



Expectations

Expectations of those in Word ministry are not always easy to get right. We may be applying an unrealistic standard—either too high or too low—to ourselves (or others). And, if we are measuring our own performance, we tend to suffer from perspective blind spots. But expectations are not bad in themselves—as long as they are properly based and applied.

In our weekly chapel this semester we returned to preaching from Luke's Gospel at chapter 19. Luke (and Acts) picture for us the joy of salvation and the forgiveness of sins through Jesus as well as the joy of persevering gospel stewardship in and for him. Luke 19 begins with two stories of salvation. In Luke 19:1–10 we meet Zacchaeus, the chief tax-collector. In Jericho he is persona non grata, yet Jesus summons him from his elevated hiding spot to tell him that

he has an extra guest for dinner ("I must stay in your house today!"). The local (negative) expectation emerges: "[Jesus] has gone in to be the guest of a 'sinner,'" they say. Yes, precisely! But the reality of salvation in Jesus transforms Zacchaeus's heart and he sets aside the bulk of his wealth in restitution for his past wrongs. Are our expectations of what Jesus can do too low?

The parable of the Ten Minas follows immediately upon the Zacchaeus story

(Luke 19:11–27). A nobleman has been appointed as king in another realm. Before he departs, he gives each of his servants (read managers) a modest amount of money to do business with until his return (a "mina" is about three months wages). When he calls them to account, each is rewarded according to the multiplication on the original mina—apart from one servant, who did nothing with his mina. He explains that he was afraid of his master's

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harsh reputation, but really he had no excuse. There is also a sub-theme in the parable about the nobleman's subjects who reject his authority. Now we must be careful not to allegorize the parable, but I submit the following for our context:


1. The mina does not represent individual gifts or capacities but the gospel which has been entrusted to each of us—the gospel which brings salvation to others.
2. The gospel multiplies itself when it is put to use ("your mina has earned five more" says the king to the second servant). Our job is to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, knowing that the Lord Jesus does the heavy lifting in gospel work. The only antidote to fear of sharing the gospel that I know of is to soak up the gospel ourselves, and be struck afresh by the salvation it brings—this must overflow to others.
3. Only on the Last Day will we see the magnitude of the gospel harvest—what God has done through us. It is tempting to be overly attentive to here-and-now results, be it our progress or the opposite. But we need to remember that we don't have the final perspective yet. We can be assured that the harvest will be much greater than we imagined. In a way, our expectations of the kingdom of God can't be high enough.
4. What of the punishment of those subjects of the nobleman-becoming who enjoy the benefits of his rule but reject his authority, how does this apply to us? It's worth noting that while there is a distinction between the servants of the master and the rebel subjects, they are not separate categories—the lazy servant didn't respect his master. Perhaps the message is this: those of us who have been Christians for some time, including those with the "job" of

Christ's Powerful Grace on Display

Each year's Commencement and Graduation Ceremony is a time when the powerful grace of Christ is put wonderfully on display. Christ has promised to provide and empower servants of his gospel in every generation – men and women, captured by the mercy of the Son who gave himself for them, who are eager to devote themselves in faith to the work of the kingdom in a spiritually needy world. At Commencement and Graduation, we see how Christ powerfully and graciously continues to fulfil that promise, and it is a cause for rejoicing.

This year's Commencement and Graduation was no different. Each of the graduating students who crossed the stage – from the 8 graduates in our Certificate of Christian Studies programme, to the 31 who received accredited course-work degrees – is someone whom Christ has called to salvation, and called and equipped for his service. They are a diverse bunch, and they are heading to a diverse range of formal and informal ministries – in churches, in their families, in schools, in cross-cultural mission, and more. What they share in common is the conviction

teaching the gospel, must watch our hearts for signs of hardness and judgmentalism towards God's saving kindness to the lost and needy.

The stories of our 2022 graduates in the following pages are so encouraging. If you were not able to be with us at Commencement and Graduation on the 28 February, do check out the video on our website. 


