

CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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THE 40D PRAYER & FASTING: WHY I BELIEVE THIS SEASON IS SO SPECIAL

Icebreaker: What's the hardest part of getting up early in the morning? How do you motivate yourself to get up? What routine do you go through? Share!

INTRODUCTION

We have finished day 12 of our 40D of prayer and fasting. Why is this season so special and why should everyone be at dawn prayer and what will happen to your life if you come? What God will do in these 40D P & F?

I. "40D" IS ALWAYS A SPECIAL TIME IN THE BIBLE BECAUSE:

- 1) **Noah** It rained 40 days and 40 nights. **Moses spent** 40 days and 40 nights on the mountain to receive God's laws. Goliath taunted Israel for 40D before David slew him. **Jesus was tempted** 40D in wilderness and defeated Satan. **When God often wants to do something extraordinary**, **He does it during or just after the 40 days**.
- 2) We combine **praying at DAWN with praying TOGETHER.** Power of Dawn: **Mark 1: 35** Jesus' secret of power for ministry! The power of being **together in corporate prayer**: Acts 1:14 the Holy Spirit fell. Acts 4:31- Power and boldness came. In these 40D, we are above all TOGETHER with the **Church in M'sia!**

II. WHAT CAN WE EXPECT TO SEE IN THESE 40 DAYS?

The stone that kills Goliath is the stone of prayer.

III. FIRSTLY WE WILL HAVE REVELATION:

God will **speak to you**; you **will hear Him.** You will have **fresh revelations** etc

Exodus 24:16-18. Moses received revelation of God's laws on the mountain.

Isaiah 55:3, John 5:25. You will develop "**Mickey Mouse**" spiritual ears. Share story about "lost" car keys of Jasmine's father. Missing 1 month!

CGQ: Why have you been coming to the 40D (or not coming as the case may be)? Share one thing God spoke to you in the 40D of Dawn Prayer?

IV. SECONDLY THERE WILL BE TRANSFORMATION. When we fast as well as pray, our hearts will change. New love for Jesus, a new joy, our hearts soften, the fruits of the Spirit begin to blossom in our lives: Exodus 34:28, 29-30

Why do we fast?

- 1. We fast because it is part of our mark as disciples of Jesus "When you fast, not if.." (Matt 6: 16, Mark 2:19)
- 2. We fast because we love the Lord (Zech 7:5)
- 3. We fast because it stills the flesh (Gal 5:17-18)
- 4. We fast because it gives us spiritual authority (Matthew 17:20-21)

Join Pastor's Fast?

First 21 Days Danielic Fast (Daniel 10:2-3): No meat, No delicacies Second 19 Days: Miss one meal, then two meals, then 3 meals

CGQ: How is the fasting going? What type of fast are you following? What effect does the fast have on you?

V. THIRDLY 40D WILL BRING EMPOWERMENT (Luke 4:1, 14)

Story of John Lim selling house day after putting in request. Before that no offers for 3 months. Sudden healing of Chriyental Marcus' right knee badly damaged from floorball.

CGQ: Share a miracle or breakthrough that has happened or is happening in this time?