

INTIMACY WITH GOD - Creating Space for God, Communing with Him

Dates: 13th, 20th, 27th Aug 2022 (3 Sat. 10.30am- 12.30pm)

By: Pastor Stanley Tay

Venue: MPH

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Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters... Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. (Isaiah 55:1a; James 4:8a)

“Growing in intimacy with God requires finding space to be with God. Without carving out this space for prayer—to talk and listen to God, to recognize God’s worth, to give thanks—life can become an endless and hurried task. Prayer is oxygen for the soul. Prayer is where we can hear Jesus say our name and recognize Him anew.” Brian Morykon

It has been said that the bible is a book of invitations, and the word “come” is one of the best words found in the bible. The most important invitation God has ever made to us, and continues to do so, is His gracious invitation to come into a lifelong relationship of intimacy with Him. That has always been His priority for His beloved children.

Our response to this invitation to walk in intimacy with Him requires us to learn the habits of creating space for Him. Such sacred spaces let us commune with God through attending to His presence and listening to His voice. Known traditionally as the spiritual disciplines, these practices of creating space for communing with God include prayer, scripture meditation, silence, solitude, journaling, etc. As Adele Calhoun puts it, the spiritual disciplines give the Holy Spirit space to brood over our souls and to open us to God.

This three-session course is designed to allow participants to learn from the teachings as well as to practise the various spiritual disciplines taught. Ample time will be given during each session for personal reflection and the practice of contemplation in a retreat-like setting. There will also be opportunities for group interaction and mutual learning.

We hope that each participant will come away from this course desiring more of God, motivated to continually create space for Him through the various spiritual disciplines learnt, and to enjoy communing with Him each day of their spiritual journey.

Course Instructor



Before answering God's call to full-time pastoral ministry, Stanley Tay worked in the petrochemical industry for 14 years. He joined the pastoral staff team at St. John's – St. Margaret's Church (SJSM) in 2005 after obtaining a Master in Christian Studies (Spiritual Theology) from Regent College, Canada. He left the pastoral team in early 2021 to pursue the Doctor of Ministry (Spiritual Direction & Formation) program with Fuller Theological Seminary.

Stanley is committed to making God known through the teaching and preaching of God's word. He has taught the Diocesan Certificate of Biblical Studies (DCBS) program as well as at the Biblical Graduate School of Theology (BGST). Stanley is also passionate about discipling, mentoring, and spiritual direction. He continues to journey with different people from SJSM, and has led several retreats and Holy Land pilgrimages as a spiritual director.

Stanley is married to Mei, and they have two adult daughters.