With every blessing in Christ

Don West
Principal

that their lives are not their own, but are to be lived for Christ's glory in the cause of the gospel. That conviction is not a natural one; it only comes from the Spirit of Christ himself. And so

its presence in this year's graduates, as well as in all those who have faithfully prayed for, supported, and encouraged them in their training and studies, points us beyond them to Christ, and to the power of his grace to change and enable ordinary people to share in his great work in the world.

And indeed, as our graduation preacher reminded us, it is only

because of that grace that we can have good hope – for our graduates, and for ourselves – that our labour is not in vain. Frank Nicol, senior minister at Karratha Anglican Church, opened up 2 Corinthians 4 for us, reminding us that though we are weak, and though our ministries may often look and feel weak, God's surpassing, saving power is at work through the message of the gospel which has been entrusted to us. Suffering, affliction, and awareness of our own limitations and insufficiency may tempt us to discouragement, but we need not lose heart. The grace of Christ is powerful, and we can be assured that through the hardest things, his eternal and glorious purposes are being unfailingly realised. "Ministry is hard," Frank told us, "but keep going; you've got the best job in the world." We pray that God will continue to fix the eyes of this year's graduates, and of us all, upon Christ crucified and raised to glory, so that by his powerful grace we might persevere with confidence towards the eternal reward which he has won for us. 

Thom Bull

Lecturer in Theology and Ethics



Frank Nicol, Minister in Charge Parish of Karratha – Guest Speaker

Graduates 2022

Master of Divinity

* Certificate of Ministry

Timothy Aguero *

"I have taken on a position as Associate Pastor at Gosnells Baptist Church. I really appreciated how the lecturers modelled pursuing a correct understanding of the Scriptures, while also humbly submitting to them."

Kim Chin *

"Since graduating, I've started at Dalkeith Anglican Church as a Lay Assistant Minister and am currently working towards ordination within the Anglican Church. I loved every moment at Trinity, but I especially appreciated the faculty. They were not only teachers, but mentors and friends."

Jesse Dixon

"I serve as Senior Pastor of Katanning Baptist Church. What I appreciated most about Trinity was the quality and depth of theological training, by lecturers who encouraged me personally to learn more but also live it out."

Jhenn Hall *

"I am currently exploring opportunities to work in campus ministry with Power to Change. Aside from being equipped for life-long learning of the Word, I have really appreciated making friends at Trinity who seek to love and serve God faithfully not only in ministry but also in their personal and family lives."

Scott Howard *

"I am currently working as an Intern at Vic Park Presbyterian Church. I loved every aspect of Trinity, but what I most appreciated was that every class was not just an academic exercise but was to help us know, love and teach others about the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Liz Shanhun *

"I am working at Southern Christian Church as a Ministry Director. I appreciated the way lecturers and staff cared for students and modelled gentleness, humility and respect."

Shawn Tan *

"I am currently working as a Ministry Intern at Westminster Presbyterian

Church Bull Creek. I have really valued the faithful teaching of God's Word that serves as a firm foundation in serving our Lord Jesus."

Allert van Zijl

"I'm Children's Pastor at North Coast Church and loving it. I appreciated the time spent at Trinity to solidify a foundation and the skills to think through more deep and complex truths in a context of getting to know people from other churches."

Bachelor of Theology

Joseph Baeg

"I am now a Schools' Ministry Worker with CRU West, working with students, teachers and chaplains, as well as planning and going on student camps. From all my classes I learnt that the marching beat of the Christian life is that of the gospel."

Roy Davies

"I am now a Ministry Intern at Vic Park Presbyterian church, with responsibilities of pastoral care and mission. At Trinity I particularly appreciated the willingness of the lecturers to invest heavily in the lives of the students at both an academic and personal level."



Master of Divinity Graduates: Tim Aguero, Al van Zijl, Jesse Dixon, Scott Howard, Kim Chin, Liz Shanhun, Shawn Tan, Jhenn Hall



Bachelor of Theology Graduates: Roy Davies, Joseph Baeg

Bachelor of Ministry

Kingsley Dearle

"I am an active member of Emmanuel Reformed Baptist Church and work full-time window and gutter cleaning while also preparing to get married next month. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Trinity, especially studying Greek and Reformation Church History."

