

Sermon Summary for 4th March, 2018

“DEAL DRASTICALLY WITH TEMPTATIONS”

Genesis 39: 1 - 12; Mark 9: 42 - 50 (Mr. Kofi Duodu Asomaning)

Jesus continues his teaching in Mark 9 about the impact of interpersonal relationships that affect the Kingdom of God. He warns his disciples against the deadly consequences of sin. The passage can be broken into 3 parts

1. Causing others to stumble vs 42

Jesus here suggests it is better to die by being drowned in the sea than causing even the “least” in the Kingdom of God to stumble.

2. Causing yourself to stumble vs 43 – 48

Jesus points to 3 body parts that may cause one to sin – the hand, the foot and the eye. All these body parts exist in twos but yet Jesus speaks about removing only one of them. This makes it obvious that he is not speaking literally. In the Old Testament physical deformity disqualified one from becoming a priest - so Jesus implies that it is better to be outwardly disqualified and to be saved by a cleansed heart than to be outwardly qualified and not enter life. This is a warning to rid our lives of things that would contaminate us and lead us into sin.

3. Being Salt for Christ vs 49 & 50

3 uses of salt highlighted;

- i) Salt was used as a reminder of God's covenant and his faithfulness Lev 2: 13
- ii) Salt changes the taste of the environment– Matt 5:13
- iii) Salt acts as a preservative and sets against moral decay

Jesus is calling his disciples to be SALTED for Christ by remembering God's covenant to them, being willing to be different and confronting the status quo to set upright moral standards.

A closer look at the text shows that, when reversed, these 3 steps emphasize the fact that a life without Christ leads to death. A disciple (salt) who starts to lose his “saltiness” must cut off those habits that lead to sin otherwise soon they will be causing not only themselves but others to sin leading to death.

Joseph knew this. He remembered God's covenant with him and cut off the temptation of a pretty woman. On hindsight, he would have exchanged being used by God as a vessel for the redemption of the whole Israel for such fleeting pleasure.

Remember that although temptations usually look inconsequential, they have lasting implications not only for you but potentially for generations after you.

1. Accept Jesus as your Lord and personal savior to save you from the power of sin.
2. Acknowledge that God can help you in your moment of temptation.
3. Ask the Lord to provide an escape for you when tempted.
4. Take measures to separate yourself from those habits and relationships that lead you to sin.

This Week's Prayer Topics

✠ Continue to pray for every Church member; that the Lord will preserve every soul from untimely death; rebuke the spirit of death hovering over LIC and every family in the Church (Ps 118:17; Ps 13:3)

✠ Pray for the Lord's continued comfort and restoration for families that are grieving; for the peace of God to guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Pray against the spirit of fear, that we will find rest in God's love and protection (Phil 4:6-7; Isa 26:3; Isa 41:10; Ps 30:5)

✠ Travail in prayer and ask that Christ will be formed in the hearts of every LIC member (Galatians 4:19)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

- Mar 11: Ms. Efua Idan Osam
 - Mar 11: Mrs. Nancy Boachie
 - Mar 11: Afua Serwaa Adomako
 - Mar 11: Alvin Yoosi Panford
 - Mar 12: Mr. Andrew Asare-Marfo
 - Mar 12: Ms. Belinda Ahianyo
 - Mar 13: Ms. Adwoa Yeboah Agyeman
 - Mar 13: Mrs. Sedina Twenebo
 - Mar 13: Nii Kwanchie Ankrah
 - Mar 13: Karen Sedina Dzorgbo
 - Mar 14: Mrs. Nana Yaa Boateng
 - Mar 14: Mr. Ben Asiedu
 - Mar 14: Mrs. Kabukuor Owusu
 - Mar 14: Ms. Georgia De-Silva
 - Mar 14: Dr. (Mrs.) Yvonne Mensa-Wilmot
 - Mar 15: Mr. Emmanuel Alou
 - Mar 15: Mr. Patrick Siaw
 - Mar 15: Mr. Richard King Bruce
 - Mar 15: Ms. Nana Ansuua Peterson
 - Mar 16: Dr. Yaw Perbi
 - Mar 16: Mrs. Elinam Afi Adadevoh-Teinor
 - Mar 16: Mrs. Yvonne Arthur
 - Mar 16: Ms. Eugenia Koney
 - Mar 16: Mr. Rich Kofi Kofituo
 - Mar 16: Mr. Samuel Oppong
 - Mar 16: Dr. (Mrs.) Margaret-Mary Sackey
 - Mar 17: Ms. Comfort Mawufemor Nibor
 - Mar 17: Mr. Patrick Zeal
 - Mar 17: Master Enyidado Kwemina K. Odoom
 - Mar 17: Ms. Iboroakim Essien Udosen
- ### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES
- Mar 14: Frank & Clarinda Osei
 - Mar 16: Bernard & Evelyn Bani

