



If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. (Mark 8:34)



JP was asked by the Cambodia Christian Ministry Center (the Cambodia office of Lutheran Hour Ministries) to conduct a three day seminar on the Gospel of Mark for their staff and partners. We explored Mark's Gospel from the perspective of discipleship, discovering that Jesus' call to follow him is cruciform, implying a losing of our old life so that we might find new life in him. The group was fantastic, taking the conversation in interesting directions that taught JP much about Cambodians' struggles to follow Jesus.

Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. (Mark 8:35)

At Christ Lutheran Church in Phnom Penh, we are in a 7-week teaching series on Stewardship. Pastor Songim wanted to do this series after studying Stewardship with JP last December. JP was honored to kick off the series last week, teaching the fundamentals of Stewardship by focusing on the Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25:14-30. He also taught week 3 on the stewardship of talents, exploring several passages to understand the source, character, diversity, unity, and purpose of our talents.



If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all. (Mark 9:35)



JP traveled to Kampot Province to visit Stronghold Cambodia, a ministry to serve underprivileged children in the area and share the Gospel with them. Kids come after their normal school to get extra lessons in English and computer skills, sing songs, play on the playground, and experience Christian community. Stronghold is a ministry of Mission of Christ Network (MCN), and is led by a Cambodian Lutheran pastor, Jesse, and his wife, Naomi.

PRAISES: for Aimee's 40th birthday on October 14; for plentiful opportunities to teach; for Aimee's dad visiting for 3 weeks in October/November. **PRAYERS:** for Stronghold Cambodia; for an upcoming evangelism training that JP and Aimee are leading in November; for the graduation of the B.Th. students in Hong Kong at the end of November; for ministry/life balance in a busy season.

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