



18th August 2019

### PASSION IS SUFFERING

Have you ever found the question, "Is there anything you are passionate about?" a difficult question to answer? Maybe you have considered this question when thinking about work, or a course of study or even sparked by an enthusiastic pastor. I suspect for many of us, it's not an easy question to answer. We may think of many things that we enjoy doing or even love doing, but they may not quite seem to fit the "passion" question.

Maybe the reason for us not being able to name our passion is that the world we live in and are part of seems to suggest that there are extremely passionate people at one end and ordinary folks which is most of us, at the other end. It is almost easier to not care too much about things, just so we don't stand out or make a fool of ourselves.

Or maybe, we are working with a definition of passion that doesn't reach quite far enough, for our English word stems from the Latin word, "patior", which actually means suffering. Finding out what it is we are passionate about, comes down to figuring out what matters to you so deeply enough that you are willing to suffer for it. It is no surprise therefore that in Christian tradition, the Passion refers to Jesus enduring journey to and through the cross for as we read in the book of Hebrews "For the joy set before Him, he endured the cross..." His joy, was and is, our reconciliation.

Over the next six weeks we have invited those who are preaching to share something they are passionate about. To be honest we don't quite know where we will be taken, but what we do hope is that as the bible comes alive for us, in and through the hearts and words of those who share, we will grow in increasing openness to what a relationship with God through Jesus means in our minds, our hearts and powerfully in our actions.

Grace, peace and passion

Pete

### CREATE

**After School Kid's Club**  
Tuesday's 3.30-5.30pm  
@ Playford Uniting Church  
Call Nick: 0402 808 744

### LITTLE BUZZ PLAYGROUP

Thursday's 9.30-11am  
@ Playford Uniting Church

### Men's Bonfire Night

Saturday 17th August  
@ Cockburn's Farm  
Meet at Playford UC, 5pm to car pool.  
See Tony Craig or Matt Morton for info.

### TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD

**Dr. Ed Silvano** - 25th August  
**Building Unity for Transformation**  
Adelaide Chin Christian Church  
6.00pm, 25th August  
More info can be found on the  
[Transform Our World Facebook Page](#)

### UPCOMING SERVICES

**Sunday Aug 18th: Craig McGlone**  
My Passionate Pursuit

**Sunday Aug 25th: Youth Service**  
Combined Youth & Kids Service

**Sunday Sep 1st: Fathers Day**  
"...when I don't have the strength"

### Sermon from August 11th

By YWAM - Acts  
*"Testimony and Sermon"*

or go to <http://playford.ucasa.org.au/podcasts/>

We acknowledge that the land we meet on is the traditional lands for the Kurna people.

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