



WHY SERVING JESUS IS AWESOME

Week 4

Sunday 27 September 2026

TODAY'S 9:30AM SERVICE

- Welcome
- Songs
- Confession & Assurance
- Song
- Spotlight
- Prayer for Children
- Song
- Bible Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 1-7 (p.1198)
- Sermon
- Song
- Prayers
- Vision Spot
- Song
- Conclusion

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If you are a visitor please don't feel obliged to contribute financially.

Welcome! Whether you're visiting, exploring Christianity or part of our church family, we're glad you're here. A seed looks small in your hand, yet it can produce a harvest. Sharing the good news of Jesus can feel like that: a conversation, a Bible opened with a friend, a child learning to pray. Today, in 2 Timothy 2:1-7, Paul encourages Timothy to pass on what he has received to people who will teach others too. Christ's grace strengthens us for this work.



Connect Card

Here on the Lower North Shore, busy lives can leave little room for connection. Our Newish Morning Tea is running today—a chance for those who are new or newish to meet others and get to know our church. We'd love you to join us. We long to be a church made beautiful, diverse and large by the gracious work of Christ, passing his good news from person to person.

Next Steps

Are you new? We would love to meet you. Hear a brief intro on the life of our church at our next [Newish Morning Tea](#) happening straight after service today.

Been regularly coming? If you are a regular member of our church, we encourage you to attend our next [Belonging Course](#) which runs on November 22 from 12-3pm. Belonging is the gateway to our GaP Groups, serving and deeper connection with the community. Or if you'd like to learn more sooner, you may also like to arrange a coffee with Prash or Jill. Simply reach out – they'd love to chat.

Prayers for the Service

Prayer is a privilege we have because of Christ's death and resurrection. Through him, we can confidently approach God for forgiveness (Hebrews 10:22). If you trust in Christ, please pray with us. If you are still exploring who Jesus is, feel free to listen in.

A Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have gone our own way,
and rejected your will for our lives.
We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.
By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you,
and to please you in every way;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

1 Timothy 1:15

The Lord's Prayer

This is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray (Matthew 6:5-14).

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, who has entrusted to us the gospel of your Son:
strengthen us by his grace to serve faithfully and endure joyfully;
that those we teach may teach others, and many may come to know you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sermon Notes

Why serving Jesus is awesome? | 2 Timothy 2:1-13

Preacher: Gordon Luk

Hardships vs Rewards?

What should you expect while serving Jesus? (2 Tim 2:1-13)

1. The soldier (v. 3-4)

2. The athlete (v. 5)

3. The farmer (v. 6)

Courageously serving Jesus

Going Deeper During The Week

Opening Reflection

What was something you enjoyed, learned, or were challenged by from Sunday's sermon?

Going deep in God's Word

Read the passage from Sunday

1. What stands out to you in this passage? (ie. Are there any repeated words, surprising details, commands, promises, or questions that feel significant?)
2. Try to break down the passage into different sections.
3. What would be missing if we didn't have this passage in the Bible? What does it reveal about who God is and who we are?
4. What aspect of the gospel is shown and magnified by this passage? How does this passage make you delight in and worship your Lord Jesus?

🙏 Praying big prayers shaped by the gospel

In light of this passage, reflect and pray using the ACTS framework as your guide.

1. **Adoration** – what is something from this passage that makes you praise God?

2. **Confession** – has the Spirit convicted you of a particular sin that you need to confess to God and ask for His forgiveness?

3. **Thanksgiving** – what are all the things you can give thanks to God for that this passage has shown to you?

4. **Supplication** (eg. Asking) - what is something you can ask God to help you in or give you?

Read the Bible with us!

