To all who are weary and need rest,
To all who mourn and long for comfort,
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares,
To all who sin and need a Saviour,
This church opens wide her doors with a welcome from Jesus Christ,
the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the guilty, the Friend of sinners.

1st Congregation, 9.15am

Sunday, 17 March 2019

Sermon

"Our Part In Our City" Acts 16:6-34

Songs of Worship

Behold Our God - Sovereign Grace
All Creatures Of Our God And King - Francis Of Assissi
Beautiful Saviour - Stuart Townend
I Will Offer Up My Life - Matt Redman
We Long - Aidan Spencer
May The Peoples Praise You - Keith and Kristyn Getty

Truths That Make Us Sing

Q8: What does it mean to be God's image bearer?
To be God's image bearer means to be made in the likeness of God, and to have the responsibility to represent God. We are made in the likeness of God morally, emotionally, mentally, relationally and spiritually. We were created to represent God's joyful, just and righteous rule to all creation. In this regard mankind is distinct from all creation, and therefore called to exercise dominion over all creation for its flourishing.

Next Week's Sermon

Acts 19, Ephesians 4:17-31

Membership Class

Sundays, 17, 24, 31 March, 2.00pm-4.00pm, Level 3 Studio 3 For those of you who want to understand more of our values, convictions, and commitment to every person who is part of this body, please come join us for our Membership class.

Grow In The Word Workshop: How To Read Parables

Saturday, 30 March, 9.00am-1.00pm, Grace Baptist Church

17 Mattar Road, S387722, nearest MRT: Mattar MRT Station, Fellowship Hall Registration for this workshop is closed as we have reached the maximum capacity. For those who had signed up, please note that the venue has been changed to the above. To be on the waiting list, email hweechin@rhc.org.sg.

Youth Night

Saturday, 30 March, 6.00pm-8.00pm, 84 Jalan Girang S359253, If you are a teenager, invite a friend and join us for great food, fun and to hear the gospel. RSVP to youth@rhc.org.sg.

Evangelism Training With RZIM

Friday, 5 April, 7.30pm, Level 3 Studios

We all need training in how to most effectively communicate the gospel. Max Jeganathan of RZIM will be conducting this training to put more tools into our evangelistic toolbox to help us in our mission to share the gospel in Singapore. **Sign up** at tinyurl.com/rhcRZIM.

Doctrine Made Alive Seminars

Sundays, 11.30am-1.30pm, Level 3 Studio 3

7 April: Doctrine of the Word, **14 April**: Doctrine of Sin, **28 April**: Doctrine of Sanctification While right thinking does not guarantee right living, right thinking is necessary for right living. Doctrine Made Alive (DMA) seminars are all about thinking after God's thoughts so that we can connect them to our lives. Each stand alone session examines one particular doctrine and considers how it may connect to Christ and life application. **Sign up** for DMA at <u>tinyurl.com/DMAapril</u>.

Good Friday & Easter Services

Friday, 19 April, 2.30pm & 5.00pm, Level 5 Ballroom Sunday, 21 April, 9.15am, 11.30am & 2.30pm, Level 5 Ballroom This year, we will have two Good Friday services and our normal 3 services on Easter Sunday. We ask that you prayerfully consider about who God may be asking you to invite to join us in hearing the gospel.

40-DAY PRAYER CARDS

We have started our 40-day prayer cards together last week to help us pray in unison for God's work to be done in and through us. It's a way to remember Christ's love for us on the cross as well as meditating on our vision of wanting to be a blessing to others. **Pick up this week's pack of prayer cards at the Hub**. **Day 8 starts today!** We encourage you to pray at work, home, with friends and in your CGs. Digital version of the prayer cards are also available on the RHC app and website.

CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING COURSE

If you desire to grow in biblical wisdom, we highly recommend that you enrol in the upcoming online courses by CCEF (Christian Counselling & Educational Foundation) starting in May 2019. Registration deadline is Thursday, 16 April 2019. **Email** tarryn@rhc.org.sg for more details.

WE ARE HIRING

HOPE IN ACTION: SOCIETY'S DEEPEST DIVIDE

Studies show that the deepest social divide in Singapore society is often economic (and not necessarily gender, age, race, or even religion). Is there hope in addressing this disparity? Given RHC's desire to remain in Chinatown for the next 7-10 years, how do we better understand the daily realities of local people in need and enhance the way we serve and care for them?

Save the date **Saturday 11 May 2019, 7.00pm** to hear stories of hope and other experiences from experts and volunteers—and to better understand the practical ways we can all contribute to bridging society's deepest divide. Registration opening soon!

TELOS: A 5-YEAR VISION

Why are we doing this 6-week sermon series?

We turned 10 years old last year and have been praying that God would help us in this next season to use all that he has given us to bless others. In this sermon series, we will look into God's word to see how the gospel changes individual lives, churches and cities. We invite you to join us as we hear how God is calling us as people and a church to serve him.

What does this mean for me?

In the book of Esther, Mordecai replies to Esther who is in a seat of influence, "And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" We believe that every one of us has been placed in this city at this time for a reason.

Have you been affected by the gospel? Has the gospel changed you? Is the Spirit of Christ dwelling in you? If your answers are yes, then no matter how small or big you may think your influence is, you are salt and light to where you have been placed. We will be exploring what this looks like for us over the next 6 weeks.

How can I be a part of this?

- 1. Let's pray together over the upcoming season of Lent. Over the centuries, Christians have used this 40-day period to fast in various ways in anticipation of Good Friday as a way of remembering and focusing on Christ' suffering culminating in the Cross. This year, Lent overlaps neatly with this sermon series. Let's pray for a gospel transformation first in ourselves, our communities, in Singapore and beyond.
- 2. Ask God how he is calling you to be involved in his purposes for the nations through RHC. He has a role for you to play. He wants to lead you into that calling, growing your faith in him as he uses you beyond your comfort zones for his purposes. May we be a church that longs for his glory, his kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven.

Watch the vision video again at tinyurl.com/RHCtelos.