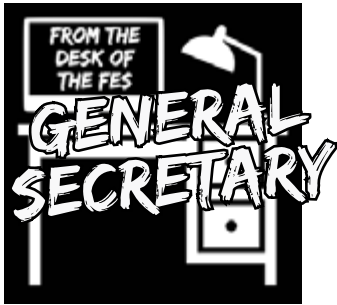




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**Scripture Engagement
& Inductive Bible Study**

cover: Students at Kem BM Intervarsiti (January 2020)



Crisis causes us to pause and think about what really matters in the end. This crisis sounded the alarm for us to listen and live out His calling in our lives again.



It was definitely not how we envisioned WAWASAN 2020!

We started the year with new dreams for a new decade. However, Covid-19 abruptly put a stop to everyone's plans. Today it has changed the way we relate to one another as we battle to manage this crisis.

This crisis is an alarm, calling us to attention and a forced stop of our ways. We decided to call students for an online C.O.R.E. Conference (*more on page 6-7*). At this conference, we heard God's call through Isaiah – to be **repairers of broken walls and restorers of hope.**

We saw how Habakkuk wrestled with God on the tough “why” questions. We then listened to Ezekiel's story – how he was trained as a priest but his plans were shattered.

It was through crises that Isaiah, Habakkuk and Ezekiel ENCOUNTERED the LIVING GOD. Ezekiel was commissioned to be a prophet among the exiles, to grow through rejection and to be a watchman.

Likewise, students will be returning to campuses in October. Despite the changing circumstances, **the call to be a Christian voice remains the same - we are to be God's watchmen and**

to reach out, in humility, across language, ethnicity, religion and social class to bring the message of Jesus to where we are placed.



Mr. David Ho

TIMOR LESTE

Kernels of Wheat (K.O.W.) Team *Word Alive Groups*

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“How far will you go for your friends to bring them to Christ?”

A group of UNTL students asked this question after studying Mark 2:1-12. From laughing at each other's attempt to carry a friend just like the passage, they often will grapple with challenges after a Bible study session. When a security guard walked by, I (Thurston) jokingly asked Salmon, “Oh-oh, aren't you scared he's going to chase us away?” “We are not smoking, drinking or destroying the university, why should we be scared of doing something good like Bible study?”

His reply was the mark of transformation in trusting God after 2 years of walking with the Lord.

Meanwhile in UNPAZ, the mango tree where they usually enjoyed the shade for their weekly Bible session was cut down. The canteen was too noisy. It was the first time our part-time staff, Putri, attended. Together with Egas, a student, they prayed before approaching a lecturer to seek for a safe place. The lecturer (who happened to be a pastor!) offered them a place near his office and new faces are showing up each week.

Chris, our team leader, has a 1 to 1 Bible study with Tome, who studies Economics in UNDIL. He is passionate about the Word of God and so he jotted down the Bible study time in his timetable. Later, his friends asked for a copy of his timetable. They were surprised to see a slot for Bible study and asked, “What subject is this? Why do you have it and we don't?” After clarifying, his 4 friends joined him. That was how UNDIL Bible study group started.

The OIRA (see pg 4-5) method has served as an excellent shovel for the students to dig into the Word. A typical Word Alive group will end like this: “After digging into the passage,

**What is God inviting you to do?
What do you want to bring home today?”**

This serves as a reminder that **studying the Bible is not about knowing tonnes of information but it is about transformation.** It is about meeting God with our brokenness, taking up our mat of limitations or complacency and walking in the presence of Christ.



UNTL



UNPAZ



UNDIL

**As of August, UNPAZ & UNTL have restarted but class timings constantly change. UNTL has also commenced their Bible study and is transitioning to be more student-led!*

Scripture & Inductive Bible Study Engagement

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FES uses Inductive Bible Study (IBS) where we ask students to **Observe, Interpret, Reflect & Apply (OIRA)** when studying the Bible.

We want to let Scripture shape us in all aspects of life.

