

## REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – 16 MAY 2021 (WSCS SUNDAY)

### Context:

At WSCS Sunday, 16 May 2021, Rev Dr Margaret Seaward preached at our 8.30am and 10.30am services, and Dr Cheah Fung Fong preached at our 2.30pm and 5pm services.

There are two sets of reflection and discussion questions below, respectively for Dr Seaward's and Dr Cheah's sermons. Small groups may use either set of questions as an aid for their small group discussions.

### Who really is Jesus?

#### Rev Dr Margaret Seaward

1. Rev Seaward shared a number of stories and testimonies of God's power at work. Is God speaking to you through these stories? What will you do in response?
  
  2. The sermon reminded us that Jesus can **save us, deliver us, illuminate us and heal us**.
    - a. Which of these are you in need of? Will you share with your small group, so that you can pray for one another?
    - b. Think of a family member, a friend, a colleague or a classmate – whomever the Lord brings to your mind. Is this person in need of salvation, deliverance, illumination, healing? Will you pray for them as a small group? Will you ask God how he wants you to reach out to them in their need?
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# God's Rules for the Christian Family

Colossians 3:18-21

Dr Cheah Fung Fong

*(We are grateful to Dr Cheah for providing the following reflection questions).*

## 1. Our New Life in Christ - What happens when we become Christians?

- our sins are forgiven through the complete and final work of Christ on the cross. (Colossians 2:13-15)
- we put off the old self. (Colossians 3:5-9)
  - Are there any aspects of the old self that you still struggle with? What do you need to get rid of?
- we put on the new self. (Colossians 3:12-14)
  - What are practical ways we can put on the new self?

## 2. God's Rules for the Christian Family – How can we put on the new self in our family relationships?

- a) Read Colossians 3:18. What do you understand the concept of submission to mean? What do you think 'fitting in the Lord' means in practical terms?
- b) Read Colossians 3:19 How can husbands love their wives? What does it mean to be harsh with their wives?
- c) Read Colossians 3: 20 Why are children to obey their parents in everything?
- d) Read Colossians 3:21 How do we embitter our children?

## 3. Grace based Relationships in our Family – What is the basis for grace based relationships in our families?

- God has shown us unmerited favour and kindness to us and forgiven us for our sins. (Romans 5:8)
- How can we show grace to our wives/husbands?
- How can we show grace to our parents/children?

Food for thought:

“Grace in our family relationships means that order and regularity are present for the sake of each family members’ needs and enhancement, and not as a means of repressing or limiting them.” - Balswick