

# The way we teach and why.

When you came to church this morning how much did you come with the expectation that God would speak to you? I'm guessing we're all on some spectrum between, 'Barely able to stay awake to hear anyone speak to us' to 'Came with the highest expectation to hear from God.'

As important as that question is—and where we lie on that spectrum—another question, perhaps as important, is how do we expect God to speak to us?

It is the conviction of the elders and leaders of SLE Church that God speaks to us today primarily through the Scriptures. This informs the way we preach and teach from the Bible, and also informs one of the core values of our church: the valuing of gospel-centred expository preaching of God's Word.

Expository preaching is a slightly fancy way of talking about preaching where the main passage of the sermon reflects the main message of the passage. Gospel-centred is another way of saying that every message will point to Jesus—in the Old Testament we will hear how God is preparing us for the coming of Jesus, and in the New Testament we will hear how God explains the person and work of Jesus.

Through this year we'll be looking at the letter of 1 John, a doctrinal series on 'Union with Christ', the Old Testament book Leviticus, and we'll begin our year with the Gospel of Mark.

So if you're new with us today I hope you'll notice that the way the Bible is taught might be different. Different in its tone and emphasis. Different in its point and purpose. We hope, and pray, you'll walk away with a clearer understanding of Mark's gospel, and most of all: a clearer understanding of the Jesus we trust and believe to be our Lord and source of greatest joy, and a clear understanding of what we must do with this news.

After the sermon we usually spend some time reflecting on what we have heard. It is our practice to encourage people to share with the person next to you what you've learned and been challenged with. There are usually some guided reflection questions displayed on the screens. We spend this time to encourage God's Word to sink deep within us, and to share how God has spoken to us through His Word that morning. May we be blessed as we hear God speaking to us today!

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## Life@Work Brisbane Conference 8 & 9 March at Ann Street Presbyterian Church

As workers, we are called to be ministers of the gospel. How might this re-shape the spread of the Gospel in our day, especially in our workplaces? What might "living such good lives" among our colleagues look like? How do we not only *declare* the Gospel with our lips, but also *display* it with our lives? These are questions the conference will answer.

<https://lifeatwork.org.au/conference> or contact Mervin ([mervin@brokenvase.com](mailto:mervin@brokenvase.com)) for details.



24 February 2019 | Service Times: 9am & 11:30am

**Welcome, we're glad you're here!**

We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord. We do this by getting to know him through his living Word, the Bible, which is why the sermon is the key part of our Sunday services. Find out more about us at [www.slechurch.org.au](http://www.slechurch.org.au).

### This Week: Gospel of Mark—The King Has Come

Jesus, the King of God's kingdom has come to bring salvation. The necessary response is to repent and believe in Him.



Next Week: Gospel of Mark—Mark 1:1-15

## Today's Service

**Welcome and Singing** The Saving One  
Jesus There is No One Like You  
For The Cause

### Holy Communion

### Offering

### Community News

**Bible Reading** Psalm 2; Mark 1:1-15

**Sermon** By Pastor Ben Ho

**Song of Response** Live for the Kingdom

## Stay Connected

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Check out [slechurch.org.au/groups](http://slechurch.org.au/groups) to find a group that you can join.

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# Say hello

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Join us for morning tea at 10:30am.  
We'd love to have a chat and get to know you better.

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## Our Pastors

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## Financial Update

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Last Week	\$6,285.29
Weekly Required	\$5,787.00
Shortfall 2019	\$1,719.00

### Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

**A/C Name:** SLE Church  
**Bank:** National Australia Bank  
**BSB:** 084-424  
**A/C No:** 396558544

SLE Church is a branch church of Chinese Christian Church Brisbane

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## Prayer Points

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### PRAISE GOD THAT HE IS GRACIOUS AND SOVEREIGN IN CONVERSION!

Praise God that He graciously works within our lives to draw us to saving faith in Jesus. Praise God that by His mercy and grace alone He sent Jesus to earth to die in our place, satisfying His wrath against our sin, and defeating sin and death's hold over us through the resurrection of Jesus.

