

» PRAYER & PRAISE

Let's come together and keep watch over our Covenant missionaries! Let's pray over them and hear from our Missions Regional Coordinator at this month's Prayer & Praise.
 Date: 22 Jul (Fri)
 Time: 8pm
 Venue: WDL Centre
 There will be a children's programme for 7 to 10-year olds.

» TWO TO TANGO

Would you like to B.L.E.S.S. your pre-believing friends who are either married or dating? Invite and accompany them to this marriage seminar for a fun and useful time talking about the ups and downs of couplehood.
Dates: 28 Jul, 4, 11, 18 and 25 Aug (Thursdays)
Time: 7.00pm–9.30pm (dinner provided)
Venue: YMCA of Singapore, 1 Orchard Road
 Email twototangocefc@gmail.com to register or enquire. Last day of registration is 24 Jul.

» BAPTISM CLASS

Sign up at the Information Counter.
Date: 7 Aug (Sun)
Time: 2.30pm–5.00pm
Venue: BPJ Centre

» MISSIONS WORKSHOP

Missions Week begins today! We have prepared four exciting workshops to equip us fulfil the Great Commission in this fast-changing world. Learn about the modern trends in world missions, and digital tools and strategy to connect people to Christ. Sign up at our church website www.cefc.org.sg/missions-week



» CYAN FELLOWSHIP: TEMPTATIONS

As young adults, one of the biggest challenges we face is temptations—sex, money, power. Join this month's CYAN Fellowship as Rev Dr Chua Chung Kai speaks on this topic. This will be followed by a time for discussion and questions.
Date: 23 Jul (Sat)
Time: 1.45pm
Venue: BPJ Centre, Main Sanctuary
 Light refreshments will be provided after the session. Sign up at tinyurl.com/cyantemptations

» DISCOVERY WEEKEND

Courting couples: would you like to know where you are in your relationship, before considering the next steps?
Date: 30 Jul (Sat)
Time: 8.45am–5.00pm
Venue: BPJ Centre
 Sign up at the Information Counter.
 For enquiries, email fic@cefc.org.sg

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Disciplemaking Church in Missions

BY: ELDER JOHNNY TAN, DIRECTOR, MISSIONS

On 23 June 2016, 51.9% of people in United Kingdom(UK) voted to leave the European Union (EU). UK joined the EU in 1973. After 43 years, UK chose to part ways with the EU. This news shocked the world.

The Guardian reported on 23 May 2016 that NatCen's British Social Attitudes (BSA) Survey in 2014 revealed that 48.5% identified themselves as having no religion, compared to 43.8% who defined themselves as Christians (Anglicans, Catholics and other denominations). In the previous year of 2011, BSA survey shows 46% as having no religion. In the same Guardian report, the Church of England said that church attendance is expected to continue to fall in the next 30 years!

Does this news shock us? Does it compel us to pray? Does it cause us to act and bring the Gospel to our neighbours? Does it cause us to leave the comforts of our home to bring the Gospel beyond the shores of Singapore?

In Matthew 9:35–38: “Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’”

Jesus was filled with compassion that He prayed and then acted by sending out twelve disciples in Matthew 10. In Luke 10, Jesus sent out seventy-two.

Will you spend time to pray for the nations? Will you give your treasures to the missions? Will you go to the mission field? Will you bring the Gospel to your neighbor? Will you participate to grow the Global IDMC movement?



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SERMON OUTLINE



Getting the Big Picture of God's Mission

Scripture: **REVELATION 5:1–10** Sermon: **DR CRAIG OTT**

Introduction

What's the big picture of God's mission?

To understand the big picture of God's mission, let's look at the end of the story, to see what it will look like when God's mission is accomplished.

The ultimate mission of God is the establishment of His kingdom in a people from every nation who worship, serve and glorify Him for all eternity.

Background of the biblical text in Revelation 5

A. The Foundation of God's Mission is Christ's Work of Redemption

Because redemption is the foundation of God's mission, we must become messengers of that message of redemption: the Gospel must remain at the foundation of our mission.

B. The Scope of God's Mission includes People of all Nations (v.9b)

Because all the peoples of the earth are included in God's mission, our mission of redemption must extend to all the peoples of the earth.

C. The End of God's Mission is the worship and service of a kingdom people

Because worship and service is the ultimate end of mission, our mission must work toward establishing "kingdom-communities" of worship and service among all peoples of the earth— even now.

Conclusion

The mission of God will be accomplished!

Next Week's Sermon Speaker:
24 Jul **DR CRAIG OTT** (BPJ and WDL)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



Go with the Flow or Grow?

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 4:14–16** // Sermon: **PS ANDY LEW**

Introduction

Two Critical Areas We Need to Grow in Our Discipleship:

A. We Can't Grow Without a Foundation in the Truth (v.14)

so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine (v.14)

1. Spiritual infancy is equal to biblical illiteracy, which is open to attacks by human philosophies and worldly values (cf 2 Tim 4:3–4)
2. Illustration: Eastern Lightning cult in China targets young Christians
3. Illustration: Viewing registration for P1 through biblical lenses
4. Application: We need to have a firm anchor and foundation in the Word of God.
5. The great doctrines of the faith must be the basis of the Christian diet – Martin Lloyd Jones.
 - a. For parents, pass on the truth to your children in everyday life (Deut 11:11–19).
 - b. For adult, join the equipping programmes (GIC, SFF, IDT, IDMCi)

B. We Can't Grow Without a Bond in the Community (vv.15–16)

...when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love (v.16)

1. Verse 15 “speaking the truth in love” —we must hold onto the truth in humility and love (cf 1 Cor 8:1)
2. Verse 16 – three marks of maturity in the community:
 - a. “joined and held together by every joint” – our interdependence
 - b. “equipped” – our spiritual gifts
 - c. “working properly” – our use of our gifts
3. Illustration: My preaching has grown because of the preaching team.
4. Illustration: Using gifts in God's Missions (BAM Vision Trip and Covenant Herald STM)
5. Testimony: Donn journeyed from reluctant CG member to CGL leader.
6. Application: Don't just be part of a CG community, be bonded to a CG community.

Conclusion

Closing Illustration: Redwood trees are the highest trees in the world because of their interdependent root system. They cannot grow upwards without each other. Build roots in the Word and build wings in the community. Christ is our Cornerstone!