

# Responding to Difficult Doctrine John 6:53-59

In the gospels, we read of Jesus' wonderful parables, grand sermons, weighty discourses, and masterful illustrations. We also come across his hard sayings and difficult teachings. We know we should not listen just to the words of Christ that we like, nor ignore the ones we find challenging to hear. We also know we ought to receive them all as the expression of his love, wisdom, and grace to us. But, the fact remains: Jesus' words can be very difficult. How then should we respond to them? We should take them to heart and believe them so that we can treasure Christ as his true disciples.

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1.	The Directness and Difficulty of Jesus' Doctrine (6:53-59)
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We praise God for their faith in Him.
We celebrate their accomplishments.
We rejoice with their parents and family.
But most importantly,
we pray that God will continue to reveal
His plan for each one of them.

為他們的信心感恩 為他們的成就歡放 與他們的家人同樂 求主繼續彰顯祂在他們 每個人生命中的計劃

如有錯漏敬請原諒。 OUR APOLOGY FOR ANY NAMES MISSED.



### Save the Date 請預留時間:

Wed, May 7, 2025-10 am-2 pm 2025年5月7日,星期三,上午10點至下午2點

### **Kick-off Meeting for Older Adults**

Join for worship, connecting and lunch. Also, group exercises, ping pong, gardening and other leisure time and social activities.

## 第一次長輩傳承事工啟動 , 歡迎參加!

敬拜、聯誼及午餐,活動內容包括團體運動、乒乓球、園藝,以及其他休閒與社交活動。

Proverbs 16:31 – "Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life."

箴言16:31- 白髮是榮耀的冠冕,在公義的 路上必能得著。

**RSVP** by May 4th to help lunch planning 務必於4月30日前報名參加,以便安排午餐。 <u>hcc. 1v/legacymin</u>

#### **HCC Legacy Ministry-Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

#### What is the Legacy Ministry?

The Legacy Ministry is a new initiative to encourage and foster improved Christian community throughout the church. In addition to all the wonderful activities of the church, e.g. worship, Sunday School, small groups, missions, etc. it is intended to **supplement** these programs with a weekly daytime gathering for additional networking and building deeper relationships.

#### Will this be a replacement for the small groups?

No! This weekly activity is intended to supplement the existing small groups in each congregation.

#### How will it differ from the small groups?

In a number of ways. First, it is targeted for **older** adults, or those over 55 that have some free time during the weekdays. It will be for all three congregations, with translation as needed for different activities. Although we will have devotional time for a short message, singing and prayer, most of the time is devoted to more relaxed, enjoyable leisure activities: group exercises led by a professional personal trainer, ping pong, gardening hobbyists, singing and other personal interests. Lastly, we plan to enjoy a weekly lunch together as well.

#### Can I bring my parents or friends that are non-believers?

We hope that this programming which places less emphasis on mostly worship and pulpit messages will be attractive to outsiders, as well as the church family. By building a strong community of believers with attractive weekday programs, we hope to be an attraction to the entire community, with fun and food as part of our attraction.

#### Will there be transportation provided for those that need it?

Initially, we do **not** plan to provide transportation for those interested in coming, but lack transportation. We hope, however, that transportation for those needing it, can be met informally by the church members offering rides to those needing it.

#### When will the Legacy Ministry meetings be?

Meetings are scheduled for every Wednesday, starting May 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-2 pm. For those with afternoon conflicts, leaving at 1 pm after lunch is fine.

#### Are more volunteers needed to help out?

Yes, absolutely!! Like any HCC program, volunteers are always needed and welcome. We need folks to volunteer to serve in welcoming, providing refreshments and/or lunch, worship song leading, organizing and leading other activities, e.g. drawing, calligraphy, knitting or cooking groups. We also plan to regular have lectures presented by experts. If you have an expertise to share with the group, let us know.

#### Can I just drop in, or do I need to register every week?

Since the program includes a group lunch time, we need everyone to register each week, so we can properly plan for the meals needed. Please register at the following: *hcc.lv/legacymin*