

Small Groups of VEF

Time	Meeting Place	Leader	Contact Number & Email
TUE 17:30	NCTU Engineering Building 3 - EC543	Maria	mariayuang@gmail.com
THU 07:00	Men's Breakfast Ikari Coffee 738 Guangfu Road	Jeff	0987-378-323 jacase767@yahoo.com
FRI 11:00	Korean Women's Group Victory - B1-102	Hayoung Ko	0966 266 041 jspaek70@gmail.com
FRI 19:30	Youth Group Victory - 8F	Linus Lu	0989-543-486 shihlien.lu@gmail.com
FRI 19:30	Indonesian Group Victory - 6F	Timothy William	0909-335-550 moimoipalamoi@gmail.com
FRI 20:00	Emmanuel Group Puding 3rd Road	Bih Qui Tiang	0966-545-764 bihqui@gmail.com
FRI 20:00	Barnabas Group Near Xinzhuang Station	Japie Kruger	Japie.kruger@gmail.com
SUN 11:00	Epic of Eden Bible Study Victory - B1-104	Pastor Dar- ren	pastordarren@vefellowship.com
SUN 11:00	Family Bible Study Victory—B1-105-106	Pastor John	vefpastor@gmail.com
SUN 11:00	Korean Group Victory - B102	Jonathan Eun	0920-729-307 joe003e@hanmail.net

How to pay tithes by Wire Transfer

You can transfer your offerings to **Victory's Postal account**, the bank code is **700**, follow by the account number - **0061021 0478485**. Contact Pastor John or Yu-Hwa at yhwang217@yahoo.com.tw the first time you make a transfer to make sure the money goes into the VEF account.



What is Café VEF all about?

Come in, get a cup of coffee and a snack, and pull up a chair. Café VEF is a contemporary worship service that focuses on interaction and building community. At Café VEF we combine traditional elements of a worship service with interactive elements similar to cell groups. The service begins with an ice breaker question before we have our call to worship and worship in song. We have “gap time” prior to the message, where those gathered will actively engage in community worship through different activities such as focused prayer for specific needs, testimonies, or topical teaching.

During the sermon, those sitting at tables are invited to participate openly through asking clarifying questions when the need arises. Understanding is enhanced by in-sermon dialogue.

After the message is delivered and the benediction given, attendees are invited to stay for a time of guided discussion and closing prayer. Each table has a “discussion facilitator,” who will use provided materials to help enhance understanding and growth—both spiritually and in community.

Café VEF—Worship, Discipleship, Fellowship, and Friendship.

We pray that you will be blessed in the service—Pastors John Olson and Darren Carter

“FREAK OR FAKE?”

Pastor DARREN

Order of Service

Icebreaker question

What are some things people "Sell Out" to?

Call to Worship

1 John 2:15-17

Worship in Song

Resurrection Power
Amazing Gace (My Chains are Gone)
In Christ Alone

Gap Time

Jesus Freak Music Video

Sermon

"Freak or Fake?" Mark 11:22-25—Pastor Darren

Benediction

Pastor Darren

Discussion Time

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 19—Victory Church Cleaning Day

February 9—Epic of Eden: Jonah Adult Sunday School Begins

Why is it Difficult to be "Sold Out" for Jesus?

By Grace Fox

Followers of Christ are familiar with the term "sold out for Jesus." It means we're completely surrendered to Him. Our money, time, dreams, relationships, possessions—everything about us belongs to Him and is readily available for His purposes.

Yup, we're familiar with the term, but quite honestly, living up to its meaning presents a challenge. Why? Because we're by nature a fearful bunch. It started back in the Garden of Eden when the serpent planted seeds of doubt in Eve's mind about God's goodness.

Mark 10:17-25 tells the story of the rich young ruler who asked Jesus how to inherit eternal life. Jesus told him to go and sell his possessions, give the money to the poor, and then follow Him. The young man's face fell, and he walked away from Christ. He wanted assurance of eternal life, but Jesus wanted more from him—He wanted the man's total commitment. He wanted him to be "sold out."

Our pastor preached on this passage yesterday. He pointed out something that I'd not noticed before. He directed the congregation to verse 21 where it says, "Jesus felt genuine love for this man as he looked at him. "You lack only one thing," he told him. "Go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

What's the significance of this?

Jesus' genuine love for the man motivated Him to require total surrender. He knew being "sold out" for Him would be in his best interest. He knew total commitment would bring joy and peace and abundant life. He knew unconditional devotion would result in obedience and the blessings it brings.

Too bad the rich young ruler didn't see things the same way.

Too bad we don't see things the same way, either. Rather than walking in complete surrender to Jesus Christ, we often withhold things we hold near and dear. We're afraid God will demand too much, and we're afraid of the cost. Why is that?

Because we don't understand God's goodness and His genuine love for us. We, like Eve, doubt His character. For some strange reason, we think we can provide for our needs better than He can, and we think we can muster enough wisdom and strength to do life well on our own. We're content to settle for eternal life when Jesus wants to offer us much more.

The thought of being "sold out" for Jesus was too much for the rich young ruler to comprehend because he didn't understand God's limitless love for him. Let's not repeat his mistake. Let's choose to believe that God's heart is filled with goodness toward us, and let's give Him our everything in return.

<https://www.gracefox.com/2013/09/09/why-is-it-difficult-to-be-sold-out-for-jesus/>

- What does it mean to be sold out to Jesus?
- What does it mean to be a "sell out?"
- How is the Christian definition different than the worldly definition?
- Do you think the negative connotation of "Sell Out" impacts the way Christians view "Selling out" to Christ?
- What does it mean to witness for Christ?
- Have you experienced hesitancy to witness openly? If yes, why?
- What difficulties have you encountered as a Christian in Taiwan? What prevents you from openly sharing your faith?
- Why would someone hesitate to "wear their faith on their sleeve?" Is there a valid reason in Taiwan?

There will be no Café VEF service on January 26, 2020

Last Sunday's (1/5)

- Morning Worship attendance – 161
- Afternoon Worship attendance— 51
- Sunday School attendance – 37
- Offering - \$ 71,613
- YTD Giving - 71,613
- Remaining giving needed \$3,928,387 (\$77,027 weekly)

Please be sure to write your names clearly on the offering envelope.

This Week Café Workers

Set-up and Greeters: — **Worship Team:** Leo, Sam P., Joiceyn S., Pranata — **PPT:** Adam—

Sound: Tim W.

Next Week:

Set-up and Greeters: — **Worship Team:** Bob, Tom O., Michelle P. — **PPT:** Sam K. — **Sound:**

Tim Y.