

Community Prayer

1. Every SG will be full of life to empower communities to grow daily.
2. For those who are sick in our communities
3. For smooth progress on the construction of the education building in God's grace to its completion
4. For the next generation and Chodae children and youth ministries (Education Department) to grow in faith
5. For missionary work of Chodae Community Church
6. For Adult education programs such as Disciple Class, One-to-One Training, and Workplace Ministry to progress smoothly in God's grace

February Church Schedule

Feb 4 [Sun]	Communion Service
Feb 2-23	Intercessory Prayer School [4 weeks]
Feb 10 [Sat]	BLESSED Conference
Feb 11 [Sun]	Officers meeting for settlement of 2017 budget
Feb 14 [Wed]	Start of Lent
Feb 25 [Sun]	Mission Expo; March SG leader training

Putting God First

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God Who Is Bigger Than Our Problems

Psalm 77:10-20

Announcements

1. 2018 church theme is "Putting God First."
2. Please use the following order for your SG service.
2~3 praise songs / Representative Prayer / Scripture Reading / SG Sharing
3. Schedule for Community Bible Recitation & Praise:
2/2- Community 15, 2/9- Community 16, 2/16- Community 17, 2/23- Community 18, 3/2- Community 19
4. Church-wide home visitation will start in March. Please request visitation through your small group leader.
5. Training for Family SG Services starts before regular SG training (The last Sunday of the month at 2:30pm, PJM room on the 2nd floor)
6. Make sure to submit SG meeting reports online after each meeting.
7. A study guide for a second SG meeting will be available in the lobby on second Sunday of every month.
8. Diaspora Ministry: Please notify your community designated pastor in advance if there are SG members who are leaving church due to move to other location.

God Is Bigger Than Problems [Psalm 77:10-20]

Praise to the Lord

- 세상 모든 풍파 너를 흔들어 [새찬송가 429]
- 하나님은 너를 지키시는 자 [경배와 찬양 371]

Focus We can overcome difficulties when we focus on what God has done and on His character.

Opening Mind Open your mind and briefly share your past week's life, QT, and/or thanksgiving.

Opening Scripture Read Psalm 77:10-20 together.

Understanding Background

Psalm 77 is presumed to be written in responses to an individual or a national crisis. In the first half of verses [vv. 1-9], the psalmist describes his mental sufferings and conflicts. He searches for God and cries out, yet he suffers all night long because he does not receive any answer. While painfully agonizing throughout the night, he remembers the providence of God's grace for him in the past. When one only thinks about the dark reality, he/she easily falls into fear and doubt that God will never again provide such grace to him/her. In the second half of verses [vv. 10-20], the psalmist recalls the salvation through God's power during Exodus. He also anticipates and expects God's help and guidance for Israel again.

> Study

1-1. Observation & Reflection | What does the psalmist confess and commit in order to escape from despair and doubt about reality? [vv. 10-12]

1-2. Application & Sharing | What do you do when your heart is so distressed that you cannot sleep? How does remembering your experience of God's grace serves to overcome your difficult circumstance?

2-1. Observation & Reflection | In the midst of suffering, what particular miracle among God's mighty works the psalmist focuses on? [vv. 15-20]

2-2. Application & Sharing | What is my current suffering? Discuss the redemptive power of God's grace that has saved you from the crisis in the past, and based on it find a solution to overcome your current suffering.

> Message

When a state of despair is prolonged, one feels as though he/she is abandoned by God. In such moment, the psalmist intentionally and repeatedly remembers and recites God's miraculous works of the past. During the time of Exodus, God led Israel out of Egypt with His mighty right hand and ways that no one ever expected. God, who redeemed His people out of Egypt by miraculously dividing the Red Sea for them to cross on a dry land, is our Creator, our mighty powerful Lord, who fulfills His covenant. Paying attention to the history of God's deliverances in the past and relying on His character give us strength to stand again from our despair today. A groan of a believer turns into a praise when he/she realizes that God is greater than problems.

Prayer through the Word | Lord, You are our sovereign God who has authority over all our sufferings and solutions. Help us to fix our eyes and focus on only You especially when we are hopeless and blinded by darkness over our path. Please lead our journey of faith so that we not only remember Your grace of the past, but also praise Your grace of the future.

Implant in Heart | "I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of old." [Psalm 77:11, ESV]