After reading each passage, use ACTS framework to help you listen carefully to God's Word and respond to Him in prayer:

1. Adoration: What does this passage show you about God? Praise him for it.
2. Confession: Where does it challenge your thoughts or actions? Bring that honestly to God.
3. Thanksgiving: What comfort, promise or gift can you thank God for that He has shown you in this passage?
4. Supplication: What help do you need to live out what you've read today? Ask God for it

Monday – 2 Timothy 1:1-5
Tuesday – 2 Timothy 1:6-14
Wednesday – 2 Timothy 1:15-18
Thursday – 2 Timothy 2:1-13
Friday – 2 Timothy 2:14-26

Notices

Ministry Fair



MINISTRY FAIR

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER

GET A TASTE OF THE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT CHURCH AND CONSIDER HOW GOD MIGHT USE YOU TO BUILD HIS KINGDOM IN 2027.

AFTER 9:30 & NIGHT CHURCH WITH FREE FOOD

Look Who's Coming to Lunch? – 1 November

Last year we started “Look who’s coming to Lunch” - a chance for our AM congregation to get to know others a little better over food. This year’s lunches will run on 1 November. We’d love to have you join us. Scan the QR code to register.



YOU ARE INVITED TO

LOOK WHO'S COMING TO LUNCH

WHEN: 1 NOVEMBER, 2026
LOCATION: TBA

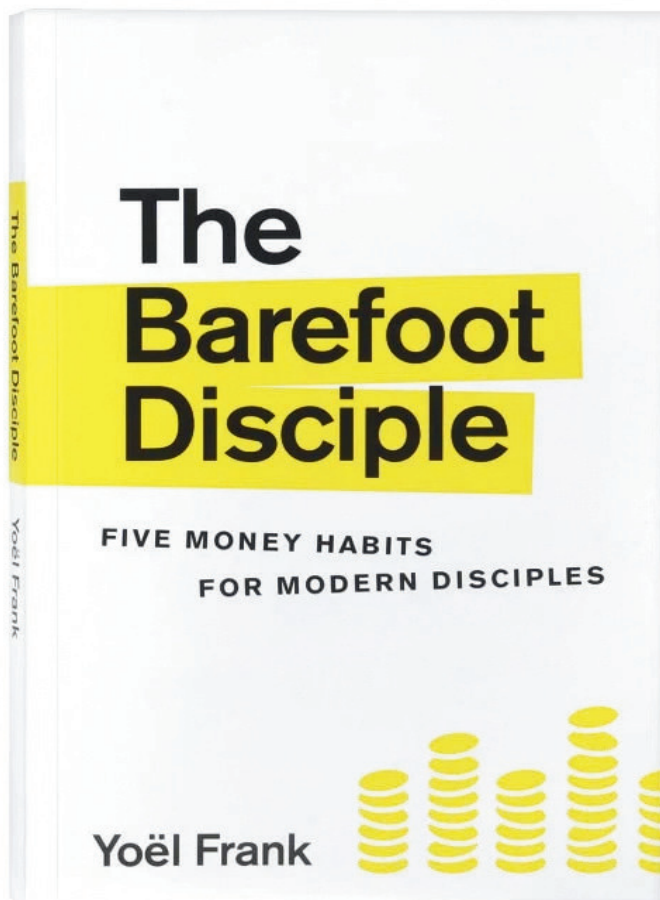
Join in this fun opportunity to get to know people in your church community!

Signup today!



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Putting Generosity into Practice



“I’ve been reading this book in parallel with our Generosity series at church and have found it extremely practical, helpful and also challenging as I seek to live God’s way in this area.”

[The Barefoot Disciple: 5 Money Habits for Modern Disciples](#) is a practical guide on living as a disciple of Jesus with your money. It’s a great book to have and will give you concrete ways of applying the principles we’ve learned from the Bible in our Generosity series.

Pick up a copy from our Chapel Hall bookstall after the service!

Eight Friends at HPS—Praise God!



Praise God! This term we've had 8 friends come along to HPS. We're so thankful for this answer to prayer and for every opportunity these young people have had to hear about Jesus, build friendships, and feel welcomed into our church community. Please join us in thanking God and praying they'll come back next term and keep exploring Jesus with us.

What's Coming Up

28 September Come and See

11 October Ministry Fair

12 - 16 October Week of Prayer

13 October Crafternoon

15 October Encounter

For more on what's happening this winter at St Stephen's, visit
st-stephens.com.au/spring

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