

JEREMIAH SCHOOL 2012



A School for **youth** desiring to experience **God**

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Jeremiah School (JS) has been running since 2003 and we are really amazed at how God worked in the hearts of all those who came. We thank God for the TRAC leaders who conceived this dream and realize it by starting this school. We continue to bring a holistic awareness of God's ministry to the youths who come for this school.

The calling and challenge of the Christian Vocation remains the heart beat of Jeremiah School. With this in mind, the syllabus was developed to challenge the students in their walk with God. The areas include Spiritual Formation, Doctrinal Studies, Bible Studies and Theology, Personal Development, Ministry Skills and Practical Ministry.

Their practical skills are put to test during mission week where they will go and share God's word with strangers. They will also plan an evangelistic program during this time. It is indeed hard work for them and we can see how they have grown in the Lord and also in relation with one another by taking ownership of the program.

Jeremiah School is a place for youths who are serious about God and living out their faith in the world. They have to have a desire to learn, develop, grow and be transformed in the Lord. We hope that they will be a generation of God-fearing, faithful, persevering and selfless young leaders who will be of a different spirit.

It is amazing every year that God sends in the right number of students and mentors for these 6 weeks. We had JS alumns coming in to be a mentor to the students. We praise God for their dedication and commitment.

Chang Choy Quin
National Youth Director

OUR FOUNDATION :

VISION STATEMENT

To raise a generation of
God-fearing, faithful, persevering
and selfless young leaders
who will be of a different spirit.

SCRIPTURE MODEL

“But because my servant
Caleb has a ***different spirit*** and
follows me wholeheartedly,
I will bring him into the land
he went to, and his
descendants will inherit it.”
Numbers 14:24

OBJECTIVES

1. To develop Godly disciplines & habits
2. To facilitate the discovery of God’s Calling
3. To develop basic leadership skills
4. To impart a Vision for the World
5. To develop basic people skills
6. To facilitate a meaningful and personal encounter with God
7. To facilitate an experience of authentic Christian community

SYLLABUS

- ♦ **Spiritual Disciplines**
- ♦ **Discovering the Love of God**
- ♦ **Knowing God the Father**
- ♦ **The Old & New Testament Survey**
- ♦ **Encountering God : Word & Nature**
 - Interpreting & Applying the Bible
 - Tools in Studying the Bible
 - Word Workshop
 - Developing Your Prayer Life
 - Intercession & Spiritual Warfare
 - Worship
- ✧ ***Personal Management***
- ✧ ***Personal Testimony***
- ✧ ***Nature/ Work of Christ***
- ✧ ***Fruit & Gift of the Holy Spirit***
- ✧ ***Freedom in Christ***
- ♦ **Evangelism & Witnessing Tools**
- ♦ **Understanding Your Mind & Emotions**
- ♦ **Making Of A Leader**
- ♦ **BGR & Sexuality**
- ♦ **Gender Development & Holiness**
- ✧ **Discerning The Will Of God**
- ✧ **Prayer Profiling**
- ✧ **Understanding Mission**
- ✧ **Exploring God's Call**
- ✧ **Emotional Quotient Profiling**
 - Dealing With Conflicts
 - Personal Core Values
 - Personal Mission Statement
 - Understanding Methodism
 - Apologetics

WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION

- ◆ 17 – 20 years old
- ◆ Belong to a youth ministry in TRAC (BB/GB/MYF/Sunday School)
- ◆ Submissive to authority
- ◆ Have a teachable heart
- ◆ Serious about seeking God
- ◆ Willing to participate in community life and service
- ◆ Endorsed by the Youth Counselor & Pastor
- ◆ Successful applicant must complete the entire course
- ◆ Willing to commit to grow post JS by keeping the spiritual disciplines
- ◆ Have identified a potential adult mentor in the church who'd be willing to mentor the student post JS

PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION

1. For students, kindly express your desire to your Youth Counselor for further action and go through the proper interviews with your church.
2. For parents, kindly approach your youth counselors and Pastor and check with them if your children are eligible.
3. For Youth Counselors/Pastors, kindly pray and identify the youths who'd benefit the most from JS. Encourage them to attend JS.
4. All applications will be processed & successful applicants will be notified by **10th December 2011**.

