

What do I do from the time that I am saved to the time when I dwell with my God in heaven? I serve. God has redeemed me not merely to save me from the wrath I rightly deserve, but also to do His holy work. I am saved for service.

I had my doubts when I first started serving. Do I have the necessary skills or knowledge to serve in church? Am I equipped to serve in church? Then, 1 Peter 4:10 came to me. It says,

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

What is my gifting? Well, I was trained as an engineer and worked as an engineer. Now I work in a company that deals with engineering and

technology. This is the gift that I have received from God and He has tasked me with using it to serve others. I am equipped to serve.

What about you? What is preventing you from serving in church? Are you too busy? Are you unable to commit? I would like to encourage you to make time. After all, Jesus came down from His throne to pay a ransom to redeem us with His blood.

Do you think that you do not have the necessary skills? Do not worry. God has given all of us gifts, as mentioned in 1 Peter 4:10. As a church, I'm sure we will discover your gifts together as you make yourself available to serve.

There are many needs in the church and FBC is no exception. There is so much to do and we welcome more of you to step up to meet those needs. Did you know that it takes multiple ministries - the Worship Ministry, AV Ministry, and Creative and Communications Ministry, to name a few - just to produce our weekly Sunday worship service?

God calls all of us to serve. Do not delay in answering His call. Contact the church office at 03-5621-2623 today. Introduce yourself, let us know that you would like to serve, and we will be most happy to have a conversation with you on the possible areas that you can serve in.

Remember, we are created to serve, we are saved for service, and we are equipped to serve. ☺



By John Goh

John is the leader of FBC's Creative and Communications Ministry.

Ministry Corner Featuring Alpha Ministry

Alpha



Describe Alpha's vision and mission.

In line with FBC's vision to unleash the Gospel to the community, the Christian faith is explored and the Gospel is shared to the seekers at Alpha. Also, in line with the Church's commitment to reproduce the life of the Lord Jesus Christ in our lives, Alpha helps new believers to understand and apply the basics of the Christian faith, laying a foundation for a godly, Christ-centred and fruitful life.

At Alpha, non-church-going believers are re-connected to the Lord and the church, and believers are re-energised to serve Him and His people as a caring church.

What is something Alpha is thankful to God for in the past year and something Alpha is looking forward to in the coming year?

We are so thankful to our gracious God for His mighty provision and protection in the past year. He has blessed us with a team of wonderful helpers who overcame a number of challenges to start our first online Alpha course in June 2020 during lockdown. As always, we are amazed by the Lord who has been sending first-timers and strangers to Alpha at FBC since 2012.

With the experience gained, we are looking at a bigger Alpha 20, which will be starting this coming July. But all this is in God's hands.

How can FBC worshippers get involved with Alpha?

Pray, invite, and accompany at least one guest for every Alpha. Or come along to help and discover the joy of serving the Lord by reaching out to the lost. As helpers, we can show God's love and grace, build relationships with people, provide pastoral care, and be a caring church (Acts 2:44-47).

Last but not least, pray for the Alpha Ministry, for all this is possible only with the Lord's provision and protection.

Find out how you can pray for our Alpha Ministry in the Prayer Spotlight section on Page 6.

Alpha

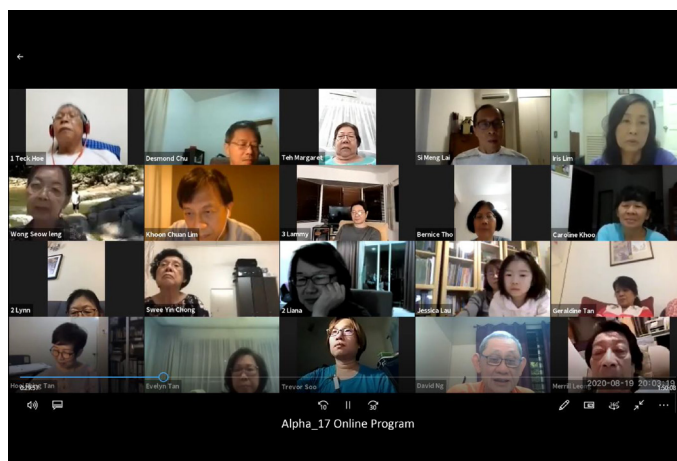
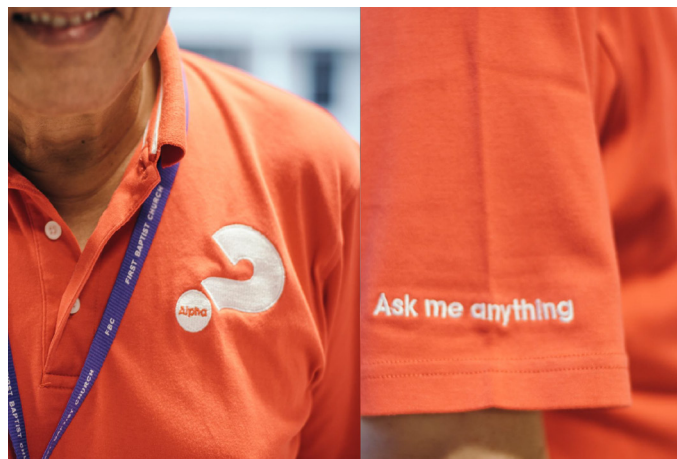
Testimonies from Alpha 19 participants (From Celebration Nite via Zoom)

Christine: I have two daughters. Both of them are Christians. When one of my daughters was diagnosed with a sickness, we didn't know who to seek after for help. So, my younger daughter led me to pray. In my prayer, I challenged God. I said: "God, if my daughter is healed, I will follow you." And here I am today! My daughter is healed. She is in remission now. And I have kept my promise to God. I now follow Jesus and am learning about Christianity. Alpha class came just at the right time; I announced my conversion on Christmas day and I was told about the Alpha class in early January! Every Wednesday, I would look forward to attending Alpha. It came at the right time. I believe God has His plans, and He is leading me step-by-step.