COME & SEE FOR YOURSELF (OBSERVE)

After Jesus had risen, the angel said to the women, “*Do not be afraid... Come, see...*” (Matt 28:1-6). Just like this invitation from the angel, it is an invitation for us to come and see from Scriptures. Come:

- with an expectant heart that God will speak
- with your questions relevant to the text (Who?, Where?, When?, What?, How?, Why?, So?)
- examine what is in the text
- work out what it means



BE CURIOUS

Put on your thinking cap as you listen to the facts, listen to see how the pieces fit by asking relevant questions, note some of the repetitions, comparisons, changes and progressions in the text. Put yourselves in the shoes of the characters.

Rembrandt is a famous visual artist who painted “The Prodigal Son”. One unique feature of his paintings is that he often paints himself as one of the characters in the picture. Just like Rembrandt, put yourselves in the picture and observe the text from the author’s point of view. To help with this, we can look up the background and culture of that time.



Wan Ling and student facilitators doing Bible study over Zoom.

ENLIGHTENED BY WHAT YOU SEE (INTERPRET)

Jesus said to Thomas “*Put your finger here, see my hands. Stop doubting and believe*”. Thomas said “*My Lord and my God*” (John 20:26-29). Indeed, it is true that He is alive and He is God. Just as Jesus is alive, Scripture is truth, it is alive and speaks to us to enlighten us.

Scripture & Inductive Engagement Bible Study

After we have “Come and See”, we need to gather what we have seen and understood, allow it to confront our doubts and turn it into convictions and beliefs.

In 2005, I was a graduate helper with FES in Camp Cameron. We were looking at the passage from John 5:1-15: The Invalid.

The staff asked me this question “Do you want to get well, Wan Ling?” I just cried and could not utter an answer. That was an encounter I had with the Lord and His Word. It was enlightening. I was coming to Jesus for life as my whole being was affected and I recognised that He was speaking to me.

“Don’t just study the Scripture, you need to COME to Jesus for life”

(John 5:39-40)

SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO (REFLECT & APPLY)

I must confess that I used to think that Bible study is boring. As I started to do IBS in campuses and personal study when I joined FES in 2006, I learned to apply Scriptures in my everyday life and grew closer in my relationship with God.

Can you recall a time when you had a good and meaningful conversation over a meal with someone? Scripture Engagement is like that and IBS is a means to it. A good conversation is not one-sided, and it involves listening attentively and responding.

How can we respond to God after studying the Scripture? We need to spend time to digest what we have learned in our hearts and minds as we think about:

- What is God asking of us in how we treat ourselves and others? What would it take for us to do that?
- How can we be involved in expressing God’s mission in our broken world?



Miss Lee Wan Ling
Central Region Team Leader

C.O.R.E. Conference

ITS BIRTH & RESPONSES

Why C.O.R.E.?

We took a poll in early May to see how students were faring under the MCO. As online fatigue was apparent among our students, we asked whether they would attend an online conference by FES. The results that came in surprised us as 82.3% said "Yes" to attending!

One of the poll's questions was, "What is one question you would like to ask God?" It was from there that we came up with topics to be addressed and included opportunities for students to look into the Bible for themselves.

We chose the book of Habakkuk so that students could learn from the wrestling and responses in Habakkuk.

What is C.O.R.E.?

The Method

We divided it into 4 sessions:

13 June

Heartbeat & Heartbreak of God

27 June & 4th July

Studies on Habakkuk

11 July

Ezekiel's Challenge (Eze. 1-3)

C.O.R.E. which stands for **Call to Observe, Reflect & Engage** is an invitation to the participants to take the opportunity to pause, observe what has been happening and bring our reflections/questions to God. As we engage with our all before God, then our connecting to the situation around us becomes meaningful actions.

The Theme

RESPONSES OF THE PARTICIPANTS

CORE Conference was such a refreshing time for me as well as to dive back into the Word of God and to reflect again!

