

What We Need is More Knowledge (Tim Challies)

Few people have had a deeper impact on my way of thinking than John Stott. In his little book *Your Mind Matters*, he writes about the importance of being Christians who use our minds. But knowledge is not an end in and of itself. Rather, all that knowledge is meant to lead somewhere.

Knowledge should lead to worship. The true knowledge of God will result not in our being puffed up with conceit at how knowledgeable we are, but in our falling on our faces before God in sheer wonder and crying. "O the depths of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgements and how inscrutable His ways!" Whenever our knowledge becomes dry or leaves us cold, something has gone wrong. For whenever Christ opens the Scriptures to us and we learn from Him, our heart should be aglow within us. The more we know God the more we should love Him.

Second, knowledge should lead to faith. We have already seen that knowledge is the foundation of faith and makes faith reasonable. "Those who know Thy name put their trust in Thee," wrote the psalmist. It is our very knowledge of God's nature and character which elicits our faith. But if we cannot believe without knowing, we must not know without believing. Indeed, God's message brings no benefit unless it meets with faith in the hearers. This is why Paul does more than pray that the eyes of our hearts may be enlightened to know the greatness of God's power which has been demonstrated in the resurrection; he adds that this power which God accomplished in Christ is now (and only) available to us who believe.

Third, knowledge should lead to holiness. We have to see how the more our knowledge grows, the greater our responsibility to put it into practice. Many biblical examples could be quoted. Psalm 119 is full of aspirations to know God's law. Why? In order the better to obey it: "Give me understanding, that I may keep Thy law and observe it with my whole heart."

Fourth, knowledge should lead to love. The more we know, the more we should want to share what we know with others and use our knowledge in their service, whether in evangelism or ministry. Sometimes, however, our love will restrain our knowledge. For by itself knowledge can be harsh; it needs sensitivity which love can give. This is what Paul meant when he wrote: "Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up."

Knowledge is indispensable to Christian life and service. If we do not use the mind which God has given us, we condemn ourselves to superficiality and cut ourselves off from many of the riches of God's grace. At the same time, knowledge is given us to be used, to lead us to higher worship, greater faith, deeper holiness, better service. What we need is not less knowledge but more knowledge, so long as we act upon it.

(From <https://www.challies.com/quotes/what-we-need-is-more-knowledge/> with modifications)



3 March 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.

This Week: Gospel of Mark—The King's Authority (part 1)

The healings and miracles that Jesus performed serve and affirm His authority as a teacher unlike any other..



Next Week: Gospel of Mark—Mark 2:1-3:6

Today's Service

Welcome and Singing
Man of Sorrow
You Alone Can Rescue
How Great Is our God

Holy Communion

Offering

Community News

Bible Reading Mark 1:16-45

Sermon By Pastor Steven Tran

Song of Response Jesus, There's No One Like You

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Say hello

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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Financial Update

Last Week	\$5,471.63
Weekly Required	\$5,794.00
Shortfall 2019	\$1,997.00

Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

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

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Prayer Points

GIVE GREAT PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD for the wisdom and power of His eternal plans and purposes being revealed through His Son, His anointed King and Saviour. Praise God that He brought about a new beginning with Jesus, the new age of the Son's everlasting kingdom, the age of resurrection and life, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

THANK GOD FOR THE GOSPEL OF MARK, written that we might know and believe in Jesus as God's King. Pray that God's Holy Spirit would give us every spiritual insight and understanding into the gospel, bringing about the opening of our spiritual eyes and transformation of our lives.

THANK GOD FOR THE GATHERING OF THE CHURCH'S LEADERS (the overseers of all the ministries in the church) yesterday. Thank God for a time of training and encouragement as they seek to implement the Mission, Values and Vision of the church. Pray that God would continue to work in and through the leaders, equipping all members of the church in the work of ministry, so that all in the church might grow into full maturity in Christ.

PRAY FOR THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF OUR CHURCH and all of God's churches around the world. Pray that Christians and churches everywhere will do nothing to bring shame to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Community News

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) for details.

FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN SERVING 10 MARCH, 10:50AM-11:30AM @ NORTH HALL

Please come along for a meeting with Ps Ben if you are interested in serving in church, or finding more about it.

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

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.

Serving

	Today	Next Week
Chair	Simeon	Ps Ben
Preach	Ps Steven	Ps Steven
Bible Read	Simeon <i>Simeon</i>	Boon Cheng <i>Marilyn</i>
M.Tea	Genevieve Winnie Tao	Alice Corina
Wash Up	Friday YF	Friday YF
Welcome	Ken Steph Amy <i>Marcus</i> <i>Jabez</i> <i>Marilyn</i> <i>Mildred</i>	Ken Steph Amy <i>Marcus</i> <i>Jabez</i> <i>Marilyn</i> <i>Mildred</i>
Stewards	Richrd Alvin Norman <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Stanley</i> <i>Helen</i>	Richard Alvin Norman <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Stanley</i> <i>Helen</i>
Piano	Sylvia	Joanna
Guitar	Shao Peng	
Bass	Ethan	
Drums	Ivan	
Vocal	Shaun	
PA	Reuten <i>Daniel, Stanley</i>	William <i>Jowin</i>

The King's Authority (Part 1) [Mark 1:16-45]

Intro:

1. The King's Authority in...

a. Teaching (1:21-28)

b. Healing and casting out demons (1:29-34)

2. The Focus of the King's Ministry

a. Preaching (1:35-39)

b. Substitution (1:40-45)

So What? (1:16-20)

Follow the King

Go Fishing