Ben Beavis

"I lead a young men's Bible study group at Subi Church while I consider further studies. The teaching staff's unapologetic dedication to the truthfulness, reliability, and importance of Scripture for all of life stood out to me."

Charlotte Butler

"I, together with my husband Jim, also a Trinity grad, have been on a 3-month mission to Japan with Mission to the World and are seeking to return for another year. I really appreciated the personal focus of the course, pastoral care from the staff, and supportive relationships with students."

Graduate Diploma of Divinity Graduates: Peter Joseph, Jordan Stevensen, Kieran Nish, Penny Swartzentruber, Ben Beavis, Adrienne Wright, Emma Chin, Katherine Lockwood, Ann Moseley

Graduate Diploma of Divinity

Emma Chin

"I teach ten-year-olds at Rehoboth Christian College and serve alongside Kim at Dalkeith Anglican Church. Trinity's high quality, gospel-centred teaching made my brain ache and my heart for Jesus grow. I am especially thankful for learning alongside dear friends who reminded me of God's glory in Jesus."

Peter Joseph

"I work as an Engineer at Perth Children's Hospital. I also lead a cross-cultural discipleship ministry. Currently, I am working to get Allan Chapple's book GPS translated into Tamil, and I plan to visit India to train people there in an overview of the Bible. I deeply enjoyed learning the Bible's one grand story that points to Jesus and magnifies him."

Katherine Lockwood

"I serve as Head of the Beliefs and Values Department at Carey Baptist College Harrisdale. I am deeply thankful for the practical ways the Trinity lecturers helped me to understand the whole Bible, leading to a greater love for God and better skills in teaching God's Word."

Joanne McGill

"I attend St Matthew's Anglican Church where I enjoy facilitating a Bible study

group alongside my husband. I work in bookkeeping for CMS-WA and as the Library Assistant in the Trinity library. I appreciated the godly, Christ-centred lecturers at Trinity, and feel I grew in awe of our Lord Jesus through each of the units."

Ann Moseley

"I work two days a week for AFES at Murdoch Christian Union to train and equip the young women for gospel ministry and living faithfully. I loved being challenged by the content covered in classes and being able to talk things out with peers and lecturers."

Kieran Nish

"I greatly valued the opportunity to study God's Word in depth while at Trinity. I am currently seeking secular work with the desire to demonstrate the light and life of Christ in my life to those around me."

Jordan Stevensen

"I now serve in a Ministry Training Strategy apprenticeship at All Nations Presbyterian Church. I enjoyed Trinity in pretty much every respect especially the sound teaching, cultivating ministry skills, pastoral support and fellowship with others."

Penny Swartzentruber

"I am a member of St Matthew's Anglican Church along with my husband who pastors there. This year I also have the great joy of teaching the Bible to children as Biblical Studies Teacher at St. Stephen's School Carramar."

Adrienne Wright

"I serve as a part-time Ministry Training Apprentice at Westminster Presbyterian Church Bull Creek with a particular focus on intergenerational mentoring. I loved my time at Trinity, especially the staff who equip students in the Word and in its application to Christian ministry. I graduate feeling well equipped for ministry and passionate to evangelise."



Graduates 2022

Diploma of Theology

Michael Davis

"I, together with my wife Ashlynn, also a Trinity grad, recently moved to Melbourne to train with The Summer Institute of Linguistics Australia in preparation for cross cultural ministry with Wycliffe Bible Translators. I appreciated that the Trinity staff gave me tools and understanding useful for life and ministry under Jesus, rather than simply ticking academic boxes."

Kaleb Hyde

"I am currently working as the Children's Pastor at St Matthew's Anglican Church Shenton Park. I appreciated the opportunity to learn from lecturers with deep understanding in Bible, theology, and church history."

Murray Neville

"I now work full-time in IT and serve as a voluntary ministry leader in teaching, ministry planning and team coordinating at Bedford Community Church."

Trinity provided me with a great community, the resources to serve with confidence, and the skills needed to dig deeper into God's Word."

Samuel Soh

"I serve gladly in the young adult ministry with Faith Community Church while also working in the marketplace. I valued the holistic teaching and spiritual guidance that Trinity lecturers provided."