Evon Belinda (*UniSZA, Terengganu*)

I enjoyed the conference very much and am encouraged by the passion and hard work you guys have put in.

Lum Tjun Yi (*Sunway University*)

It has been a source of tremendous blessings. Indeed, it's refreshing.

Onesimus Mahdi (*UPM*)

Apa yang saya dapat adalah apa yang dapat menggembarakan hati Tuhan dan yang menghancurkan hati Tuhan...

Wendy Tumo anak Walker
(*Politeknik Kuching*)

Although I only attended one of the sessions, yet I have received plenty of blessings from it. Continue to do better and share gospel to university students.

Wong Manfung
(*Universiti Malaysia Terengganu*)

C.O.R.E. Conference

RESPONSES FROM HABAKKUK'S SESSION

Ng Jared (UTAR, Sg Long)



Here are some of their creative responses. More can be accessed on FES FB and Instagram including an instrumental piece of Habakkuk 3!

主阿，你是主宰历史的神，当你在历史中掀起风浪时，求你让我看见这是展翅上腾的时机。主阿，你是我一生追寻的目标。一生中虽然有起有落，但你永远是我的倚靠。

O Lord, I acknowledge that You are the Lord in charge of history, when You set off storms in history, let me take this opportunity to soar like an eagle. O Lord, You are the purpose I have pursued in my life. Although there are ups and downs in my life, You will always be my trust.

Tey Eng Zin (UUM, Kedah)

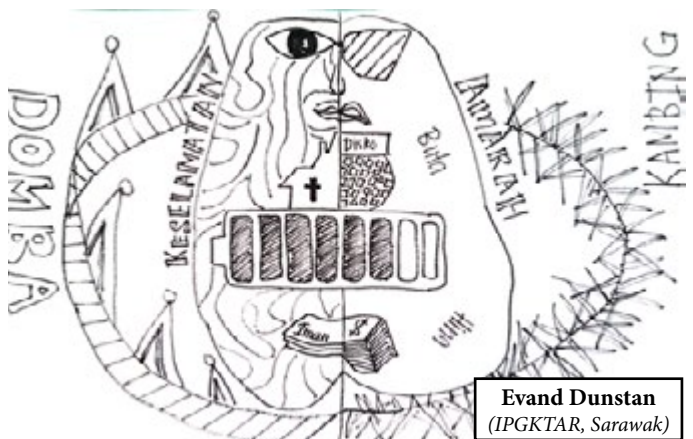
Sim Jing Ying
(RUMC, Penang)



Jane Chai
(Heriot-Watt University, Putrajaya)

How long, Lord, must we call for help?
Again and again, the wicked triumph.
Bring us justice, this is our plea.
Awaiting Your response, with patience we stand.
Knowing that You're sovereign still.
Kneeling before You, we lift our hands.
Until Your work is done,
Keeping watch, we seek Your will.

Shaun Lee
(INTI Nilai)



Evand Dunstan
(IPGKTAR, Sarawak)

GROWING through Bible Studies



Hoong Li Kee
Law@MMU Malacca

It's a great experience after all!

(being a CG leader - creating own Bible study materials & handling a small group discussion)

I was a CG leader for a year. As CG leaders, we had to create our own Bible study materials and set the questions. We took turns to be responsible for each week's material.

Here was my first struggle - I didn't know how to create my own Bible study materials as I was not familiar with that. However, with help from others, I managed to do so.

My next struggle was the members. I was worried about what to do if I could not answer their questions. **But I learnt that as long as you're prepared, it shouldn't be a problem.** I do have a few members who I found difficult to handle but I patiently and gently instructed them.



Jeremy Tan Kim Lai
Graduate of 2019
INTI International College Penang

Bible study is not about speaking the Bible to others, it is about letting the Bible speak to us.

Growing up, I had a lot of head knowledge of Scriptures but I had difficulty in putting into practice what I had learned.

Bible study was a place where I continued to improve on my knowledge and also had opportunities to hear my friend's input and share mine with them.

