

**PMPT Theme (2017-2019): BE DISCIPLES OF HOPE**

**Melaka-Johor Diocesan Theme (2016-2020): CHURCH AS COMMUNITY OF FAMILIES**

**April 2017 PMPT Sub-theme --- Hope: Celebrating God's Promise**

**Introduction:** Having this hope [of salvation] for what we cannot yet see, we are able to wait for it with persevering confidence. (Rom8:25). This is the full realization of our adoption into the family of God.

**Opening Song: Glorious God (J.24 SYPTG)**

Glorious God, King of Creation,  
We praise You, we bless You  
We worship You in song  
Glorious God, in adoration at Your feet we belong

Lord of Life, Father Almighty Lord of Hearts, Christ the King  
Lord of Love, Holy Spirit, to Whom we homage bring

Glorious God, Magnificent, Holy!  
WE love You, adore You  
And come to You in prayer  
Glorious God, Almighty, Eternal, we sing Your praise everywhere

**DIALOGUE:**

Jesus Christ is now proclaimed as the fulfillment of all creation, of all history and of all human yearning for fullness of life. In him, authentic values of all religious and cultural traditions, such as mercy and submission to the will of God, compassion and rectitude, non-violence and righteousness, filial piety and harmony with creation find their fullness and realization.

Jesus is the one universal Mediator. Even for those who do not explicitly profess faith in him as the Saviour; salvation comes as a grace from Jesus Christ through the communication of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is the one Saviour because he accomplished the Father's universal plan of salvation. Jesus is indeed unique and this uniqueness of Christ gives him an absolute and universal significance and thus remains history's centre and goal.

Contemplating Jesus in his human nature, the peoples of Asia find their deepest questions answered, their hopes fulfilled, their dignity uplifted and their despair conquered. Jesus is the Good News for the men and women of every time and place in their search for the

meaning of existence and for the truth of their own humanity. (*Church in Asia in the 3rd Millennium, Guide book on the Apostolic Exhortation Ecclesia In Asia*, article 14, p.17)

**Buzz with the person next to you. Buzz a second time with another person**

- What do you understand by the phrase “fulfillment of all...by Jesus Christ”?
- Share how your desires and hopes were fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

## DISCERNMENT

**Biblical text: Rom 8:19-25**

1. Ask the Holy Spirit  
(*for openness to be enlightened by Christ and in evangelising Christ ...*)
2. Read the text two or three times  
(or use *drawings, pictures, role play, video ...*)
3. Be in silence with the text
4. What words or phrases caught my attention?
5. What is the Holy Spirit saying to me?

## DEEDS

- a) Share in small groups(3-4 persons) on points # 4 + 5 above
- b) Share 2 or 3 main points with all present
- c) Facilitator guides members to decide on ONE task to be carried out as a BEC/community.  
(Note: *May need to pause if it is difficult to arrive at one common task*).
- d) Facilitator helps the BEC/community with details of the chosen task that will bring a sense of hope to others
- e) Time of prayer  
(*for the needs of persons in the BEC/community, country and the task that has been decided ...* )

### Note to facilitator

- i) Use creative/alternative/participative ways in facilitating.
- ii) Keep in mind the theme;what transpired in the **Dialogue** and **Discernment** portion of the guide.
- iii) Keep in mind the 4**E** approach; **E**ncountered, **E**mpowered, **E**nlightened, **E**vangelsing
- iv) You are free to facilitate the **3D(Dialogue, Discernment, Deeds)** process so that it is relevant and meaningful for the BEC/community gathering.

**Ending Song: O give thanks to the Lord**

O give thanks to the Lord for He is good (3x)  
Yes, eternal is His love

I will to my God never ceasing  
All my life I will tell of His wonders  
He's the Maker of all earth and heaven  
Of the ocean, the seas and all they hold

The Almighty is faithful forever  
He is just to the poor and the outraged  
It is He who gives bread to the hungry  
Who delivers the captives from their chains

He gives sight to the blind in His mercy  
And He raises the lowly and the humble  
It is He who gives shelter to the stranger  
Every orphan and widow He defends