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Celebrate the King, Become like Christ, and Connect the Lost

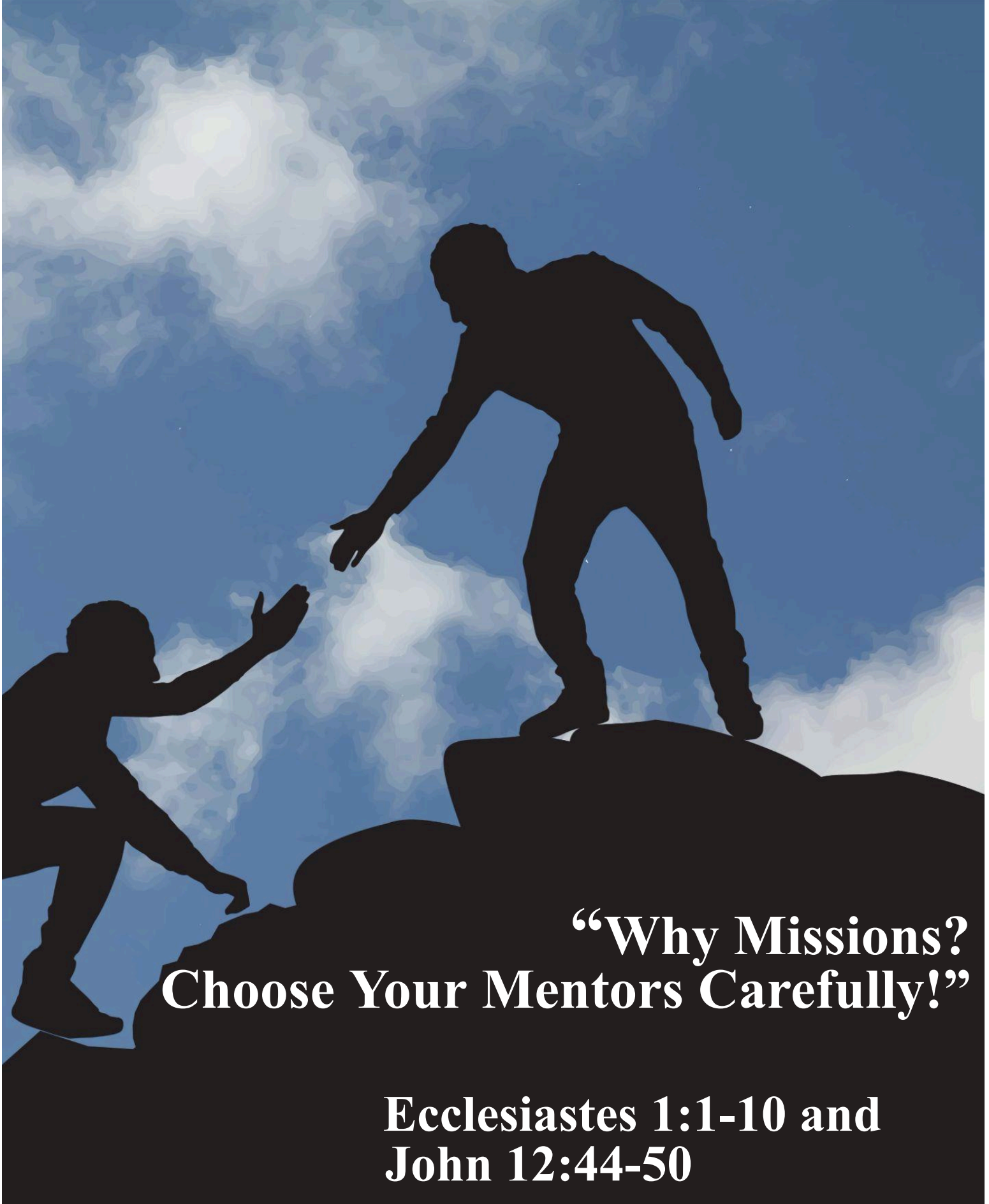
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**“Why Missions?
Choose Your Mentors Carefully!”**

**Ecclesiastes 1:1-10 and
John 12:44-50**

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Welcome to CBC

We are excited for you to join us in worship today. Our prayer is that through the singing of gospel truths, hearing the scriptures proclaimed, and being around the saints, you will leave edified and equipped to live on mission with God for His glory.

