

EPHESIANS CELL MATERIALS

Session 2

3 TYPES OF MATERIALS

- Discussion questions based on John Stott and understanding the text.
 - Cell leaders need to prepare the answers of the questions.
- Discussion of a specific topic based on Eugene Peterson.
 - Cell members need to read the PDF reading.
- Discussion based on Sermon reflection.
 - <http://www.jubilee.org.sg/sermons/>
 - Cell members need to attend service and read/listen to online recordings.

KEY PRINCIPLE

- **Be clear about your objective of the cell.**
 - What is the main point you want to drive home?
 - What is the transformation from the members?
 - To prepare the hearts (Welcome and Worship)
 - To guide the understanding and facilitate the discussion (Word)
 - To reflect on personal and group transformation (Work)

MAIN POINT FROM EUGENE PETERSON

- **1:1-14** – Predestination – Focus on Adoration and not details of a structured salvation plan.
- **1:15-23** – Prayer - Prayers are not limited to models but reaching out to God.
- **2:1-10** – Creation – God is at work in Creation from Beginning to now.
- **2:11-22** – Ontology – Church is already based on God and exist as grace for you.
- **3:1-13** – Inscapē – Everything come together to form the complete picture.
- **3:14-21** – Fullness – What God has is so abundant.

MAIN POINT FROM SERMONS SO FAR

- **1:1-14** – Siow Hwee – It is about thanksgiving because of what God accomplished. God has given a new life.
- **1:15-23** – Enoch - We have to KNOW. God is with us: past, present, future.
- **2:1-10** – Wee Khong – We transform from death in the past to life in the present.
- **2:11-22** – Siow Hwee – God is living with us by the Holy Spirit. We are a new humanity in union with Christ by the Holy Spirit.

STOTT DISCUSSION 1

- **Main Point:** What is our response to what God has done?
- **Question 2,3,5** ask about the work of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- **Question 1,4,6** for personal reflection:
 - **Saints** – Set apart by God (Not an achievement)
 - **Faithful** – Standing firm and trustworthy
 - **In Christ** – a relationship between persons
 - **Petty thoughts** – Compare it with God's work
 - **Worship and Witness** – Is God's glory shown?

STOTT DISCUSSION 2

- Main Point: What we know affects how we pray.
- Q1: Recap on previous lesson on our identity and response to God.
- Q2: Praise(have already) Prayer (seeking).
- Q3: Praying for others vs Praying for yourself
- Q4: Jesus overcome death and resurrection
 - Death: Fearless?
 - Evil: Obedience and exercise dominion
- Q5: All our thinking is unproductive without the Spirit of truth. Knowledge is the ladder by which faith climbs higher, the spring board from which it leaps further.

STOTT DISCUSSION 3

- **Main Point: We are transformed.**
- **Q1: Trespass (deviation) & Sin (falling short) & insensitivity to God.**
- **Q2: Alive, raised, made to sit with Him.**
- **Q3: mercy, love, grace, kindness; Display riches**
- **Q4: Work**

STOTT DISCUSSION 4

- Main Point: Who are we collectively?
- Q1: Kingdom (citizenship), Family (children), Temple (dwelling)
- Q2: Foundation, Individual stones, God dwelling
- Q3: Division vs Peacemaking
- Q4&5: Eugene Peterson's reading

STOTT DISCUSSION 5

- **Main Point: What Church has done. Are you part of this action?**
- **Q1: A Truth now revealed: Jews and Gentiles in union with Christ**
- **Q2: Church as Central**
 - Church and History: God is at work
 - Church and Gospel: Salvation towards all
 - Church and Living: Suffering and glory for the Church
- **Q3 & 4: Eugene Peterson's reading**

STOTT DISCUSSION 6

- **Main Point:** We need to capture the fullness of God's plan and riches.
- **Q1:** Paul's understanding of Christ's work. We should pray for the **WHOLE** Christian family.
- **Q2:** reflective question
- **Q3 & 4:** Eugene Peterson's reading. The story is especially important.