WELCOME



TO

LEGON INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, 11TH MARCH, 2018



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Through Christ-like Discipleship**

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LIC: SAVED TO SERVE!

The Council of Elders and Pastors heartily welcome you to God's House this Sunday morning: Akwaaba!

YEAR'S THEME: "THE MISSION OF JESUS - A CALL TO PARTNERSHIP"



Activity for 11th March, 2018

HOW IS YOUR PULSE?

Leaders:
Adom Adu-Amoani; Rachel Odjeawo;
Daniel Darkey

Time is **4:00pm @ LIC**

Visitors' Reception for MARCH, 2018
Dr. Maureen Iheanacho and Mr. Ebenezer Nortey

DAILY PRAYER SESSIONS AT LIC

The prayer time runs on Weekdays from Monday through to Friday. It's in session from now till end of LENT (Thursday, 29th March). *Scripture passage: 2 Chronicles 7: 14-16*
Session Times: 5.30am - 7.00am; 12.00noon - 1.30pm; 6.00pm - 7.30pm
However, our usual Mid-Week Services will still take place on Wednesdays at 6.30pm.

BIBLE STUDY LEADERS' & ASSISTANTS' MEETING

All Bible Study Leaders and Assistants are informed of their meeting with the Coordinators at 6.30pm NEXT WEEK **TUESDAY**, 20th March and **THURSDAY**, 22nd March. Please prepare **Lesson 3** (The Book of Judges) **BEFORE** coming.

SUNDAY, 11TH MARCH, 2018

Prof. Esther Sakyi-Dawson (0502-568615)
Mrs. Monica Senanu (0244-748746)

Mr. Charles MacCarthy (0244-353522)
Dr. George T-M. Kwadzo (0208-161624)

ELDERS ON DUTY

Reception

Counseling

NEXT SUNDAY, 18TH MARCH, 2018

Mr. Theo Aryee (0204-315133)
Mr. Samuel Owusu Yeboah (0504-441114)

Dr. Mrs. Eureka Ahadjie Adomako (0244-281821)
Mr. Kwadwo Otu Addae (0243-367611)

PRAYING WITH ONE ANOTHER

The Prayer Ministry requests the under-listed persons to kindly provide the Ministry with their active/current contact numbers and professions as they pray for them this week. The Ministry's week begins on Monday and runs until Saturday.

Ms. Anabel Ofori	Master David Ebo Dzikan Derban	Master Kevin Aryeetey
Mr. David Karl Dodoo	Mr. Daniel Baah Ofosu	Ms. Christiana Awoonor
Mr. Samuel Mawuli Adadey	Miss Elzara Emmanuella Adukor-Asola	Ms. Nasca Owusuwaa Bonsu
Mr. Kojo Derban	Miss Emmanuella Adukor-Asola	Ms. Asi Kafui Dzietror
Mrs. Amanda Derban	Master David Aryeetey	

Kindly contact the following people with any two specific prayer requests, latest by 12 noon on Wednesday: Mr. Kofi Yeboah - 0244875493 and Mrs. Ruth Opoku - 0509547267. Also, **please update your records with the Church Office.**



MID-WEEK SERVICES SCHEDULE AND OTHER PROGRAMMES

YEAR THEME: "THE MISSION OF JESUS — A CALL TO PARTNERSHIP"