Preparation	1 Chronicles 16:8-10 (CSB)
Welcome	Joshua Lee
Adoration	Your Grace Is Enough Blessed Be Your Name Here I Am To Worship
Prayer	Irene Chen
Scripture	Ecclesiastes 1:1-10 and John 12:44-50 (CSB) David Lee
Proclamation	“Why Missions? Choose Your Mentors Carefully!” Pastor Donald Gardner
Response	Be Thou My Vision
Offertory Prayer	David Lee
Announcements	Pastor Oleg Xu
Benediction	Pastor Donald Gardner



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Ecclesiastes 1:1-10 (CSB)

1 The words of the Teacher, a son of David, king in Jerusalem. **2** “Absolute futility,” says the Teacher. “Absolute futility. Everything is futile.” **3** What does a person gain for all his efforts that he labors at under the sun? **4** A generation goes and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. **5** The sun rises and the sun sets; panting, it hurries back to the place where it rises. **6** Gusting to the south, turning to the north, turning, turning, goes the wind, and the wind returns in its cycles. **7** All the streams flow to the sea, yet the sea is never full; to the place where the streams flow, there they flow again. **8** All things are wearisome, more than anyone can say. The eye is not satisfied by seeing or the ear filled with hearing. **9** What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; there is nothing new under the sun. **10** Can one say about anything, “Look, this is new”? It has already existed in the ages before us.

John 12:44-50 (CSB)

44 Jesus cried out, “The one who believes in me believes not in me, but in him who sent me. **45** And the one who sees me sees him who sent me. **46** I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me would not remain in darkness. **47** If anyone hears my words and doesn’t keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. **48** The one who rejects me and doesn’t receive my sayings has this as his judge: The word I have spoken will judge him on the last day. **49** For I have not spoken on my own, but the Father himself who sent me has given me a command to say everything I have said. **50** I know that his command is eternal life. So the things that I speak, I speak just as the Father has told me.”

Notes

I. Church Member or Disciple? Who are We?

II. Presuppositions for missionary work:

- a. Man is lost and needs Salvation (Rms. 3:23)
- b. Salvation is found only in Christ (Rms. 6:23)
- c. Repentance and belief are required for Salvation (Eph. 2: 8-9)

III. Where do we need missions? (Acts 1:8)

Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

Making Friends

A while back, I was in a medical lab where I came across an elderly couple with a problem. I quietly listened as they spoke Cantonese to each other about their lack of English skills. They tried to use their telephone as a translator but it wasn't working well. I knew it would appear strange for me to jump into the mix with me speaking Chinese but, I stepped in! Well, I can simply say that I have two new friends.

Sometimes things don't go as we have planned. What we think of as a simple trip to an office can become an opportunity to build new understandings and friends. By the time we had managed this couple's problems in that medical lab, they were asking about my church, what the meaning of "Baptist" was, and other questions related to the Christian faith. I had gone into that office with a book and a plan to read while waiting for the processing required to get my own needs met. However, God had something different in mind as I was privileged to watch His actions bring about a totally different focus for the time there. Had I held strong to my original intention for the morning, I would have missed the blessing intended for those moments with this couple.

Life is more than winning or losing in issues and debates. It is more than worrying about what is convenient for us or what may be seen as unusual/improper to others. Christ modeled a boldness when dealing with people, that was beyond what most people would see as normal. He was open, free, honest, burdened, clear, loving, firm, and many other things as he focused His life towards the needs of people. Each day opportunities come our way to impact others around us, but how we respond is up to us.

Announcements

- **Deacon Ordination Service** will be held on Sunday, Sept 29, 2024 at 12:30 pm in the Sanctuary, followed by a lunch celebration at 1:30 pm in the FLC. The invitation is open for everyone to come.
- **Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, Oct 5, 2024 at 8:30 am to 9:30 am in room 163.** For RSVP please contact Pastor Oleg at pastoroleg@cbchouston.org or call CBC Office at 713-461-0963.
- **Adult Christmas Choir rehearsals will begin on Sunday, Oct 6, 2024 at 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm in the Choir Room.** Rehearsals will be held each Sunday until Christmas Sunday, Dec 22, 2024. To join, please contact Margie Joe (margie@cbchouston.org). Come let us proclaim the joyous birth of our Lord, Jesus!
- **Men's retreat from Oct 18 - 20, 2024.** The location will be in Galveston, TX. There is a \$50 registration fee and will be limited to the first 36 men that sign up.
- **The semi-annual 2024 contribution statement** is ready to pick up at the welcome desk in front of the Sanctuary on Sun, Sept 15, 2024 from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm. We will mail them out after that. If you have any question(s) about your statement, please email to finances@cbchouston.org.
- **ESL volunteer teachers needed:** Our church has a growing population of Mandarin-speaking members and friends who are eager to improve their English skills. As part of our mission to support and uplift those around us, we are launching an ESL class and need passionate individuals who are willing to share their knowledge and help others grow. If you are fluent in English, your skills could greatly benefit those in need of language assistance. Please consider volunteering your time every Sunday (starts Sept 8 to Dec 15) from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm in room 221, the schedule will be rotated. Please contact Therese Chen at theresechen424@yahoo.com if you are interested.

We would like to invite our visitors to consider joining the CBC family as members. If you are interested, a one-hour class will be held by one of our Pastoral Staff with information about CBC beliefs, mission, baptism and ministries. You will also have an opportunity to share your testimony and ask questions. Please fill out the membership application form: <https://forms.gle/CrJOikEDGwpoLZgK6> or contact the office for more questions.

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