

# Sermon

*Recognise the past  
Honour the past  
Build on the past*

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# CHANGE & TRANSITIONS

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Challenges of change and transition result in new circumstances that create stress, anxiety, uncertainty, frustrations and fear.





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**God's provision to navigate life/life's changes**

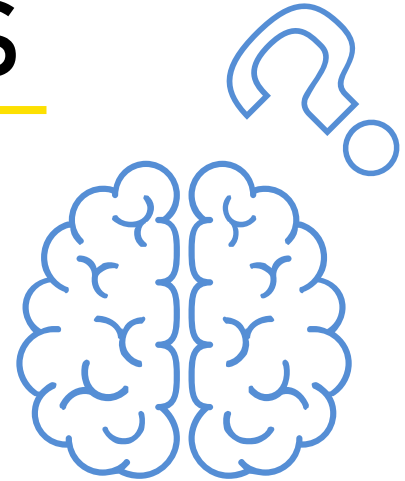
- ✓ **Relationship with God (John 17:3)**
- ✓ **Word of God (2 Tim 3:16-17; Ps 119:105)**
- ✓ **Empowering Spirit (Acts 1:8; Phil 2:12-13)**
- ✓ **Community of Faith (1 Peter 2:9; Acts 2:44)**

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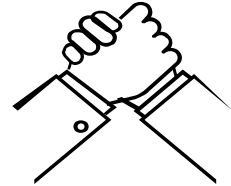
## Question(s):

- How is your relationship with God?
- How is your love for the Word of God?
- How is your experience of/with the Holy Spirit?
- How is your relationship with the Community of Faith?



# MOVING FORWARD AS A CHURCH

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## 1. RECOGNISE THE PAST

- Frames our *IDENTITY, PURPOSE, DESTINY*

## 2. HONOUR THE PAST

- We honour those who paid the price

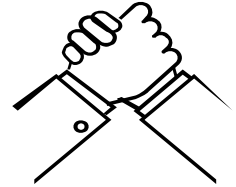
## 3. BUILD ON THE PAST

- We build on the labour of others

# RECOGNISE, HONOUR, BUILD-ON

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## Jesus, the law, & the prophets



- Jesus came to fulfill; not abolish the law and the prophets (Matt 5:17; Matt 17:3)
- Jesus affirms the Great Commandment (Matt 22:40)

## Israel's covenant relationship with God

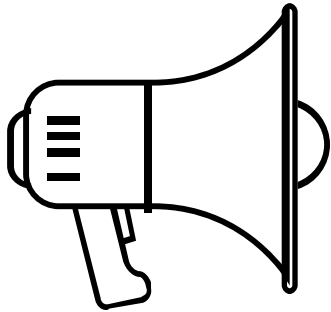
– “I am your God. You are my people.”



# APPLICATION

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## 1. SSMMC's story & history



- God's calling
- Core values



# APPLICATION

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## 2. SSMC's Wesleyan root



**“To reform the nation,  
particularly the Church,  
and to spread Scriptural  
holiness over the land.”**

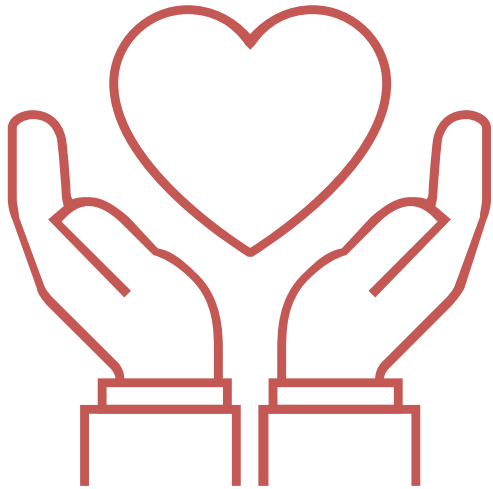
**John  
Wesley**





# INVITATION

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LOVE GOD.

LOVE PEOPLE.

MAKE DISCIPLES.