



## CELL GUIDE

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| <b>TOPIC</b> | The Gospel of John Revisited | <b>SPEAKER</b> | SP Chua Seng Lee |
| <b>THEME</b> | Encountering God             | <b>DATE</b>    | 25 & 26 Apr 2026 |

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# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## INTRODUCTION

SP Chua Seng Lee revisits the Gospel of John, highlighting its central purpose: that we may believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (John 20:31). He calls believers to hold this faith with conviction, to defend it, and to live it out in their daily lives.

## KEY THEMES – GOSPEL OF JOHN

### 1) Believe in Christ Jesus

The Gospel of John clearly reveals Jesus' identity as God through the following:

- The Word (John 1:1–3, 14): Jesus is eternal, divine, and yet became flesh to dwell among us.
- Witnesses such as John the Baptist, Andrew, Philip, and Nathanael; each encountered Jesus and testified that He is the Messiah.
- His works includes signs and miracles like turning water into wine, walking on water, healing the blind, and raising Lazarus. These point beyond the miracles to who He truly is.
- Jesus' death and resurrection: His sacrifice and victory over death confirm His deity. Jesus' death was not a defeat but a purposeful sacrifice, and His resurrection confirms His victory over sin and death.

The absence of the exact phrase "I am God" reflects cultural and linguistic context of His time. Jesus' use of "I AM," His unity with the Father, and His acceptance of worship all point clearly to His divinity.

### 2) Defend Christ Jesus

Believers are called not only to believe but also to defend their faith with conviction. This includes understanding Scripture in its proper context (language and culture), recognising Jesus' divine claims (e.g., "I AM," "I and the Father are one"), and responding to doubts from critics or personal struggles. True conviction comes from personal experience with God, not just intellectual knowledge. As we step out in faith through obedience, service, and mission, we grow stronger in our ability to defend our faith.

Defending our faith, therefore, is about having clarity and conviction, so we are not easily shaken by doubts. At the same time, conviction is not built on knowledge alone. Like the disciples and witnesses in John, our confidence deepens through personal encounter and experiencing Jesus in our daily lives.

### 3) Live out Christ Jesus

Faith is not static. The Gospel emphasizes that belief is not just a one-time moment, but we are called to keep on believing, and as we do, we continue to experience the life that Jesus promises. Living out Christ means allowing what we believe about Him to shape how we think, act, and respond daily. This leads to ongoing spiritual life and growth. A lack of continued belief can result from disappointment, false teachings, social media influence and unresolved doubts. In order to live out Christ effectively, we need to stay rooted in God's Word, persist in faith even when prayers seem unanswered, and encourage one another in the community.

There is also a clear connection between belief and obedience. The more we believe, the more we obey. The more we obey, the more we experience God. This deepens our faith further. As a church, we are called to encourage one another, persevere in faith and trust God for greater works.

## CONCLUSION

The Gospel of John calls us to believe in Jesus as God, defend our faith with conviction, and live out our faith through continual belief. When we keep believing individually and collectively as a church, we open the door to experiencing more of God's power, His presence, and purpose being fulfilled through our lives.

# QUESTIONS

**1. Share about a time where your belief in Jesus shaped a decision you made . What did you do differently because of your faith?**

**2. SP Chua said, “Only he who believes is obedient, and only he who is obedient believes.” How do you see the connection between belief and obedience in your own life? Is there an area where God is calling you to obey?**

**3. The key themes are: (a) Believe in Christ Jesus, (b) Defend Christ Jesus and (c) Live out Christ Jesus. Which of these do you find most challenging, and what are some practical steps you can take to grow in your walk with the Lord?**