Rok: The reason I joined Alpha was because I wanted to learn more about Christianity- and it did not disappoint! I have learned a lot and I now understand a lot more about who Jesus is and what church is about. I felt a lot of love and care from my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially during the discussion time. After a few sessions of Alpha, me, Nicholas, and some other friends started reading the Bible together. Since then, God has been speaking to me through the daily verses that I read on the Bible App. Like how sometimes, when I ask God about something, He would answer me through the daily verse or through a chapter in the Bible. The Lord touched my heart and I decided to accept Jesus as my Lord and Saviour this past Easter! Everything written in the Bible is true. Join Alpha to know the truth.

Nicholas: I was brought up in a Christian family but I wasn't a practising Christian. One day, my Dad was talking to me. He asked, "So, you're a Christian, right? What do you know about Christianity? Why do you call yourself a Christian?" I couldn't answer him, and it was a wakeup call for me. So, I humbled myself and signed up for Alpha. I have found Alpha to be really good and impactful. I enjoyed the topics covered in Alpha, like how God guides us, reading the Bible, and how to resist evil. I especially enjoyed the Q&A. I think everyone enjoyed the Q&A night! I learned and benefitted a lot from it. It was also special to witness Rok getting to know the Lord and accepting Him. It has encouraged me to be a better Christian. And I have already seen little changes in me, like reading the Bible, for example. I started having weekly Bible reading classes with some of my Christian friends and it has been great.

Brandon: Alpha is a very good platform for everyone, whether you have been a believer for a long time or are a seeker. You'll learn the fundamentals about Christianity and learn more about Christ.



Alpha 20, our next Alpha online program, starts on 22 July 2021 (Thursday) at 8:00pm. Grab your chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions, share your views, and build relationships!

Invite your friends, relatives, colleagues and associates, and register them and your good self today!

Register for Alpha 20

FBC NEEDS YOU

Are You Wondering How
You Can Serve God In Church?
Find Your Opportunity Here:



1. Creative & Communications

We are looking for graphic designers. You will be involved in designing our very own newsletter, FBC Today!

We are also looking for videographers and video editors. You will be involved in recording and editing videos that engage the FBC family.



2. AV Team

We are looking for sound engineers. You will be involved in mixing audio for recorded content to help make Sunday services happen!



3. Sunday School

We are looking for teachers. (Men, especially!) You will be involved in facilitating Sunday School classes and building relationships with the children of FBC.



4. Alpha

We are looking for facilitators and befrienders. You will be involved in creating a safe space where people from all walks of life can discuss faith, life, and God.



5. When The Word Comes Alive

We are looking for moderators. You will be involved in facilitating lively and enriching discussion sessions about Christian living. (Questions will be provided.)



6. Zoom Hosts/ Co-hosts

We are looking for volunteers to host our Zoom Sunday worship services. You will be involved in posting announcements in the Chat and ensuring that the worship service runs smoothly.



**CLICK to register or call
the church office to sign up today!
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| Pulpit Program

May 30, 2021

Kingdom Fasting

(Matthew 6:16-18)



PREACHER
Ps Leon Lim

June 6, 2021

Church Discipline

(1 Corinthians 5)



PREACHER
Ps. Massimo Gei

June 13, 2021

Handling Anxiety

(Matthew 6:25-34)



PREACHER
Dr. Peter Ng

June 20, 2021

Judging Others

(Matthew 7:1-6)



PREACHER
Ps. Joash Chan

| Worship with Us



MAIN SERVICE

| ZOOM |
Sundays 8:45am & 11:15am



YOUTH SERVICE

| ZOOM |
Sundays 9:00am



SUNDAY SCHOOL

for Ages 0-12yrs
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PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

Alpha Ministry



1. Pray that every FBC worshipper will invite and accompany at least one guest for Alpha 20.
2. Pray for a good turnout of seekers for Alpha 20 on July 22, and their good attendance thereafter.
3. Pray for the seekers to have their hearts prepared by God's Spirit and for them to be open to the gospel.
4. Pray for the Alpha team of facilitators and helpers, that they may serve with love, care and humility, and be guided in action and wisdom by the Holy Spirit.

| Upcoming Events



**Understanding
The Book of Ezekiel**
10-week Study
With Dr Leong Tien Fock
**Beginning on
7 June 2021**
Every Monday

[CLICK HERE](#) to register



**Is There More to Life
Than This?**
**22 July to
7 October 2021**
Every Thursday
8:00pm

[CLICK HERE](#) to register



The Pastoral Epistles
Study on the Books of
1 Timothy, 2 Timothy & Titus
**Every Wednesday
8:30pm**

Zoom ID: **830 3462 5458**
Password: **fbc**

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lessons.
(Password: **fbcgamma**)



**Daily Prayer
Meeting**
Every Saturday
to Thursday
9:00pm
Zoom ID: **929 735 694**
Password: **pray**



**Monthly Prayer
Meeting**
29 May (Saturday)
2:00pm to 3:30pm
Zoom ID: **869 8003 5137**
Password: **pray**

More Information on Upcoming Events



Congratulations!

We rejoice with **Elvis Forbete & Ketch Tancho**
on the arrival of their newborn baby girl,
Fayola Zinky Forbete, on 14 May 2021.

Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him. - Psalm 127:3