

# JEREMIAH SCHOOL 2020



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

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## **JEREMIAH SCHOOL**

**J**eremiah 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 6 weeks. 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. Closing date for application is **1<sup>st</sup> December 2019**
5. All applications will be processed & successful applicants will be notified by **18<sup>th</sup> December 2019**.
6. Registration Link. Click here <https://bit.ly/2MzckYd> (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](mailto:james.ong@trac.org.my)) or mail to *Trinity Annual Conference (TRAC) 2 Jalan 5/39 46000 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan.*

## WEEKDAY SCHEDULE



6.30 am	Arise & Shine
7.00 – 8.00 am	Quiet Time
8.00 – 8.30 am	<b>Breakfast</b>
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	<b>Break</b>
11.30 am – 1.00 pm	Session 2
1.00 – 2.00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
2.00 – 2.30 pm	<b>Siesta</b>
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	<b>Dinner</b>
7.30 – 8.00 pm	Worship*
8.00 – 9.00 pm	Night Trek*
9.00 – 10.00 pm	Mentoring
10.00 – 10.30 pm	<b>Supper</b>
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 1800 p/person

\*Non TRAC Methodist Youth – RM 2300 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 2020.***

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

## TESTIMONIES

### TESTIMONY 1

**B**eing 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

If you've spent your school holidays in YLDPs, if you've grown up religiously as a Methodist Sunday School kid and then going through MYF, this is what you'll most probably hear. Yet, upon completing SPM, I did not make it to Jeremiah School. Hence, though curious, I never really understood what Jeremiah School was about.

God has His own timing and miraculous ways of doing things. Last year, I finished my tertiary education round late October and an opportunity to serve as a mentor at Jeremiah School opened up. Thinking that this would be a great start before I enter the next phase of adulthood, I went along with it. More than serving, I was truly blessed by the experience.

I experienced God in a very real manner and His Words spoke to me at very apt moments. Whilst mentoring, I was also in the midst of applying for jobs and had relationship complications. These problems were distracting. But, being a mentor, it pushed me to address these issues. Looking back, I wouldn't be able to cope with all the disappointments if it weren't for Jeremiah School. Through His Word, my fellow mentors and the support of my mentees, I was reminded about how His grace is sufficient, at perfect timings.

Lastly, Jeremiah School taught me the importance of a Christian community. Just like the early church, Christians would often meet up daily in the temple courts, sharing meals with gladness and sincerity of heart. Being a Christian in this world is tough, there are constant worldly influence and cunning attacks from the evil one in subtle voices confusing us about what is true. Throughout the 6 weeks, Jeremiah School made me realise that having a group of accountable buddies, like-minded and single hearted, is essential as we journey in life.

***Elsie Ong***  
***Subang Methodist Church***

### TESTIMONY 3

Being a Mentor for Jeremiah School was definitely a different experience compared to when I was a student of the same. But I thank God for the opportunity to be give and share with this year's batch what I have learned when I was in their shoes.

It was a great joy for me to see their lives being impacted and transformed by God through the curriculum, activities and fellowship – I am indeed honoured to be part of it. I've learned that a mentor is not about "lording" over the younger ones, though we have the authority; rather, it is about journeying with them, recognising that the mistakes they make were no different than mine. This has allowed me to learn to see their lives and actions from their perspective. Being a mentor is not about forcing changes in their lives; rather, it is about sharing with them my own life, and how evident God is in my life.

Again, I am truly blessed to be part of the mentoring team in Jeremiah School 2019.

***Timothy Pang***  
***Wesley Methodist Church, Ipoh***

## **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](mailto:james.ong@trac.org.my) Or [uncleherbie@gmail.com](mailto:uncleherbie@gmail.com) before **30<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

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

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