

## How to Listen to a Sermon

George Whitefield, 18th Century preacher of over 18,000 sermons, said, "Here are some cautions and directions, in order to help you hear sermons with profit and advantage."

1. Come to hear them, not out of curiosity, but from a sincere desire to know and do your duty. To enter His house merely to have our ears entertained, and not our hearts reformed, must certainly be highly displeasing to the Most High God, as well as unprofitable to ourselves.
2. Give diligent heed to the things that are spoken from the Word of God. If an earthly king were to issue a royal proclamation, and the life or death of His subjects entirely depended on performing or not performing its conditions, how eager would they be to hear what those conditions were! And shall we not pay the same respect to the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and lend an attentive ear to His ministers, when they are declaring, in His name, how our pardon, peace, and happiness may be secured?
3. Do not entertain even the least prejudice against the minister. That was the reason Jesus Christ Himself could not do many mighty works, nor preach to any great effect among those of His own country; for they were offended at Him. Take heed therefore, and beware of entertaining any dislike against those whom the Holy Gost has made overseers over you. For ministers speak not in their own, but in Christ' name. Jesus Himself commanded the people to do whatever the scribes and Pharisees should say unto them, even though they did not do themselves what they said (see Matt. 23:1-3).
4. Be careful not to depend too much on a preacher, or think more highly of him than you ought to think. Preferring one teacher over another has often been of ill consequence to the church of God. It was a fault which the great Apostle of the Gentiles condemned in the Corinthians: 'For whereas one said, I am of Paul; another, I am of Apollos: are you not carnal, says he? For who is Paul, and who is Apollos, but instruments in God's hands by whom you believed?' (1 Cor. 1:12; 2:3-5). Are not all ministers sent forth to be ministering ambassadors to those who shall be heirs of salvation? And are they not all therefore greatly to be esteemed for their work's sake?
5. Make particular application to your own hearts of everything that is delivered. When our Saviour was discoursing at the last supper with His beloved disciples and foretold that one of them should betray Him, each of them immediately applied it to his own heart and said, 'Lord, is it I?' (Matt. 26:22). Oh, that persons, in like manner, when preachers are dissuading from any sin or persuading to any duty, instead of crying, 'This was intended for such and such a one!' instead would turn their thoughts inwardly, and say, 'Lord, is it I?' How far more beneficial should we find discourses to be than now they generally are!
6. Pray to the Lord, before, during, and after every sermon, to endue the minister with power to speak, and to grant you a will and ability to put into practice what he shall show from the Book of God to be your duty. No doubt it was this consideration that made St. Paul so earnestly entreat his beloved Ephesians to intercede with God for him: 'Praying always, with all manner of prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and for me also, that I may open my mouth with boldness, to make known the mysteries of the gospel' (Eph. 6:19-20). And if so great an apostle as St. Paul needed the prayers of his people, much more do those ministers who have only the ordinary gifts of the Holy Spirit.

If only all who hear me this day would seriously apply their hearts to practice what has now been told them! How ministers would see Satan, like lightning, fall from heaven, and people find the Word preached sharper than a two-edged sword and mighty, through God, to the pulling down of the devil's strongholds!



10 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](http://www.slechurch.org.au).

### This Week: Gospel of Mark—The King's Authority (part 2)

The Pharisees are exposed for their unbelief and hardheartedness in refusing to accept Jesus as their King even in the face of overwhelming evidence.



Next Week: Gospel of Mark—Mark 3:7-4:34

### Today's Service

<b>Welcome and Singing</b>	O Great God Undivided What Grace Is Mine
<b>Holy Communion</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>Community News</b>	
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Mark 2:1-3:6; Romans 1:18-21, 28-32
<b>Sermon</b>	By Pastor Steven Tran
<b>Song of Response</b>	Knowing You Jesus

### 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	\$4,621.83
Weekly Required	\$5,821.00
Shortfall 2019	\$3,125.00

### 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 OUR GREAT GOD** who reveals Himself and His will in ways that are clear. Praise God that He sent His Son to preach the kingdom of God and the gospel, and that He caused His eternal plans of the Kingdom in His gospel to be written down in Scripture so that all people everywhere and in every time can learn and know and be saved.

**THANK OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST** for His compassion, for being our substitute, taking our sin and shame, so that we can be made holy and brought back into the presence of God and into His kingdom.

**PRAY FOR LISTENING EARS TO HEAR AND RECEIVE,** to repent and believe, each and everytime we encounter with God's word—whether at church in sermons, during fellowship groups, in our own personal readings or with others. Pray for God's word to have a powerful transformative effect each time we read or hear it.

**PRAY FOR THE ELDERLY IN OUR CHURCH—** pray for their physical and emotional health; pray also for their faith to increase, and for them to seek opportunities to serve even as they wane in energy and strength. Pray for the younger people to serve them in practical and spiritual ways.

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## Community News

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### SERVING TALK. 10 MARCH, 10:50AM-11:30AM @ NORTH HALL

Please come along for a session with Ps Ben to learn more about what is serving, why we serve and what opportunities there are to serve at SLE Church.

### GRUNT SESSION #1—WHAT IS A MAN | 23 MARCH 2019 | SLE CHURCH NORTH HALL | 8AM BREAKFAST, 9:30AM START

The world is full of gender confusion at the moment. Not only confused about the number of genders but also confused about what is good and helpful masculinity. At Grunt #1 2019 we'll be exploring what the Bible teaches us about being a man, and how we can live that out. Register today at slechurch.org.au/grunt by 20 March 2019.

### BLOOM '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 and organize necessary transport.

### EGG CARTONS WANTED FOR PRIMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please donate your empty egg cartons for use in Easter craft this month. Drop them off downstairs in the box near the Primary Sunday School sign in table.

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## Serving

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	Today	Next Week
<b>Chair</b>	Ps Ben	Randy
<b>Preach</b>	Ps Steven	Ps Ben
<b>Bible Read</b>	Boon Cheng <i>Marilyn</i>	Matthew <i>Alan</i>
<b>M.Tea</b>	Alice  Corina	Eilen  Amanda Teo
<b>Wash Up</b>	Friday YF	Saturday YF
<b>Welcome</b>	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>
<b>Stewards</b>	Richard  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>
<b>Piano</b>	Joanna	
<b>Viola</b>	Aaron	
<b>Bass</b>		Ethan
<b>Drums</b>		
<b>Vocal</b>	Hui Ming	Sharne
<b>PA</b>	William  <i>Jowin</i>	Li Wei  <i>Daniel,Stanley</i>

## The King's Authority (Part 2) [Mark 2:1-3:6]

Intro:

1. An understandable reaction (2:1-12)

2. Offended sensibilities (2:13-17)

3. Why don't you keep our traditions? (2:18-22)

4. (Nit)picking (2:23-28)

5. Let's get him! (3:1-6)

So What?