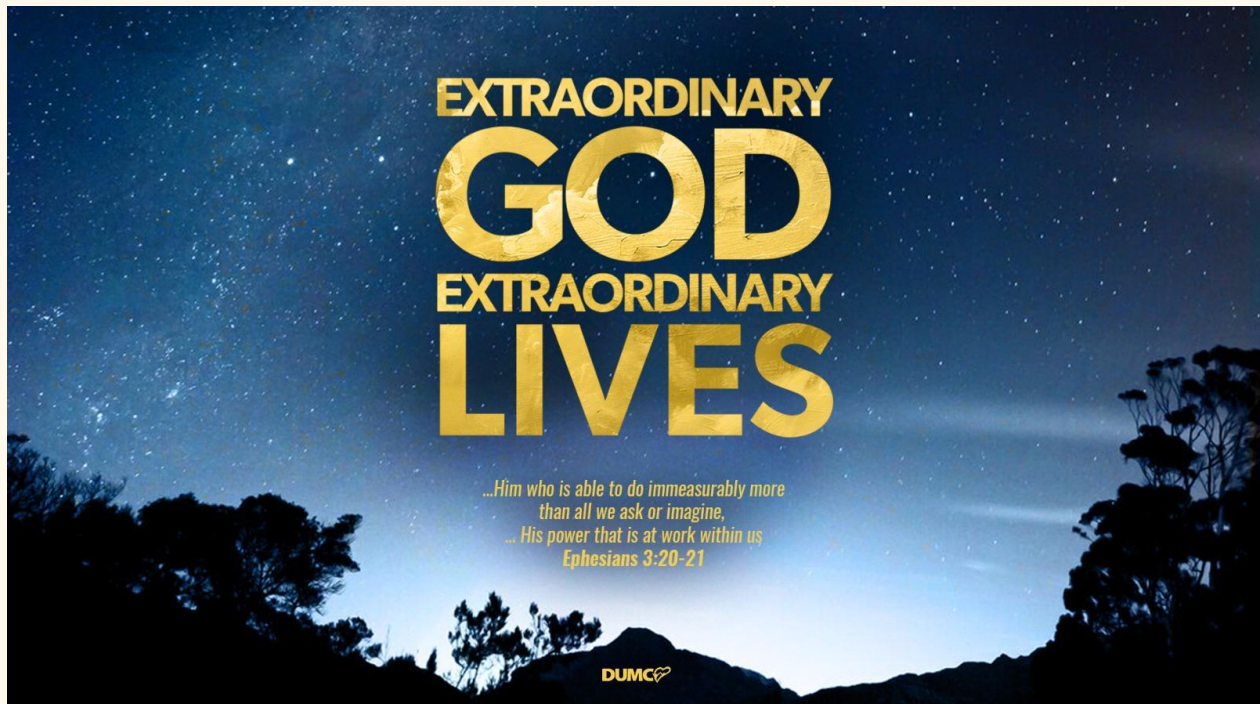

Engage

Dear Lord, we thank You for this nation, Malaysia where You have placed us in this time and season. Help us as a church to be a bright beacon of Your light and truth in our community. Empower and enable us to share the Gospel through our lives and our lips. In Jesus' Name, Amen.





WELCOME

Welcome is the first “W” in a Cell Group (CG) session. Each person may be going through many daily situations leading up to a CG session. Hence, it is good to bring the CG with a practice of releasing the daily situations we each may be going through. CGs are encouraged to get creative about Icebreakers and/or activities that help its members to be present with one another. Here are some suggestions to shake things up a little and inject some fun and freshness into how we do this.

Suggested Icebreaker Activity/Questions

For CGs with new visitors

- What comes to your mind when you think of Malaysia? (if there are people of other nationalities, ask them about their country and culture)

For CGs with existing members

- What is your favourite food that contains salt or/and yeast? What other ingredients or condiments do you put in your food to enhance its flavour?



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SERMON SUMMARY

Note to Word Facilitator: The sermon notes below is a summary of the sermon. You may choose to further summarize it according to the needs and context of your CG members. The goal is not just to go through it “verbatim” but to prepare well, allowing members to recall and engage the message in the best possible way.

