



# ESAKIS IN OSAKA

Grace makes beauty out of ugly things.

## CTC Japan Coach Training 2024

In summer, 2024, CTCJ plans to train 10 coaches for the church planters coming up through the next autumn intensive.

**Pray** for selection of these coaches, and for the planning of the 2-day Kyoto coach training.

Meanwhile the review of the 2022-trained coaches continues through Koji's video review and feedback.

## Presbyterian Church Japan, Overseas Committee

As Overseas Committee Chairman, Koji and the team work with mission organizations like Wycliffe and SIM to send Japanese missionaries to Pakistan, Tibet, Thailand and Australia. This summer, the committee held a "Mission Festa" in Japan to highlight this work with 500 PCJ church participants online.

## Bible Studies

Monthly, we host 10 people in studies online. This is one way to support believers and present the gospel to non-believers.

## Step 4: What is the Redemptive Answer?



The Redemptive Answer has to come from outside of us to answer the pain and messiness of the human condition.

## Christ-Centered Preaching

Above is one of the slides developed for the three sermon-writing sessions, held in September and October. Marcia, along with the lead pastor and one elder, taught a group of nine preachers, teachers, and translators. The next step will be to implement the training, and continue with the editing through the Writer's Circle.

One of the participants commented, "I've seen this training done in seminaries, but never within the church." The lead pastor hopes that it will be a way to develop strong gospel preaching, as well as gospel messages in the kids' ministry and Bible studies.

### Praise and Prayer:

Praise that God has brought us through the first March training and this second training! Pray that the writers would participate in the editing process through the Writer's Circle to solidify these messages.

