

JEREMIAH SCHOOL 2019



A School for **youth** desiring to experience **God**

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Jeremiah School (JS) has been running since 2003 and we are really amazed at how God worked in the hearts of all those who came. We thank God for the TRAC leaders who conceived this dream and realize it by starting this school. We continue to bring a holistic awareness of God's ministry to the youths who come for this school.

The calling and challenge of the Christian Vocation remains the heart beat of Jeremiah School. With this in mind, the syllabus was developed to challenge the students in their walk with God. The areas include Spiritual Formation, Doctrinal Studies, Bible Studies and Theology, Personal Development, Ministry Skills and Practical Ministry.

Their practical skills are put to test during mission week where they will go and share God's word with strangers. They will also plan an evangelistic program during this time. It is indeed hard work for them and we can see how they have grown in the Lord and also in relation with one another by taking ownership of the program.

Jeremiah School is a place for youths who are serious about God and living out their faith in the world. They have to have a desire to learn, develop, grow and be transformed in the Lord. We hope that they will be a generation of God-fearing, faithful, persevering and selfless young leaders who will be of a different spirit.

It is amazing every year that God sends in the right number of students and mentors for these 6 weeks. We had JS alumnis coming in to be a mentor to the students. We praise God for their dedication and commitment.

James Ong

OUR FOUNDATION :

VISION STATEMENT

To raise a generation of
God-fearing, faithful, persevering
and selfless young leaders
who will be of a different spirit.

SCRIPTURE MODEL

“But because my servant
Caleb has a **different spirit** and
follows me wholeheartedly,
I will bring him into the land
he went to, and his
descendants will inherit it.”
Numbers 14:24

OBJECTIVES

1. To develop Godly disciplines & habits
2. To facilitate the discovery of God's Calling
3. To develop basic leadership skills
4. To impart a Vision for the World
5. To develop basic people skills
6. To facilitate a meaningful and personal encounter with God
7. To facilitate an experience of authentic Christian community

SYLLABUS

- ◆ **Spiritual Disciplines**
- ◆ **Discovering the Love of God**
- ◆ **Knowing God the Father**
- ◆ **The Old & New Testament Survey**
- ◆ **Encountering God : Word & Nature**
 - Interpreting & Applying the Bible
 - Tools in Studying the Bible
 - Word Workshop
 - Developing Your Prayer Life
 - Intercession & Spiritual Warfare
 - Worship
- ☞ ***Personal Management***
- ☞ ***Personal Testimony***
- ☞ ***Nature/ Work of Christ***
- ☞ ***Fruit & Gift of the Holy Spirit***
- ☞ ***Freedom in Christ***
- ◆ **Evangelism & Witnessing Tools**
- ◆ **Understanding Your Mind & Emotions**
- ◆ **Making Of A Leader**
- ◆ **BGR & Sexuality**
- ◆ **Gender Development & Holiness**
- ☞ **Discerning The Will Of God**
- ☞ **Prayer Profiling**
- ☞ **Understanding Mission**
- ☞ **Exploring God's Call**
- ☞ **Emotional Quotient Profiling**
 - Dealing With Conflicts
 - Personal Core Values
 - Personal Mission Statement
 - Understanding Methodism
 - Apologetics

WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION

- ◆ 17 – 20 years old
- ◆ Belong to a youth ministry in TRAC (BB/GB/MYF/Sunday School)
- ◆ Submissive to authority
- ◆ Have a teachable heart
- ◆ Serious about seeking God
- ◆ Willing to participate in community life and service
- ◆ Endorsed by the Youth Counselor & Pastor
- ◆ Successful applicant must complete the entire course
- ◆ Willing to commit to grow post JS by keeping the spiritual disciplines
- ◆ Have identified a potential adult mentor in the church who'd be willing to mentor the student post JS

PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION

1. For students, kindly express your desire to your Youth Counselor for further action and go through the proper interviews with your church.
2. For parents, kindly approach your youth counselors and Pastor and check with them if your children are eligible.
3. For Youth Counselors/Pastors, kindly pray and identify the youths who'd benefit the most from JS. Encourage them to attend JS.
4. All applications will be processed & successful applicants will be notified by **18th December 2018**.
5. Registration Link. Click here <https://goo.gl/forms/dOWgdkeOU1Z6Awzf2> (Note: This is ONLY the registration form and does not include the recommendation form; all recommendation forms must be email (james.ong@trac.org.my) or mail to *Trinity Annual Conference (TRAC) 2 Jalan 5/39 46000 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan*).