### PRAISE GOD THAT HE CAN TURN THE HEARTS OF

even the most stubborn of friends and family. Praise God that as we saw in the life of Paul in Acts 9 God is capable of taking self-righteousness and turning it into God-centredness. Pray that we would not lose hope for our loved ones who are far away. Pray that God would be at work in them to draw them into His kingdom.

### PRAY FOR OURSELVES AS WE BEGIN READING THE GOSPEL OF MARK.

Pray that our familiarity with the gospel would not breed indifference. Ask God's Spirit to work within us as we read the gospel to see Jesus afresh, be renewed in our spirits, and live joyfully in obedient response to Jesus' commands. Pray that we would encourage each other with the things we hear and are learning!

**PRAY FOR ANDREW REID.** During the week Andrew Reid, principle of Evangelical Theological Seminary in Singapore, and potential speaker for the upcoming SLE Church camp, had a fall requiring hospitalization. Pray for healing, recovery, and patient trust in God for him and his family.

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## Community News

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL SEEKS DONATION OF A LAPTOP FOR WEEKLY ASSEMBLY

If you have a spare used laptop available to be donated to Sunday School, please contact Grace Phon on grace.phon@gmail.com or Faith Ho on benandfaith@gmail.com

### 'TITUS 2 TIME' SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS | SATURDAY 30 MARCH | 2-4PM FOR AFTERNOON TEA | HELD AT VARIOUS HOMES

Whether you are new to SLE Church, or you've been here for years, you probably feel like there are so many women around you who you haven't had the chance to get to know better. Do you sometimes wish there were more opportunities to meet and chat for more than just 5 minutes with other women in our church? Perhaps you'd love to get to know older women who can spur you on as you struggle to live for Jesus. Or perhaps you've really been wanting to meet some of the younger women, to shower them with love through food and friendship, but you don't know where to begin!

The Bloom committee would love to invite you to join us in our first event of the year! It will be quality time in a cosy home setting, getting to know a small group of other women over some food (of course).

**Please register via the online form** at slechurch.org.au/bloom by 15 March. This is essential so we can allocate everyone to a small group. If you are willing to **host a small group** in your home, please tick the relevant box on the online form.

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## Serving

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	Today	Next Week
<b>Chair</b>	Ps Steven	Simeon
<b>Preach</b>	Ps Ben	Ps Steven
<b>Bible Read</b>	Ps Steven <i>Ps Steven</i>	Simeon <i>Simeon</i>
<b>M.Tea</b>	Lillian Elleen	Stella Daniel
<b>Wash Up</b>	Sunday YF	Friday YF
<b>Welcome</b>	Richard Georgie Meng Yin <i>David</i> <i>James</i> <i>Sarah</i> <i>Leya</i>	Ken Steph Amy <i>Marcus</i> <i>Jabez</i> <i>Marilyn</i> <i>Mildred</i>
<b>Stewards</b>	Jeffrey Philip Graham <i>Josiah</i> <i>Cam</i> <i>Alan</i>	Richard Alvin Norman
<b>Piano</b>	Sylvia	Sylvia
<b>Guitar</b>	Jabez	Ivan
<b>Bass</b>	Liesl	
<b>Drums</b>	Ivan	
<b>Vocal</b>	Alisha	Shaun
<b>PA</b>	Matt T. <i>Jowin</i>	Reuten <i>Daniel, Stanley</i>

# The Gospel of Mark—The King Has Come (Mark 1:1-15)

## 1. Introduction: Turning Points

B. The voice from heaven proclaims it (v9-11)

## 2. The Gospel of Jesus Christ, The Son of God (v1)

A. Gospel

C. The spiritual powers and animal kingdom recognise it (v12-13)

B. Jesus—Christ, Son of God

## 4. The Time of the Kingdom Has Come

## 3. Jesus is the King (v2-13)

A. The voice in the wilderness proclaims it (v2-8)

## 5. Responding to the King

A. Repent

B. Believe