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Isaiah 66:8a

*Who has ever heard of such things? Who has ever seen things like this?
Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment?*

Introduction *Isaiah 66:8a*

As Christian professionals, we are called to be active participants in God’s plan for our nation. Malaysia’s future is not just in the hands of politicians or policymakers—it is in ours as well. Through our faith, influence, and daily actions, we can contribute to a nation that reflects God’s righteousness, justice, and love.

1. The Amazing Design of God *Acts 17:26*

God’s design is always good and purposeful. When we accept Christ, we step into a life of divine intention — one where we are privileged, purposeful, and powerful in His plan.

We are privileged to be chosen to represent Christ in our workplaces and communities. God’s design is always purposeful. Our careers, relationships, and influence have eternal significance. The Holy Spirit empowers us to make a difference beyond human ability. Every decision we make; whether in business, education, or public service; should align with God’s greater purpose for Malaysia.

2. The Wonderful Discovery of God's Purpose *Philippians 2:14-16*

As believers, we are called to "shine like stars" and "hold out the word of life." This means:

- Living with integrity in our professions.
- Being agents of transformation in our industries.
- Leading with Christ-like values in a world that often prioritizes profit over people.

When people come to faith in Christ they begin to discover God's purpose for their lives. When we embrace God's purpose, we become catalysts for change in our nation.

3. The Potential Destiny of Our Nation *Isaiah 66:8a; Romans 1:16; Psalm 24:1*

Malaysia's future depends on the hands of every person in our nation, especially Christians. It is every citizen's contribution – not just leaders, but everyday professionals like us.

It is possible because of the power of the Gospel and that "the Gospel really does change everything." (Tim Keller). Moreover, this world and this nation belongs to the Lord.

We must believe that Malaysia can experience revival, righteousness, and unity through Christ.

How Then, Should We Live?

A. Clarity of Who We Are *Matthew 5:13-14, 13:33*

We are to be:

- Salt of the earth and light of the world (Matthew 5:13-14) – to preserve goodness and expose darkness.
- Yeast in dough (Matthew 13:33) – small but transformative influence in society. We must be an influence in our workplaces and colleges. If we aim to reach out every quarter, we can really change the world for Christ.

Action Step: Instead of complaining about corruption or injustice, introduce Christ's light through ethical leadership and discipleship.

B. Commitment to the Nation *Luke 13:31-33*

- Live for a cause, not just comfort: Use our skills for nation-building. Jesus stayed in Jerusalem despite knowing that His life was in danger.
- Embrace challenges, not just convenience: Step out in faith to influence our fields. Life is exciting when you are challenged. Everything is predictable elsewhere. Slow down, pray and reach out
- Pursue mission over materialism: Invest in eternal impact, not just wealth. Always share Christ to everyone that you meet.

C. Courageously get involved and persevere for the long haul *Acts 20:17-24; 1 Timothy 21:4*

- By praying
- By caring – reach out and care
- By collaborating – work with those with the same concern for the best of Malaysia
- By sharing the Good News of Christ. Everybody is searching for something to fill them up. There's restlessness and peace in Christ.

Conclusion

"You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." (St. Augustine of Hippo)

Let's rise to our calling to transform Malaysia - one life, one workplace and one prayer at a time.



APPLICATION

Note to Word facilitator:

As you prepare for this session, this is a great time to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide you to use the questions efficiently. You can select, modify or entirely create your own questions, according to the needs of your CG, especially if you feel that there are too many questions than required for the allocated time. The questions below are crafted with a certain flow in mind. You could use these towards the end or insert them in between your own sermon reflection and summary.



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Suggested Word Introductory Questions

- Give 1 to 3 reasons why you are proud to be Malaysian? (Skip if you are not Malaysian)

- Name some major *spiritual* milestones in your life? (e.g., salvation, baptism, key moments of surrender, calling, etc.), What then would you hope or desire to be your next spiritual milestone?

Suggested Questions linked to the Sermon:

- What do you believe God is doing in Malaysia today? Where do you see opportunities for revival, transformation, or Gospel impact?
- How can you personally live as **salt** (preserving godliness), **light** (exposing truth), and **yeast** (influencing transformation) in your workplace / community? Which of these three (salt, light, yeast) is the hardest for you to live out, and why?
- Based on the table below, identify where you see yourself in the current season of your life. Are you closer to comfort or cause; convenience or challenge; or, materialism or mission? What do you need to give up or take up to move from one spectrum to another?