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

6.30 am	Arise & Shine
7.00 – 8.00 am	Quiet Time
8.00 – 8.30 am	Breakfast
8.30 – 9.30 am	Quiet Time Sharing
9.30 – 9.40 am	Worship
9.40 - 11.10 am	Session 1
11.10 – 11.30 am	Break
11.30 am – 1.00 pm	Session 2
1.00 – 2.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 – 2.30 pm	Siesta
2.30 – 4.00 pm	Workshop/Session
4.00 – 5.30 pm	Team Building
5.30 – 6.30 pm	Wash-up
6.30 – 7.30 pm	Dinner
7.30 – 8.00 pm	Worship*
8.00 – 9.00 pm	Night Trek*
9.00 – 10.00 pm	Mentoring
10.00 – 10.30 pm	Supper
11.00 pm	Lights Out

* On Tuesdays & Thursdays, chapel time will take place from 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm

ACTIVITIES

Personal & group devotion

Silent retreat

Journaling

Small group dynamics

Chapel Time

Rest & Recreation

Engaging Video Shows

Field Education

Mission Trip

Community Living

Team Building Sessions

Workshops

Mentoring

Preaching opportunities

Evangelism

Weekly Quiz



RULES & REGULATIONS DURING THE JS TENURE

1. Attire during sessions: ¾ pants/jeans or long pants/jeans, shirt or t-shirts for both gender.
2. Spaghetti straps, short skirts, sleeveless & tight-fitting clothes are not allowed for girls. Showing of midriff is strictly prohibited. Proper attire for the purpose of games is allowed but must be decent.
3. Sleeveless t-shirts are not allowed for boys during sessions. Showing of underwear is strictly prohibited. Proper attire for the purpose of games is allowed but must be decent.
4. Boy-Girl relationships or the appearance of exclusive relationship are not allowed.
5. JS students are not to be allowed any visitors without prior permission from the Director of the School.
6. Handphones are not allowed to be used during weekdays. However, the students will be allowed to use them during the weekends.
7. Students are expected to wash, dry and iron their own clothes. Laundry services are not provided.
8. Students will follow a duty roster for various duties (i.e, kitchen duty, table clearing after meals, toilet cleaning, dorm cleaning, chapel duty, clearing rubbish, 'gotong-royong', etc.)
9. All card games & computer games are not allowed in JS.
10. Internet services are not provided.
11. No opposite gender visits to the dorm allowed.
12. Going out to town is not allowed without the prior permission of the School's Director.
13. Journaling must be completed and submitted to the respective mentors weekly.
14. Punctuality is a must for all sessions.
15. Lights-out is to be strictly observed.

TESTIMONIES

TESTIMONY 1

Jeremiah School (JS) had been influential in mentoring and nurturing our youths. Every year we will select deserving youths to attend JS. Since 2005, 14 youths from WMC Kuantan had been through JS.

JS graduates come home with much enthusiasm and passion in their walk and service for the Lord. The disciplined community life, daily quiet time, prayer and bible reading are some of the lingering impact on our youths. They have better team spirit, improved in their interaction and teamwork. We wish that JS graduates could stay longer and be an influence and mentor to their peers and serve in the church. However, all the JS graduates would soon leave for tertiary education. Nonetheless we believe the best gift the church can give to our youths is to empower them to grow deeper in Christ, mentored and guided to be godly young men/women to arise in their generation.

Rev. Joshua Khong
Wesley Methodist Church Kuantan

TESTIMONY 2

Jeremiah School has indeed impacted our youths. We see the difference in them before and after attending JS. All of them have grown deeper spiritually. There is also great improvement in terms of attitudes, knowledge, leadership skills, commitment etc. Those who were timid are now taking leadership roles with confidence.

One outstanding example is Joseph Foo. To our joy and amazement, when he came back from JS, he shared his experiences clearly and comprehensively with very well prepared power points. Since then he has conducted MYF games, played the piano for our church services and even led in worship during our Family Camp held recently. What a tremendous progress he has made!

When Chew Yi Hong returned from JS two years ago, he shared that his personal vision is to see non-Christians who attend our MYF accept Christ as their personal Saviour within one year. Since then we have made a conscious effort to see this come to pass. So far we have led 4 of them to receive Christ. Hallelujah!

When we prepared the road map for our MYF in March, the ex-JS participants (Joyce Tan, Chew Yi Hong, Joseph Foo and Timothy Choy) and a few others put their heads together and came up with a vision of what a MYFer should look like after undergoing the 3-year programme they were going to draw up. When I asked them where they got the idea from they chorused, "at JS-lah." We have carried out the programmes for a few months now with good feedbacks.