Coordinator - Mrs. Ruth Korkor Opoku (0509547267)

DATE	TIME	OFFICIANT	ACTIVITY	SERMON TOPIC	PREACHER
Wed. 14-Mar	6:30pm-8:30pm	WORSHIP NIGHT ... come let's commune with our LORD through a time of meaningful worship!			
Sat. 17-Mar	6:30pm-8:30pm	DRAMA PRODUCTION — Titled: "7 DAYS"			
Wed. 21-Mar	6:30pm-8:30pm	Mr. Collins Gadawusu	BETHESDA MOMENT (John 5:1-9)	To be led by Mr. Kofi Osew. Music by the LIC Choir.	
Sun. 25-Mar	Palm Sunday (Children's Day): Hosanna March / Children's Ministry Photo Exhibition				
Tues. Mar 27 to Maundy Thurs. Mar 29	6:30pm - 8:00pm	3-DAY EASTER RENEWAL SERVICE (Communion on Thursday)			THEME: HIS PAIN: OUR GAIN Preacher: Dr. Yaw Perbi
Fri. 30-Mar	9:15 am-11:15am	TBA	GOOD FRIDAY	CRUCIFIED, DEAD AND BURIED	Rev. Francis Yaw Boamah

◇ **PRAYER MEETINGS:**

Sunday Morning: Prayer for Sunday Activities @ 7:30 am - 7:50 am; Sunday Evening: In the Conference Room @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm; Monday: In the Vestry @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm; Wednesday: Prayer & Teaching Service @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the Sanctuary, except for 'Bethesda Moment' which will be from 6.30 - 8.30 pm; Saturday: Prayer for Missions @ 7:00 - 8:30am on the Right Verandah of the Sanctuary; All Night Prayer Meeting: 1st Friday of the Month @ 10 pm - 4:00 am in the Sanctuary.

◇ **BIBLE STUDIES:** Sunday: 8:00 - 9:00am; Monday: 6:45 - 8:00pm

SUNDAY, 11TH MARCH, 2018 — SERVICE STARTS @ 9: 15AM

Officiant: Dr. Awo Mana Asiedu
Sermon Topic: **"Jesus Christ is Everything"**
Preacher: **Rev. Steve Levy**

Lector: Ms. Jemima Jackson
Notices: Dr. Nana Akua Anyidoho

Scripture Passage: **Colossians 1: 13 - 20**

Opening Hymn: **"Fairest Lord Jesus!"**

Song Ministration: **Prof. Hye Ryun Jee**

Testimony: **Mr. Dae Hyuk Kang**

Song Ministration: **LIC Choir**

Closing Hymn: **"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"**

REFLECTION: No challenger!

All things - whether things in heaven, or on earth, visible or invisible, thrones or powers or authorities - ALL things have been made by Jesus Christ and for him. He holds ALL things together. He has rescued believers from Satan's subjection, and placed them under His own care. In Him, our sins are forgiven. So why look elsewhere? What for? ALL things are in Christ Jesus!!

NEXT SUNDAY, 18TH MARCH, 2018 (COMMUNION SERVICE)

Officiant: Mr. Cudjoe Amenyah
Sermon Topic: **"Jesus' Teaching on Marriage and Divorce"**
Preacher: **Rev. Francis Yaw Boamah**
Lectors: Ms. Juliana Asante-Dartey and Mr. Arnold Poku Adu
Scripture Passages: Deut. 24: 1 - 4 and Mark 10: 1-12
Notices: Dr. Nana Akua Anyidoho



STUDENTS' SERVICE @ 6:30AM

SUNDAY, 11TH MARCH, 2018

Sermon Topic: "The heart of the problem is the problem of the heart"
Scripture Passages: **Jeremiah 17: 5 - 10 and Mark 7: 14 - 23**
Preacher: Mr. Dan Agamah
Time: 6:30am

NEXT SUNDAY, 18TH MARCH, 2018

Sermon Topic: "Faith in Jesus makes the difference - Part II"
Scripture Passages: **Mark 7: 24 - 30**
Preacher: Mr. Moses Mensah
Time: 6:30am