Through them, God showed me how to practice what I learned – responding in love, showing compassion, supporting one another, encouraging one another, and correcting one another. Bible study is not about speaking the Bible to others, it is about letting the Bible speak to us.



GRADUATE'S INITIATIVE & Bible Study Group

In 2016, a graduate (now based in Bintulu) asked our staff questions about the Bible, where studying Genesis would provide the framework for the answers. A meet up was planned and both the staff and graduate brought others along. This also coincided with FES Sarawak's plan to gather graduates in Kuching and this was how the Bible study started. Today it has evolved to include students.

For the latest updates on
Dug Down Deep:

Whatsapp: 011-51788440
Time: Thursdays at 7.30 p.m
Due to Covid-19, they have gone online since April.

At the time of writing, Dug Down Deep is finishing Hosea, their 185th session.



Ibi Gibreson
Graduate of 2013, UNIMAS

The Word of God is the source of life. Jesus said that man shall not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4). Therefore it is crucial for Christians to live on every word that comes from the mouth of God, which is, the Bible.

Dug Down Deep is a movement with the vision to study the Bible from the book of Genesis to Revelation, chapter by chapter.

Today, there is so much entertainment that distracts us from the Word of God. Many young people that we meet are active with church activities but lacking in the knowledge of the Word of God.

Some might argue that, it is enough for them to have the heart to love and serve the Lord, but loving and serving the Lord must be established on a solid foundation of truth; the Word of God is where we build our faith on.

Come and be part of us, studying the Word of God together!



IN THE BEGINNING OF THE
YEAR, WE MANAGED TO
HAVE 3 EVENTS BEFORE
THE MCO TOOK PLACE!

CELEBRATING...



FES staff based mostly in Sarawak & Sabah (back row)
with Sarawak Regional Committee.

HIGH-TEA WITH FES SARAWAK

@Kuching Park Hotel, 15 February 2020

Our ministry in Sarawak started with a "High-Tea" in 2003, to share with our graduates that we were starting the student ministry in Kuching! From then on, they continued to support the ministry. This time round, they called all their friends and other graduates to come for the one day event to hear about the ministry and to raise financial support. Praise God for His Macedonian call to Sarawak, for the continuous support and to see His heart for students passed on from generation to generation!



Bishop Hwa Yung sharing on
"A Glimpse of Tertiary Student
Ministry in IFES."



Students helping to arrange the space for
W.I. (Wordilicious Investigator) groups.



Putting the "ruins" together.



"What was Nehemiah's
response after he heard about
the ruins in Jerusalem?"

On the last
day of camp,
students
doing "Selah"
(time alone
with God),
around the
campsite.



KEM BAHASA MALAYSIA INTERVARSITI

@ Marist Brothers Youth Centre, Port Dickson
17 - 20 January 2020



A BM speaking camp jointly organised by FES & PERKEB, UKM with the theme "**Bentuk Iman, Nyatakan Amanat-Nya**" focussing on the Book of Nehemiah. Students from different campuses were responsive as they dug into the life of Nehemiah in the midst of the ruins.

CELEBRATING...



IPG KAMPUS PULAU PINANG CF CAMP

@ Malaysian Baptist Theological Seminary Penang
7 - 9 February 2020



"Built to Build" - Experiencing Nehemiah's life in grieving and rebuilding his nation, this camp was organised in partnership with IPG Penang. Students actively participated in every session conducted by both the committee and FES staff. Besides looking into the life of Nehemiah, students had a chance to understand the Bible's timeline during the exile and their return.



Day 1: Registration
Students catching up with each other



Students formed a circle, each holding a placard with the different names of people involved in the rebuilding of the wall.



Understanding the Bible's timeline



Sharing discoveries in Nehemiah 8 through drawing



War Zone Games by IPG Committee



Let's arise to hear God's Word



IPG's advisors and Northern staff

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Time: 10.30am-12.30pm

To Register: tiny.cc/cgk2020

d'NA (Stage 3)

24th Aug - 26 Sept

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