By the way, this group of MYFers is so on fire that under the leadership of Timothy Choy, they are going to collaborate with the youths of Full Gospel Church to organize a camp for the northern region next June. Their aim is to bring revival among the youths!

Lee Peh Lan

Wesley Methodist Church Alor Setar

TESTIMONY 3

Jeremiah School was something I always looked forward too. Never had I expected that it was going to turn out to be so much better. Sure the first few weeks everyone was adjusting to the environment, but eventually things turned out great.

For me, personally, living in a close community like that is really something... this makes JS such an amazing experience because trust me, knowing someone and living with someone is very different indeed. Living together really creates bonds between us as brothers and sisters in Christ. We are all one body in Christ and when one part suffers the whole body suffers. That is how we play together, look out for one another, cry with each other and laugh together. Just for a few weeks into JS and everyone does not want to leave already!

During JS, not only have I found out and learn the power of prayer but I also came to know more about evangelism. People always talked about sharing the gospel to others or spreading the Good News but I never really knew how to do that. I learned that in JS and praise God when I was given the opportunity to share the gospel with a trainee at Daybreak Centre, a centre for the disabled. She came to Christ that day. Praise God! For all of heaven rejoices when one sinner turns to Christ.

Truly Jeremiah School is full of great experiences. I never regretted a single moment here.

Joel So

Trinity Methodist Church, Petaling Jaya

TESTIMONY 4

Jeremiah School was an eye-opening experience for me. A few weeks in, I began to realize the importance of living in a community. Watching all the students slowly transform from guarded and careful into happy and close-knitted people showed me the importance of 'safe communities', where you can share your thoughts and burdens with others without fear. I have always been a closely guarded person, and being at JS has yet to change that. However, I now see the benefits of community living at least.

From JS, I also learnt the importance of letting Jesus be the center of my life. Starting from daily devotion alone, we were taught to let Jesus in and permeate every nook and cranny of our life. The mentors themselves were shining examples of Christ-led lives, as they went about their business on an ever-busy schedule yet always seeking guidance in attitude and prayer from Jesus. Watching them has led me to think about my own life, and how I have yet to allow Jesus into every part of it. So I now try to quiet my own thoughts and instead listen for His guidance in many things that I do. I now know, more than ever, that I can fully place all my trust in Him.

Through JS, I felt many little changes take place in me. However, the change that I find to be the most important is a change in part of my attitude. Before JS, I tended to evaluate people based on their bad or weaker points. This led my judgment to be heavily based on one's faults. However, I find myself starting to think more openly. Slowly, my judgment started moving towards being based on the better side of people. After all, we are all inevitably sinners in God's eyes, and it is only by His grace that we are saved. I now trust God to see to it that my new found commitment to Him may not be swayed or dropped by the wayside.

Joshua Chong
Wesley Methodist Church, Kepong

ADULT VOLUNTEERS-MENTORS

INFORMATION

Jeremiah School is staffed by officials from the TRAC Board of Youth Work. They oversee the running of the school, the development of curriculum and are actively involved in intentional mentoring of the JS students throughout the school term. Ever since JS started in 2003, we have found that some of the best learning and growing happens when mentoring takes place. In view of this, we need more adult volunteers to wear the shoes of a mentor and walk alongside the students. If you love youths and are available for 6 weeks, we'd like to encourage you to prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve.

BASIC QUALIFICATION

1. Minimum 2 year-old baptized Christian from TRAC Churches
2. 21 years old and above
3. Love young people
4. Recommendation from TRAC Pastor/youth counselor/church leader
5. Some ministry experience
6. Teachable & submissive to authority
7. Strong in word & prayer
8. Friendly and willing to sacrifice time.
9. Driving skills and possession of a car would be an advantage

TRAINING

1. Successful Applicants will be required to attend Mentor Training.
2. The training will cover the objectives and introduction to the teaching modules of the school.
3. Mentors will be required to read 'Mentoring' by Tim Elmore.
4. Mentors will be equipped with the Youth version of 'Freedom In Christ' sessions.
5. Mentors will be trained in the Development Tracking Record of the students assigned to them.
6. Mentors will also undergo a teaching segment on how to build relationships with youth.
7. As part of the ongoing mentoring development, mentors will be assessed and will be given more coaching skills as and when needed.

Kindly submit your application to be a mentor to choyquin@trac.org.my before **30th November 2011**.

Potential applicants will be interviewed by JS staff. Successful applicants will then be notified.

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