An interview with Peter Jack, speaker of the Taking Charge of Your Life Seminar.

SAM: Pastor Peter Jack, this the first time you are doing Taking Charge of Your Life in Singapore. What are your feelings about doing it here?

PJ: I feel very positive and excited about Taking Charge of Your Life here in Singapore. We had an array of business and professional people . . . the kind of people we don’t normally reach in public evangelism. The response had been outstanding.

SAM: It is a challenge to do city-evangelism. Do you have some advice for our Church here in Singapore?

PJ: The main thing is to stay in touch with God to allow His Spirit to work through us and then to ensure that the way we are doing evangelism in the city is relevant to the city culture of the people.

SAM: Do you have any parting words as the series of these seminars come to a close?

PJ: It’s been a real joy to work with a wonderful team. You have an outstanding president, secretary and treasurer here and a wonderful team of ministers. I just hope that you can continue to support them with all of the follow-up that now needs to be done. And of course Pastor Geoff Youlenden is coming at the end of the year and if you stay in touch with these people, do all the visitation, and continue praying and working together I believe we are going to reap a wonderful harvest.

Why an Adventist?

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This question was thrown to me by Pastor Danson Ng. It elicited a testimonial response which he requested I should put down in writing to encourage others. Through a seemingly innocuous question, God brings glory to Himself.

So, “Why do you want to be an Adventist?” The answer is: “God wants me to be an Adventist.” How do I know this?

As a young adult in my late 20’s I responded to a friend’s invitation to attend a charismatic church. Soon after, I dreamt of Jesus Christ. My faith in Christ was born that day. I was baptized, never spoke in tongues; eventually, I dropped out of the church and out of the tongue-speaking movement. Why? Instinctively, I knew I was not in the right environment.

I also learned of the multitude of Christian sects with opposing views of the Bible. Everyone is calling everyone else a cult. I realize I had to investigate scripture for myself if I were to ascertain what is truth. It catapulted me to do my own Bible study. After years of self-study, I formed a doctrinal stance which was not mirrored...

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Meanwhile, Pamella, his wife, spoke on her Road to Recovery with another group. If some of the feedback from those who have attended are anything to go by, Paulien had not only dispelled the myth that the Book of Revelation is a closed and obscured book but he had indeed re-ignited interest in its study.

Christian calendar. Adventism was definitely not for me! I was resigned to stay out of the church circuit permanently till death or so I thought. But God had different ideas. Out of the blues one day, came that still small voice — “SDA.” I picked on the signal and acted on it. To my amazement, I found the hermeneutics of this sect parallel to my own interpretation of scripture.

Then another signal came by way of radio broadcast. The preset stations on my radio jammed for no good reason. In the process of resetting I discovered the Adventists broadcasting on 105.5 now 107fm. These two indicators left no doubt in my mind that God wants me to be an Adventist — loud and clear.

Now that God has given me clear directions exactly where he wants me to worship, all fears of being in a “wrong” sect simply vanish. This is part of God’s church.

Equipped with this revelation I am ready to plug into the Adventist “culture” and be a part of its family. Though this sect does not monopolize the truth, they hold a big chunk of it. Good Friday proves my point.