

Combined Youth Conference 2014

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The 10th Combined Youth Conference (CYC) was held from 26th to 28th June 2014 in Calvary Pandan CPC. The theme was “Shining in My Corner” based on Matthew 5:16. Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo (Pastor, True Life BPC) was the main speaker. A total of about 70 participants (including part-timers) attended the Conference.

The first day of the Conference started with registration and briefing. We then had ice-breakers where we were enabled to get to know other participants. After which, we had singspiration and our first conference message “Jesus the Light,” based on John 8:12-19. Dr Khoo talked about what “Jesus the Light” meant. Jesus is God Himself, Jesus is holy and Jesus is truth. If we want to shine, we must make sure that we have this Light in our life, i.e. we must be born again. A time of discussion followed where we shared with one another when we accepted this Light in our lives. In the afternoon, we had a workshop, “Seeking God’s Will for My Life” (based on Mark 3:31-35 and Romans 12:1-2), conducted by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew. In order to do God’s will, we must first have a relationship with God. The will of God is found in His Word. We, as His children, must study, understand and obey it. God’s desiderative will for us is to be born again, totally surrender to Him and to know and study His Word. We were asked make a list of our talents and gifts so that we may know and find out areas we can serve God in, be it in church or outside church. After the workshop, we played a game which was a mix of charade and broken telephone call. In the evening, we had our second conference message “Shining Your Light” taken from Matthew 5:13-16. Through this message, we learnt what it is to be salt and light in this world and how our lives must reflect the gospel light. During discussion, we shared with one another our experiences in sharing this gospel light. The first day of the Conference ended with dorm fellowship.

The second day began with morning devotion where Brother Benard Too spoke on “A Laudable Conduct” using the example of Philemon (from Philemon 4-7). The third conference message was “The Gospel Light” (from 2 Corinthians 4:1-7). Dr Khoo shared with us the components of the gospel and that we must count it a privilege to spread the gospel just as God had mercy on us. The fourth conference message “Children of Light (1)” was taken from Ephesians 5:8-20. As children of light, we must show Christlikeness in our life and show forth the fruit of the spirit (Galatians 22-23). During discussion,

we talked about false lights in this world and how our lives have become more Christlike after we were born again. In the afternoon, we had a time of evangelism in the neighbourhood. We gave out tracts and shared the gospel with residents. This was an eye-opener for me as I have never done tracting before. Though I was afraid at the beginning, I thank God for those who were receptive to the gospel. At night, we had the fifth conference message “Children of Light (2)” taken from 1 Thessalonians 5:1-10. As children of light, we must put on the whole armor of God (Ephesians 6). Knowing God’s Word will act as a protection against spiritual wickedness. Hence, we discussed ways of increasing our knowledge of God’s Word. The second day of the Conference ended with a time of testimony sharing where the participants shared of God’s blessings to them through this Conference.

The third day began with morning devotion (from Hosea 11:5-7) by Dn Yap Wai Ho. He talked about the marks of backsliding. The sixth and final conference message “Light and Truth” was taken from Psalm 43. Just like David, all who live godly lives in Christ shall suffer persecution (2 Timothy 3:12). We must be like David who, although he went through constant trials, looked to God as his help. The message concluded with a time of Q-&-A when the participants were able to clarify any doubts they may have. The Conference ended with the cleaning up of the place in preparation for the following day’s worship service, followed by lunch.

CYC 2014 was a blessed time of learning God’s Word and fellowshiping with like-minded brethren. Thank God for the organizing committee, the speakers as well as the participants for making this Conference a blessed one.



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