

THE HEARTBEAT OF LCC



PRECEPT

JOHN 10:10

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

PROMISE

As we celebrate our 2nd anniversary, we are reminded of our very important mission – to lead and inspire people to know, follow, and grow like Jesus, and of our vision to see a community of Jesus' followers experiencing life to the fullest.

John 10:10 tells us that Jesus came so we may experience life abundantly, but why is that many people, even Christians, live a defeated, purposeless life? Jesus' desire for us is not merely to exist or cope with our circumstances, but to live life to the full. This is a life of satisfaction and contentment in Jesus. There are those who believe that God is a killjoy and only wants our obedience but is not after our happiness, but John 10:10 tells us that He didn't just come to give us life, but life to the fullest!

The ball is actually on us. It's all up to us to experience the promises that God has given us, and the way to experience those promises is to know, follow, and grow like Jesus. The heartbeat of Jesus is to give us life, for each of us to experience life to the fullest. Jesus' reason for coming is not only to pay for our sins and reconcile us to the Father, but also for us to have hope, joy, meaning, fulfillment, and a bright future. He never desires for us to be miserable, He never wants us to be depressed or unhappy with life. We just have to do our part, and that is to know, follow, and grow in His likeness.

Since this is the heartbeat of Jesus, this is also the heartbeat of our church, LCC. Our desire is to see a community of Jesus' followers experiencing life to the fullest. We long to see people being joyful and hopeful, not hopeless; people being useful and helpful, not depressed; people striving to grow in every aspect of life; marriages growing in love, where Christ is at the centre of their relationships; families living in harmony and bonding in love; people serving, caring, and loving one another; and a community where there is liveliness, positivity, kindness, and joy.

As a church, let us go all in, and make this our heartbeat as well, for this is the heartbeat of Christ. God can use us as an instrument for others to know Him, follow Him, and grow like Him. Let us make ourselves available to the call of Christ to make Him known in this world. If we do, many more lives will be transformed and will experience life to the fullest in Christ!

What God has for us is not just life, but life to the fullest. And that life starts now. Jesus didn't promise us an easy life here in this world, but what He did promise was peace and joy in the midst of whatever we are facing right now. He wants the best for us, and to live an abundant life in Him. Choose Jesus no matter what, know Him, follow Him, and grow in His likeness because nothing in this world is better than Him.

PRACTICE

1. Self-Check. Do you think you are living a life that is full in Christ? Why or why not?

2. Living It Out. What are some of your practical ways to carry out our mission of leading and inspiring others to know, follow, and grow like Jesus?

PRAYER

I. Disciples

- Pray that God may help us to encourage and support one another on this journey.

II. Members

- May God help us support one another in love, strengthen our faith, & deepen our fellowship.

III. Life Worship

- May God grant them unity, creativity, and a heart of worship that glorifies Him.

IV. Life Sports

- Thank God for the gift of health and fellowship through our sports ministry.

V. Life Kids

- Pray that our volunteers will influence our children to nurture their faith.

VI. Life Link

- Pray that God may bless them as they welcome and assist everyone who enters our doors.

VII. Leaders

- May God grant them wisdom, discernment, and integrity.