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 6.30 am | Arise & Shine |
| 7.00 – 8.00 am | Quiet Time |
| 8.00 – 8.30 am | Breakfast |
| 8.30 – 9.30 am | Quiet Time Sharing |
| 9.30 – 9.40 am | Worship |
| 9.40 - 11.10 am | Session 1 |
| 11.10 – 11.30 am | Break |
| 11.30 am – 1.00 pm | Session 2 |
| 1.00 – 2.00 pm | Lunch |
| 2.00 – 2.30 pm | Siesta |
| 2.30 – 4.00 pm | Workshop/Session |
| 4.00 – 5.30 pm | Team Building |
| 5.30 – 6.30 pm | Wash-up |
| 6.30 – 7.30 pm | Dinner |
| 7.30 – 8.00 pm | Worship* |
| 8.00 – 9.00 pm | Night Trek* |
| 9.00 – 10.00 pm | Mentoring |
| 10.00 – 10.30 pm | Supper |
| 11.00 pm | Lights Out |

* On Tuesdays & Thursdays, chapel time will take place from 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm

ACTIVITIES

Personal & group devotion

Silent retreat

Journaling

Small group dynamics

Chapel Time

Rest & Recreation

Engaging Video Shows

Field Education

Mission Trip

Community Living

Team Building Sessions

Workshops

Mentoring

Preaching opportunities

Evangelism

Weekly Quiz



RULES & REGULATIONS DURING THE JS TENURE

1. Attire during sessions: ¾ pants/jeans or long pants/jeans, shirt or t-shirts for both gender.
2. Spaghetti straps, short skirts, sleeveless & tight-fitting clothes are not allowed for girls. Showing of midriff is strictly prohibited. Proper attire for the purpose of games is allowed but must be decent.
3. Sleeveless t-shirts are not allowed for boys during sessions. Showing of underwear is strictly prohibited. Proper attire for the purpose of games is allowed but must be decent.
4. Boy-Girl relationships or the appearance of exclusive relationship are not allowed.
5. JS students are not to be allowed any visitors without prior permission from the Director of the School.
6. Handphones are not allowed to be used during weekdays. However, the students will be allowed to use them during the weekends.
7. Students are expected to wash, dry and iron their own clothes. Laundry services are not provided.
8. Students will follow a duty roster for various duties (i.e, kitchen duty, table clearing after meals, toilet cleaning, dorm cleaning, chapel duty, clearing rubbish, 'gotong-royong', etc.)
9. All card games & computer games are not allowed in JS.
10. Internet services are not provided.
11. No opposite gender visits to the dorm allowed.
12. Going out to town is not allowed without the prior permission of the School's Director.
13. Journaling must be completed and submitted to the respective mentors weekly.
14. Punctuality is a must for all sessions.
15. Lights-out is to be strictly observed.

FEES & PAYMENT

TRAC Youth – RM 1500 p/person

*Non TRAC Methodist Youth – RM 2000 p/person

*Payment by Cheque/online transfer/bank-in to be made payable to **AEC of the Methodist Church in Malaysia.***

HSBC 302029772028

PUBLIC BANK 3110028511

*For Cheque - Indicate at the back of cheque: **Name of participant, church, contact number, and Jeremiah School 2019.***

**For non-TRAC youth, application is subjected to the approval of admission by the committee, and availability of space*

TESTIMONIES

TESTIMONY 1

Being a mentor in Jeremiah School means a lot to me, because JS is close to my heart. I truly count it an honour and privilege to be given the opportunity to be a part of this program in reaching out and impacting the life of the younger generation with the Gospel.

13 years has passed since I was a participant in JS, and every time I look back, I am thankful to God and to my mentors for the blessings. It was at JS 2005 that God confirmed with me my calling for full-time ministry, and it was through JS that I have forged relationships with mentors who are still mentoring me to this very day in my journey. Through the different syllabus, sessions, and facilitators, I was exposed to a deeper understanding of God's word and a deeper relationship with Him. I would firmly say that, my time and experience in JS has left an indelible ink in me to continue to persevere in working out my faith in Christ.

From that year to where I am today, being a part of the organising team for JS is nothing short of how amazing God is. For I did not planned for any of this to happen, yet time and again He surprises me. God is indeed good!

Thus, being now mentor for the third year, I am constantly reminded of the selfless love and sacrifices my mentors gave. It is with such a mantle and example that I too am challenge and inspired to be a mentor to the many youths that will comes my way. By the grace of God and in all humility, I pray that the Lord will use me as His instrument towards the mentees. So that they may come to know and love Christ, to put Him first in all of their lives, and to hold dear to the Gospel.

James Ong
Whispering Hope Methodist Church, KL

TESTIMONY 2

It was a regret for me not being able to join JS as a participant previously because I was selected to enroll into National Service. Few years down the road, I had the privilege to take up the role as a mentor for JS 2018. Despite the hectic schedule juggling between work and JS, both Auntie Choy Quin and I were able to fill in each other's role when either of us is not around as we co-mentored a group of six girls. It was definitely not easy to mentor six girls whom each have very different personalities.