Diploma of Theology Graduates: Kaleb Hyde, Murray Neville, Samuel Soh

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Student Profile


Our Purpose: Preparing people for effective Christian service

It is only with your partnership in financial support and prayer that we can prepare men and women like these for Word ministry

My name is Joe Willmer; I'm married to Gemma and we are part of High Wycombe Church, a plant of Maida Vale WPC, where I work 1 day a week. My previous work background was in landscaping and nature-based playground construction.

God drew me to himself one night when I was feeling empty and depressed. After many years of not giving a thought to the Christ I was introduced to as a child, and in my desperation, I cried out to God in prayer. After that I thought to read my old school Bible in which I turned to 2 Chronicles 7:12 and read, "I have heard your prayer." In this moment I turned to God and away from sin and trusted in him for salvation.

Really consider partnering with Trinity by giving to further the training of faithful gospel workers. The lectures are high quality, there is a fantastic, broad library

for students, and the lecturers are always passionate about God's Word. In a world that seems to be eliminating truth, Trinity goes against the grain, continuing to teach the truth and train up truth proclaimers. 



Joe Willmer Bachelor of Theology Student

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Graduate Certificate of Divinity

Kate Howard

"I am currently taking a break from study due to health reasons but hope to complete the Graduate Diploma of Divinity. I loved how the lecturers don't teach dry academic theory but are personally concerned that students will know and love Jesus better."

Efendi Namdin

"I currently serve as an Elder at WPC Bullcreek Indonesian Congregation. I am very appreciative of the research supervision I received, which was approachable, helpful, and supportive."

James Wong

"I serve in Sunday School and cell groups at Grace Methodist Church. I valued the teaching that gave me a right understanding of God and getting to know classmates who are passionate about Christ and his kingdom."

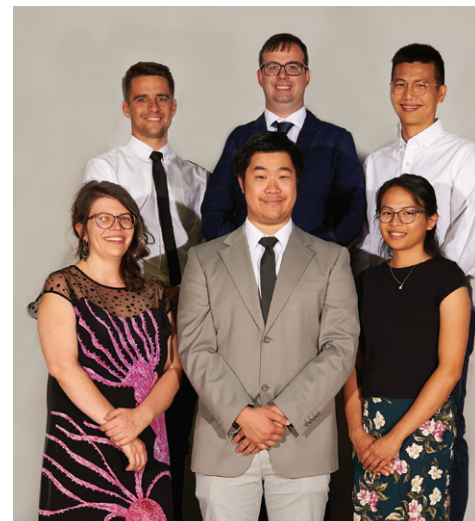
Undergraduate Certificate of Theology

Debra Schroeder

"I attend Kallaroo Anglican Church with my husband and sons and worked on Trinity's staff for several years before moving to St Stephen's School in the Early Learning Centre. I appreciated the lecturers' expert and loving way of handling God's Word, which helped me enjoy more of his plans and purposes through the entire Bible."



Certificate of Ministry



Certificate of Ministry Graduates: * Tim Aguero, Scott Howard, Kim Chin, Liz Shanahun, Shawn Tan, Jhenn Hall

Advanced Certificate of CS

Joel Dawson

"I am the Young Adults Coordinator at Mt Hawthorn Baptist Church and I also work for an Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) part time. Trinity has been helpful for my spiritual growth as well as ministry work with the young adults."

Mark Pollard

"I work as a GP Medical Practitioner and attend St Peter's Anglican Church, where I serve on the multi-media team. I gained a deeper understanding of the Bible, especially God's plan of salvation, and now enjoy greater assurance of faith in Christ."

Undergraduate
Certificate of
Theology Graduate:
Debra Schroeder

Certificate of Christian Studies

Carmen Derry

"I feel able to share more confidently with others and be discerning with teachings. I highly recommend these units and I would like to do more in future as they keep me fired up to keep God's Word in my life and help me keep my first love for Jesus."

Dajkumar Jeyaraj

"I thank God for his many blessings and insights provided to me through the short-term course at Trinity@Night. The units together with the assignments and support I received deepened my spiritual knowledge of the Bible and biblical theology."

