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*“For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Rev 1:9)*

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### ***Morning Service – 11am***

***Prelude***

*The Lord is in His Holy Temple*

***Call to Worship***

1 Chronicles 29:11-13

***Opening Hymn \****

RHC 15 – *“How Shall I Sing That Majesty”*

***Opening Prayer \****

John Poh

***Gloria Patri \****

*Glory Be to the Father*

***Responsive Reading***

Psalm 23

***Second Hymn \****

RHC 128 – *“His Yoke is Easy”*

***Announcements & Memory***

John Poh

***Verse***

***Tithes & Offerings &  
Doxology \****

RHC 358 – *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

***Scriptural Text***

John 14:1-6

***Pastoral Prayer***

Eld George Chew

***Sermon Message***

***Troubled Times***

***Closing Hymn \****

RHC 324 – *“Trusting Jesus”*

***Benediction/3-Fold Amen \****

Eld George Chew

***Postlude***

*The Lord Bless You*

**\* Congregation Stands**

### **THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE**

The Lord is in His holy temple,  
The Lord is in His holy temple:  
Let all the earth keep silence,  
Let all the earth keep silence before Him -  
Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

### **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.

### **THE LORD BLESS YOU**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,  
and give you peace, and give you peace;  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,  
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

# **THE CHURCH AND DISCIPLESHIP**

**By Rev. Jay Bauman**

When I was fourteen years old, I had my first summer job: historical tour guide. I led tours through a well-known historical site in a small, quaint town in the upper Midwest United States.

On my first day on the job, my boss handed me a large manual and said I needed to learn all of the historical facts of the site to be ready to give tours. The problem was, I didn't have a lot of interest in learning the facts. So, I skimmed through it just to get enough basic information to start giving tours.

I ended up being a poor tour guide as a result. People started asking me questions on my tours—a lot of questions, the kinds of questions that history buffs love. What did the people eat? What did they wear? What was a typical day like? And I didn't really know the answers, so I just started making things up. People seemed to like the answers I was giving, so I just continued on with my half-truths to pass the tours and to pass the time.

One afternoon, my boss told me that he was going to come on my tour the following morning. I was scared to death. I knew that I had been telling half-truths and didn't know the manual. And one evening would not be enough time for me to learn everything I should have already known. I was in trouble. And since I had been lying on these tours for so long, I was confused about what was really true and what was a lie. I didn't even know the facts anymore. In essence, I had begun lying even to myself.

The following morning, my boss went on my tour. That same day, I was fired.

Sometimes our discipleship efforts in the local church mirror this experience. Someone is converted in the context of our local church. Perhaps they even seem to have had a powerful encounter with God. We hand them our manual (a Bible), and we assume that this is sufficient for their long-term development. We don't check in with them to see how they are doing. We don't walk with them. As long as they are attending church services and performing their religious tasks, we assume everything is OK.

Yet, when we look a little closer, we see that they have not learned the Word, that they have not applied the Word, or even that they don't know the Word. And often, they have begun to lie to themselves about basic truths of Scripture. They needed discipleship. But what we gave them was a service opportunity, something just to keep things running at our church. We just left them alone until something stopped working.

The Great Commission calls us to make disciples (Matt. 28:18–20). All power on heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus, who gives power and a call to us. Making disciples means that we embrace this call by accompanying people along their way. Some churches call this “doing life together.”

But true discipleship is not just about hanging out. True discipleship is about embracing gospel truths in the context of a biblical community that results in life change. It’s about visibly seeing sanctification in the life of a new believer. It’s about progressively becoming more aware of our sinfulness and of God’s holiness. It’s about the cross’s looming larger and larger in our lives as we embrace gospel truths.

Gospel-centered churches understand this. The true measure of a church’s success is not its size but whether it is making disciples. We have a vast problem in our churches, not only in American churches but in churches around the world. We have many “conversions” but few disciples. We have many “conversions” but few who embrace the lordship of Christ.

Sometimes, under the guise of “leadership training,” churches try to stimulate some form of holiness in new believers. Often, they teach business principles sprinkled with Scriptures that are taken out of context. But leadership training is not the same as discipleship. Many churches talk about vision, potential, and human flourishing endlessly, but it is not true discipleship unless we are teaching gospel truths about sin, confession, and repentance. It is not true discipleship unless we are leading people to the cross.

The Apostle Paul calls us to “put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness” (Eph. 4:24). Disciple-makers understand that people need help putting on the new self.

True disciple-makers are not just interested in developing leaders, or superficial tour guides. They are interested in seeing the cross loom large in the life of a new believer. They are passionate about sanctification. They are passionate about teaching gospel truths. And the result of this kind of biblical discipleship is amazing—people and churches whose testimony truly reflects God’s character, bringing much glory to Jesus.

*(Source: <https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/church-and-discipleship/> First published in *Tabletalk Magazine*, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016)*

# WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our **worship services** begin promptly at **11.00 am and 3.00 pm**.

Please stay back for Bible Study and fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the evening service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK			WELCOME
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>No Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting</b>		We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We do hope that you have a blessed time of worship on this day.
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Afternoon Service</i>	<b>LORD'S DAY DUTIES</b>
<i>Preacher</i>	Eld George Chew	-	<b><u>TODAY: 01/09/2019</u></b>  <i>Chairman:</i> John <i>Organist:</i> Anthony <i>Pianist:</i> - <i>Ushers:</i> Daniel / Tom <i>Lunch:</i> Maureen <i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers <i>PA Crew:</i> Venise / Jason  <b><u>NEXT WEEK: 08/09/2019</u></b>  <i>Chairman:</i> Jonathan <i>Organist:</i> Anthony <i>Pianist:</i> - <i>Ushers:</i> Daniel / Tom <i>Lunch:</i> Volunteers <i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers <i>PA Crew:</i> Venise / Jason
<i>Message</i>	TBC	-	
<i>Text</i>	TBC	-	
<b>NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sunday School:</b> Sunday School for young children and toddlers will be held at 1:45pm. Please invite friends and family to attend.</li> <li>• <b>Church Pulpit Ministry:</b> Praise God that Mok &amp; Carol's visa have been approved, God willing they will be arriving the end of September to take up the pulpit ministry. Please pray for them as they prepare to relocate to London.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for the forthcoming preachers in September:</b> Eld George Chew, Ps Timothy Poh, Mr Charles Scott-Pearson.</li> <li>• <b>Ligonier Ministries, London Conference:</b> 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The theme is "<i>The Light of the World</i>". Please see Jonathan or John for more information.</li> <li>• <b>Please note that there will not be an Afternoon Service next Lord's Day.</b></li> </ul>			
<b>Worship Service Collections</b> - Last Sunday: £500.10, Lunch: £43.10, Love Gift: £100 <b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 27 (A) 5 (C), Afternoon: 14 (A) 5 (C)			<b>Church Maintenance Fund Total: £5,610.50</b>

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 80

**Q: What is required in the Tenth Commandment?**

*A: The Tenth Commandment requireth full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbour, and all that is his.*

Scriptural Reference:

1 Timothy 6:8, Hebrew 13:5

## MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
"The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." <b>Proverbs 18:10</b>	"Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness." <b>Psalm 143:1</b>	"Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;" <b>Deuteronomy 7:9</b>