

DMM 2022 Bible Study Guides

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DISCIPLE-MAKING MONTH

FOLLOWING CHRIST OUT OF COMFORT ZONE



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 24th July 2022
Elder Tham Kong Weng

“Dare to Save the Turtles”

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Before The Turtles Are Hatched:

Everyone's buzzing about ecological conservation and preservation these days. Let's play a game! Score a point if you answer YES to any of these questions. Whoever scores highest gets the golden opportunity to buy supper for the group next week!



Would you walk more than 1 km to buy something from the shop outside?



Do you know who Greta Thunberg is?



Do you and your family regularly recycle all cardboard boxes, plastics and aluminium?



Have you watched (or at least heard of) the movie 'An Inconvenient Truth'?



Has your family ever tried growing your own herbs from vegetable scraps?



Have you ever tried repairing small electrical appliances instead of buying new ones?



Have you ever made your own gifts instead of buying them for your friends and family?



Do you know where is the nearest recycling centre from your house?



Do you bring your own reusable straw when you eat out?



Does your family prepare your own meals at least 5 days a week?





Let's Read with the Turtles:

Let's look to the scriptures.

Genesis 1:26

Genesis 1:31



Question 1: That's Turtle-y True

Humans are the last piece of the creation puzzle and the pinnacle of God's creation process. And it is pretty obvious God continues to care and nourish His creation, both fauna and flora. But what is Man's role in all this? What does 'dominion over all living creatures' (Gen 1:26) really mean?





Question 2: Ninja Turtles To The Rescue

Adam was tasked to work ('abad') and keep ('shamar') the garden Eden. Similarly, we are entrusted to work and keep the earth, to take care of the place where God has planted us, to serve him in our rule over creation as priests in his temple.

What are ways the church and / or the CG can do this?



Question 3: Wait, how DO you make Gwailinggou?!

Read Colossians 1: 15-21. All things here refers to the entire creation. We are called to fulfill our roles as Stewards and redeem the fallen Creation. But most people understand that Gospel is primarily about the salvation of Man. How do the gospels link to creation care?

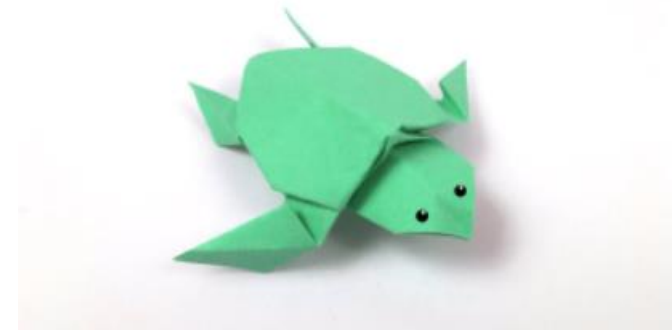
The gospel is essentially the revelation of God's righteousness through faith. In the synoptic gospels, when Jesus says he has come to "proclaim good news to the poor", the good news is more than the invitation to have one's sin forgiven. The good news is focused on the kingdom that is inaugurated in the first coming of Jesus. And of course the kingdom Jesus proclaims includes all that God is doing to bring all of his creation under his benevolent reign.





Question 4: Tortoises, Turtles and Terrapins

As we approach the conclusion of DMM 2022, do share with the group what are the challenges that you have undertaken and how it has impacted you.





Conclusion – Turtles Finally Reach Home

Creation care is a part of our Lord's gospel. The gospel, (or good news) is a way of speaking of the teachings at the heart of the Christian faith.

The crisis in creation is real. People, animals and plants are dying because we human beings have abused God's world. But this is not the primary reason we should take creation care seriously. We have been given the mandate to take care of God's creation because we love God and his world. If there were no environmental problems, we would still be tending his world with compassion and gentleness.



Thank you