I thank God that throughout JS, I was able to click well with my mentees. It was important for them to feel safe for them to share about their journey and testimonies. There was once during our car journey to visit a church over the weekends, my mentees started to open up about their struggles in addiction. When one started talking about it, the rest felt more comfortable to share about theirs. They were able to share knowing that nobody will pass judgment and they find assurance that they are not the only ones going through the same problem. I was very thankful for that conversation because they were really desperate for help on those issues. That day when they shared, they found people who can journey with them and keep them accountable.

In JS, it is in our module to practice spiritual discipline and one of it is to do daily devotion. During group devotions, they are supposed to take turns to lead. At the first two weeks, this task was taken very lightly, as some did not prepare and instead of leading, they were facilitating. After several naggings and coaching, they eventually took effort to prepare it. It was really encouraging to see them grow as they continue to try. The same goes for praying out loud. Some of my mentees were very scared to do so. Eventually, they've learnt to uphold their identities in Christ and they became more confident in praying out loud with authority.

The only regret for me is not being able to spend more time with the mentees during the program. It has been a humbling experience for me and it is such a joy to see the mentees now bringing out the things they have learnt in JS and applying it in their daily lives.

Ada Yeoh

Wesley Methodist Church, Teluk Intan

TESTIMONY 3

It has been a tremendous blessing for me being a mentor in Jeremiah School for 3 rounds. It is not just about mentoring, guiding and teaching the mentees but the learning as well. Mentoring is a two-way learning between the mentor and the mentees. Through these 6 weeks as a mentor in JS, it has taught me a great deal of the importance of building a personal relationship with the mentees and building my own character as I journey with them. Indeed it was a privilege for me to journey with them in strengthening their relationship with God. Through these experiences, I am better equipped with skills in journeying with the others not only in JS but in my daily life as well. One of the things that I am grateful with was when the mentees began to open up and share their personal stories of struggles, happiness, sadness, and moments with me.

As a mentor in JS, I have also learnt a lot from the other mentors. For instance, how they mentor their mentees, how we help one another, and we also learned from one another as we are all gifted with various gifts. I am encouraged and affirmed by the other mentors. I remembered during my first year as a mentor, I was the youngest among the other mentors but I did not feel any difference from them because they embraced and accepted me despite my age. I knew then, that this was how Christ's family looked like and is meant to be. Of course being a mentor in JS is not about working alone. It is also about spending time with the mentees and playing with them. Through all these moments, they began to trust us and share their stories. I recall a lesson taught by a mentor, that relationships and learning goes beyond the walls of a classroom; it must be wholistic, incorporating the informal part of mentoring.

I truly thank God once again for giving me these experiences to see how His mighty hand can work in different ways as He transformed the lives the mentees that I have journeyed with in JS. All glory and Honour unto Him and Him alone!

Kevin Lok
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ADULT VOLUNTEERS-MENTORS

INFORMATION

Jeremiah School is staffed by officials from the TRAC Board of Youth Work. They oversee the running of the school, the development of curriculum and are actively involved in intentional mentoring of the JS students throughout the school term. Ever since JS started in 2003, we have found that some of the best learning and growing happens when mentoring takes place. In view of this, we need more adult volunteers to wear the shoes of a mentor and walk alongside the students. If you love youths and are available for 6 weeks, we'd like to encourage you to prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve.

BASIC QUALIFICATION

1. Minimum 2 year-old baptized Christian from TRAC Churches
2. 21 years old and above
3. Love young people
4. Recommendation from TRAC Pastor/youth counselor/church leader
5. Some ministry experiences
6. Teachable & submissive to authority
7. Strong in word & prayer
8. Friendly and willing to sacrifice time.
9. Driving skills and possession of a car would be an advantage

TRAINING

1. Successful Applicants will be required to attend Mentor Training.
2. The training will cover the objectives and introduction to the teaching modules of the school.
3. Mentors will be required to read 'Mentoring' by Tim Elmore.
4. Mentors will be equipped with the Youth version of 'Freedom In Christ' sessions.
5. Mentors will be trained in the Development Tracking Record of the students assigned to them.
6. Mentors will also undergo a teaching segment on how to build relationships with youth.
7. As part of the ongoing mentoring development, mentors will be assessed and will be given more coaching skills as and when needed.

Kindly submit your application to be a mentor to james.ong@trac.org.my Or uncleherbie@gmail.com before **30th November 2018.**

Potential applicants will be interviewed by JS staff. Successful applicants will then be notified.

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