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### MOSAIC BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Response Card

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#### PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- I am a first-time guest.
- I am a returning guest.
- I am a regular attendee/member.

#### MY DECISION TODAY:

- I want to know more about the Gospel.
- I am committing my life to Christ.
- I am renewing my commitment to Christ.
- I want to join a small group.
- I would like to serve on a team.

#### COMMENTS/PRAYER NEEDS:

- For Prayer Team
- Keep confidential

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### JOIN US THIS WEEK

Sunday 10:00AM Worship service  
 Tuesday 8:30PM Prayer meeting  
 Friday 8:00PM Small group

The online link for prayer and small group meetings will be found in our weekly email announcement. Any question? Send an email to: [mbfnvoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mbfnvoffice@gmail.com).

### WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH?

MBF wants you to grow into the image of Christ. Here are some classes you can take for your next spiritual growth.

- ◆ **MEMBERSHIP 101** - What it means to be a Christian
- ◆ **MATURITY 201** - How to develop your spiritual growth habits
- ◆ **MINISTRY 301** - How to serve according to my God-given SHAPE (Spiritual gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, Experiences)
- ◆ **MISSION / EVANGELISM 401** - How to share the Good News of Christ and how to make disciples of Jesus Christ

If you are interested in taking a class, let us know by sending us an email to: [mbfnvoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mbfnvoffice@gmail.com) or [hanpastor@live.com](mailto:hanpastor@live.com)

Thank you for being with us today. The new address for our website is [www.mbfmv.org](http://www.mbfmv.org). For sermon notes every week, go to Listen, and Message Note on our website. For church members, offering can be sent to **NVCCC C/O Chen, P. O. Box 2758, Merrifield, VA 22116** or dropped in the offering box in the EM room.

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**MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST**  
and  
**GROWING INTO HIS IMAGE EVERYDAY!**



Mosaic  
Bible  
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Welcome to **MOSAIC BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**

NVCCC English Ministry, March 24, 2024

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

#### Psalm 25:14

<sup>14</sup> The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. (ESV)

### SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Praise\*  
Scripture reading

Psalm 25:14

Message

#### DISCOVERING HOW TO PRAY IN THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Speaker--Video Message--Dr. Tim Keller  
 Response song\*  
 Announcements  
 Doxology\*  
 Closing prayer\*-----Pastor Peter Hong  
 (\* Stand if you are able, please.)

### UPCOMING

**March 29 07:30PM Good Friday Joint Service** (at CM Worship Hall)

**March 31 10:00AM Easter Sunday**

Baptism celebration after the service

**April 06 03:00PM Bowling fun fellowship**

**April 27 11:30AM Joint Picnic**

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**NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

## DISCOVERING HOW TO PRAY IN THE BOOK OF PSALMS Philippians 2:14-15

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### 5 ways to cultivate friendship with God

1. Obedience
2. Belief in justification by faith alone
3. Dynamic two-way communication
4. Seeking His face
5. Meditating on Jesus' death as an act of friendship

*(Today's speaker is the beloved late Dr. Timothy Keller who was the senior pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York.)*

### Theme: Friendship with God (It's possible, why, and how)

- ◆ The Lord's Prayer teaches us what we should pray.
- ◆ Prayers in the book of Psalms teach us how to pray.

### KEY VERSE: PSALM 25:14

<sup>14</sup> The \***friendship** of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. (ESV)

(\*friendship: "TÍO" - 'sod': The secret counsel (familiar converse, intimacy))

### Common aspect of today's spirituality

"I am spiritual but not religious." What does this mean?

- ◆ I want to be inspired and feel connected. But I don't want discipline. I want to live my life the way I want to live.

## THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD IS POSSIBLE.

### 1. IT IS POSSIBLE.

<sup>11</sup> Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his assistant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent. **Exodus 33:11**

<sup>23</sup> and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God. **James 2:23**

### 2. THE REASON WHY IT IS POSSIBLE: Friendship as an 'You too?' experience

- (1) Doctrine of God - Trinity (Tri-personal in the Godhead)
- (2) The whole history of redemption - one gigantic cosmic act of friendship

**We can say to God, "You too?"**

**3. THE WAY HOW IT IS POSSIBLE:** Friendship gives us the framework of prayer - 5 ways to cultivate friendship with God

### (1) OBEDIENCE

<sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. **John 15:14**

<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. **Psalms 66:18**

- ◆ Holiness – more spending time together, more becoming like each other. God already did His part by His incarnation. What about us? How far are we willing to go to be like Him?
- ◆ Let that person be him/herself – God accepts us as we are. Do we accept God as He is? He is the Creator, and the Lord of all.
- ◆ What is it that we want with God? We can't expect just a feeling of intimacy from our relationship with God. It must be our transformed life that we want.

### (2) BELIEF IN JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH ALONE

<sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. **Psalms 1:2**

Dr. Martin Lloyd Jones : "God saved me from the sermon on the Mount."

### (3) DYNAMIC TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION

Communication is both speaking and hearing. Do we hear God clearly? If it's vague, then it must not have been from God since in a friendship, we want to communicate as clearly, truthfully, and honestly as possible. Just like we speak to God what we have in our heart clearly, God speaks to us what He has in His heart clearly. There comes the importance of the written Word of God. It is clear!

### (4) SEEKING HIS FACE: PERSONAL AND REAL EXPERIENCE OF GOD

<sup>8</sup> Taste and see the Lord is good! **Psalms 34:8**

### (5) MEDITATING ON JESUS' DEATH AS AN ACT OF FRIENDSHIP

**Candor** and **Constancy**: Jesus opened Himself completely for us, His hands were even nailed on the cross to come to us with complete transparency, and He stayed there for us until He died. We see God's friendship with us on the cross.

### Questions for discussion:

1. What does it mean for modern people to say, "I am spiritual but not religious"?
2. What do people expect from their relationship with God? Is it a feeling of intimacy or a transformed life?
3. Dr. Martin Lloyd Jones said, "God saved me from the sermon on the Mount." What does this mean?
4. What does it mean for people to say, "I heard it from God"?
5. How can we experience God empirically?
6. What does the death of Jesus Christ on the cross mean to you personally?

## I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- ( ) Membership 101
- ( ) Maturity 201
- ( ) Ministry 301
- ( ) Mission/Evangelism 401

## OTHER CLASSES

- ( ) Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- ( ) Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- ( ) How to do daily Quiet Time with God

## NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- ( ) I would like to have a talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject in life.
- ( ) I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

## ANY OTHER QUESTION? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.

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