

DMM 2022 Bible Study Guides

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What's Up with this DMM?

“This 2022, we invite you to set aside the month of JULY to join us in listening to God’s voice calling us to follow Him out of our comfort zone. Through the Sunday Sermons, and the variety of ‘Dare to’ challenges, we shall deepen our conviction to live a life of discipleship!”

Rev. Alexa Ho

As you all know, DMM is all about challenging yourself out of your comfort zone, to make disciples, do something different, impact the community and change your mindset. With that in mind, the series of Bible Study materials will be encourage and spur you and CG members to greater things for God, and this beautiful Earth He left for our care.

This booklet contains the guides to all four weeks of Bible Study as follows:

- *July 3rd – Dare to Walk on Water by Pastor Melissa Chan*
- *July 10th – Dare to Fish for Jesus by Pastor Jeremy Lim*
- *July 17th – Dare to Share a Drink by Reverend Alexa Ho*
- *July 24th – Dare to Save the Turtles by Elder Kong Weng*



Bible Study for 17th July 2022
Reverend Alexa Ho

“Dare to Share a Drink”

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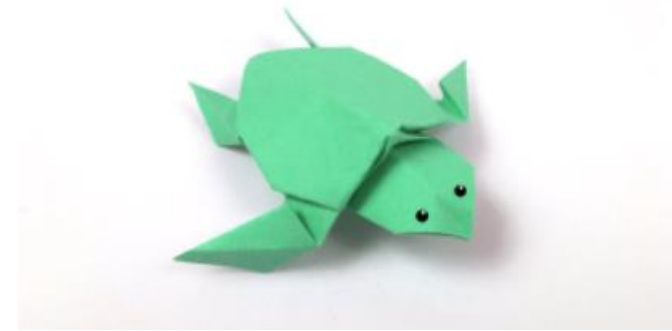
Dei macha, teh tarik kurang manis satu...

Share your favourite hangout place to have drinks – whether your local roadside *mamak*, that pub back in your university days, or the coffeeshop you waited to for your kids to finish tuition. Who did you hang out with? What's your drink of choice?



Let's Drink Up the Scriptures:

Matthew 9 : 9-13





Question 1: Drinks are on the House!

Of all the thousands of people that Jesus met – housewives, princes, fishermen, traders, prostitutes – why did Jesus zoom in to Levi, a.k.a. Matthew? Jesus even had the audacity to invite himself to Levi's house for dinner!

Jesus saw the need of the people and did not wait for an invitation. In today's busy modern lifestyle, we often miss the opportunity to see the people around us with a need for Christ. Social blindness, apathy and obsession with work – all these things are hindering us from noticing the needy around us. If we can't see them, we can't reach them.





Question 2: I Wouldn't Drink That If I Were You

Why do you think the Pharisees had an issue with Jesus having a meal with Matthew? What is the stigma of tax collectors?



Question 3: Mixing Up a Potent Brew

Jesus welcomed all to Him, He made no distinction between genders, background and occupations. Do you feel PJEFC or you CG practises the same, especially with our domestic helpers, foreign workers, LGBTQ+, etc.?

These are tough and hot topic questions that some may not be comfortable asking, but DMM is all about stepping out of your comfort zone.





Question 4: Martini on the rocks, shaken not stirred

Jesus did not ask the Matthew and his friends to repent first before He had a meal with them. Nor did He ask them to change their lives first. What does this tell you about your own understanding (or your CG's) of evangelism?

Sinners do not need to do something first to become worthy recipients of God's love. All you need is to respond to the call. We shouldn't judge if someone is worthy of our attention or care or not first before we extend the first gesture. Where everyone else saw a tax collector Jesus saw a human being. That ordering makes all the difference. Think of all the ways we judge each other, the ways we sort and label each other before we see and embrace each other as human beings.





Conclusion – Last Call for Drinks

No one is beyond God's grace to transform, we cannot pick and choose who we want to God to send us to minister. The Malaysian church is at a crossroads in challenging times. We need to step out of our comfort zone, away from the English-speaking affluent urban Chinese safety (and familiarity) and reach out to the unseen needy. We don't have to travel far, the needy are all around us, among us. Sightless, voiceless.

The question before us today is who are the tax collectors that God is asking us to embrace in the 21st century today? Do we want to be like the Pharisees, or do want to cast our nets and fish for Jesus?



Thank you