Tom Law-Davis

"I work in water supply infrastructure and attend Kallaroo Anglican Church where I serve on the welcoming team. Trinity@Night units have helped me more fully understand the nature of God which made clearer the importance of personal Bible reading and evangelism."

Carmen Mears

"I attend East Fremantle Baptist Church where I have served in the worship team, kids church team, playgroup team and run a women's

Bible study. My time at Trinity has been such a blessing to me having a commitment to a unit that helped me to prioritise digging deeper into the Word."

Rochelle Oaklands

"I am a school teacher attending Bunbury Seventh Day Adventist Church, where I currently have a role with the youth. Trinity has provided excellent lectures that have enabled me to not only know but understand the Bible more and the way in which the whole Scripture points to Jesus challenging me to grow in my personal faith and relationship with Christ."

Carina Power

"I am a high school maths teacher and attend North Beach Baptist Church where I serve on the music team. I loved the lecturers' passion for God's Word and their helpful teaching styles. My increased confidence in Scripture has led me to write several songs for the church over the last year."

Prize Recipients: Justin Fourie, Kim Chin, Emma Chin

Prizes

Kim Chin: Master of Divinity Prize

An academic prize awarded to the student who has the highest Grade Point Average whilst enrolled in the Master of Divinity. Provided by Westminster Presbyterian Church Bull Creek.

Emma Chin: One Year Degree Prize

An academic prize awarded to the student who has the highest Grade Point Average whilst enrolled in the Diploma of Theology or Graduate Diploma of Divinity. Provided by Margaret Ellis and family in memory of John Ellis.

Justin Fourie: Service to the College Community Prize

This prize is awarded to the student recognised by the College community as having made the most significant contribution to College life. Provided by St Matthew's Anglican Church, Shenton Park.



Advanced Certificate of Christian Studies
Graduates:
Mark Pollard, Joel Dawson and
Certificate of Christian Studies Graduates:
Carina Power, Tom Law-Davis


Knowing God

What a blessing it is to work at Trinity and be able to see God's hand at work in the lives of our students, drawing them into a more intimate relationship with himself as they grow in their knowledge of him. We see it, too, in the way he provides financially for the needs of the College and his provision of our staffing requirements.

This brings me to the fact that we are seeking a Relationships Manager and a Communications Manager in place of Nat Brown, our Communications and Development Coordinator, who left the

College at the beginning of January. We are very thankful to have had Nat working with us for just over 4 years developing our communications strategies and moving us into the social media arena and wish him well with his new employment. Please pray that God will direct the right people to apply for the positions that have been advertised.

We are again looking to God to supply the financial needs of the College for 2023 and ask that you would pray along those lines too. We look to him also for our students especially with Info Night on the horizon; that our student body will grow considerably so that more will be equipped to take the knowledge of God to the farthest ends of the earth for Christ's sake.

Finally, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17). 

Colleen Mugridge

Development & Communications Assistant

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Give thanks for:

- The large number of family, friends and supporters who gathered at our recent Commencement and Graduation Ceremony
- The 31 degree graduates we celebrated, many of whom are heading into ministry roles – see their profiles
- The 8 CCS students who graduated with greater understanding of, and confidence to share, the gospel
- The successful start of the 2023 academic year with students settling into the rhythm of study

Pray for:

- Our Commencement Appeal and fundraising in general; that God will provide bountifully through his faithful people
- The Trinity Women Enrichment Day on 1 April; that the women attending will be greatly encouraged in their walk and ministry
- Ministry Matters with Rob and Claire Smith on 15 May; that those attending will be strengthened and encouraged
- Many prospective students to register for Info Night on 10 May and Open Lecture on 16 May
- Applications for enrolment for Semester 2; that God will place a calling on the hearts of people to serve him

2023 DATES

01 Apr	Trinity Women Enrichment Day
10 May	Information Night
13 May	Quarterly Prayer Breakfast
15 May	Ministry Matters Event
15 May	Annual Lecture May
16 May	Open Lecture
12 Aug	Quarterly Prayer Breakfast
18 Sep	Annual Lecture September
19 Sep	Trinity Conference
09 Oct	Information Night
09-13 Oct	Open Week
11 Nov	Quarterly Prayer Breakfast

Info Night and Open Lecture

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