

Dear Church Family,

How was your Easter weekend? Wasn't it soooo encouraging to celebrate God's love and to remember that we can never be separated from it?

You know, even better than celebrating Christ, was the joy of sharing him with others! We had the privilege of having some of our friends tune in to our Good Friday service and one family said they would visit The Crossing when Covid-19 is over! And I know that our testimony is not isolated. So many of you shared about listening to our services with non-Christian family and friends too. In fact, so far we have had 18 people sign up for Just Looking which begins this Sunday. How wonderful that you and I might be under lockdown, but the word never is (2 Tim 2:9)!

I want to encourage you to keep loving Jesus by sharing him even as you are stuck at home. It is not the easiest thing to do. But you do have a captive audience for the next few weeks. So how can you make the most of it to advance the gospel? Here are three suggestions:

1 BE A FREE SAMPLE OF THE GOSPEL

How we live really matters. It can adorn the gospel or profane it. I know it is especially hard now to be loving, patient, gracious and sacrificial when we are all confined to our homes. But it really is a golden opportunity to showcase the gospel to our family. And even when we fail, that is a gospel opportunity too! Because we can explain to our family that we are Christians not because we are perfect but precisely because we are not and we need a Saviour. Have you ever considered that our humble transparent lives could really adorn the gospel during this time?

2 BE A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GOSPEL

Of course it is imperative that we also share the gospel with our family. How?

- **Share:** Why not invite your family to watch our Good Friday or Easter sermon, testimonies or solo item with you (they will be on our website till end April)? Or could you share with them links to the "Dear Singapore" letters on our website or the 2 min Q&A videos called "If I could ask God..."
- **Question:** Ask your family members how they are feeling about Covid-19, suffering, death, their job etc. Share about how the gospel shapes your own responses.
- **Speak:** Have you ever shared the gospel with your family? Have you ever explained why you are a Christian? It can be nerve-racking...but it doesn't have to be. One easy way to begin is to draw Two Ways to Live for your family. Why not ask them if you can share what the gospel is in 3 mins? That is how long it takes to share the gospel using Two Ways to Live. Very few people will not even let you share it. If you need to be reminded of the diagrams: <http://twowaystolive.com/> (clickable link below under 'Helpful Resources')

3 BE A PRAYER WARRIOR FOR THE GOSPEL

I find it always helpful in evangelism to remember that God needs to open blind eyes and soften hard hearts to understand the gospel. That drives me to speak to God about people even as I speak to people about God. I know some of your families are very hostile to the gospel. Be patient. Ask God to soften their heart and give you the wisdom to know when and how to share Christ with them.

The news of our world during the Coronavirus every single day is grim. But the good news of the gospel is life-giving. Would you pray for me to be bold during this time even as I pray for you?

Again if you need any help or have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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