Comfort	-----	Cause
Convenience	-----	Challenge
Materialism	-----	Mission

EPL Emphasis:

A question to help anchor our focus back on **[E]**vangelism/**[P]**rayer/**[L]**ead

- Take turns to pray for an item or burden that God has placed on your heart about Malaysia. It could be political or socio-economic factors, the people and their faith, tourist spots, education system, international relations etc.

E Evangelism P Prayer L Leadership (Discipleship)		
• Being and doing Christ-like • Missional & Outreach	• Conversation and relationship with God • Tuning in to the heart of God	• Discipleship – journeying as a CG, Church • Growing deeper and more Christ-like



SERMON REFLECTION



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Which MODifier Are You?

MOD (short for "modification") generally refers to a user-created change to a game or software, often to enhance gameplay or add new features. However, the term can also be used to describe hacking itself, which is the act of unauthorized access or modification of a system. The distinction often lies in whether the modification is sanctioned by the game developer or is an unauthorized exploit.

I have been an e-hailing driver since the pandemic, among my other jobs. Since I like to drive and meet people, it is indeed humbling and a privilege to serve the community and get paid for it. I thank God for giving me a way out during the pandemic and since then, He has never failed to provide me when my finances were short. I think I have learnt to be more dependent on Him and it has certainly shifted my focus.

Recently while I was waiting for a customer nearby KLIA Downtown, I overheard a few drivers talking. Apparently, there is a MODifier app that allows hackers to override

a common e-hailing app. They take all the high paying jobs (airport and outstation) and distribute these jobs to certain drivers who subscribe to the MOD. For a mere RM 100 to 200 a month, drivers get up to RM 600 or even RM 1000 per day. The ROI (Return of Investment) looked amazing. It almost made me want to approach them and ask them for more information. RM 600 per day would solve many of my financial problems. It was tempting.

Then, I decided not to ask them. It dawned on me that my dependence on God would reduce and my dependence on these MOD operators would increase. These MODs are already causing a loss of income to drivers on their already low fares and income. It certainly is not fair. This is how many people who don't think they need God are operating. They depend on lobbyists and the certain few who control the system. For a fee, they hack the standard way and think they are taking the "Expressway" towards wealth and dominance. Becoming famous can cause many Good people to lose their income and opportunities to move forward in society.

Did you know that if you become a Christian, GOD also encourages you to be a MODifier in your society? These MODifiers are **salt** (preserving godliness), **light** (exposing truth), and **yeast** (influencing transformation). The Holy Spirit has already instilled these MOD's for you to be a better Christian. He doesn't force them upon you. You don't need to pay a fee for 'extra' activation. Instead of degrading the society and making it worse, you make the community better and transform the nation.

Be a positive MODifier for Christ.

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MISSIONAL

Note to CGL: Inspire and encourage the Cell Group members to participate in the activity suggested below (from our CrossFields, Missions department) together to cultivate a culture of being a missional church.

GO-LABOUR

WITH GOD, ONE ANOTHER AND OUR FIELD PARTNERS

John 20:21-22

Step into the will of God
Follow the footsteps of Jesus
Walk in step with the Spirit

CrossFields

Co-Labour

In John 20:21-22, Jesus gives us a powerful mandate: “As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” He doesn’t just call us to make disciples; He empowers us to be His co-labourers in the world. Just as He sent His disciples, He is now sending us—equipped with His Spirit—to engage in the work of the Great Commission.

This is our opportunity to step out in faith and be part of something bigger than ourselves. We’re not just going; we’re going with His empowerment to make a real impact!

Let’s be His hands and feet on the ground, fulfilling His calling to the nations.

Sign up and be part of a mission trip: dumc.my/crossfields_stm



PRAYER

Note to CGL: You (or someone you assign this portion to), may lead by praying OR reading these prayers together as a CG during worship.

Conflicts and Wars Around the World

Pray for:

- Peaceful resolution and ending of violence.
- Displaced victims to be allowed to rebuild their lives.
- Resources and funding to restore destroyed infrastructure.
- The Church to be an agent of reconciliation and restoration.

Road Safety in Malaysia

There are increasing traffic accidents and fatalities on the road. Pray:

- Protection for road users.
- Stricter enforcement of traffic regulations.
- Increased awareness of good road safety practices.
- Safer infrastructure and vehicle design.