

» GATHERING OF MULTITUDES (GOM)

Calling all Zone Mentors, CG Leaders, Assistant CG Leaders and Ministry Leaders! It's time for our annual Gathering of the Multitudes. Join the Senior Pastor's Office team as they share the spiritual burden and plan for 2017.

Date: 2 Oct (Sun) **Time:** 2:30pm–5.00pm

Venue: BPJ Centre

» PRAYER & PRAISE

Young people are faced with a lot of challenges as they transition into campus, career and even national services. They are often thrown into the world without a real understanding of how to survive in it. At the same time, more young people are shunning religion in Singapore. The future of the Church is dependent on what we do for them now – so that, like King David they may serve God's purposes in their generation! Let's keep watch over our young adults and singles at this month's Prayer & Praise.

Date: 30 Sep (Fri) **Time:** 8pm

Venue: WDL Centre

» BREAKTHROUGH WEEKEND (BTW)

Early bird registration is here! It's time to intentionally be away with the Lord for an extended time. Bring your CGmates along and register at Voyager.

Men's BTW and Women's BTW

Dates: 2–4 Dec

Early bird rate: \$260* per pax

For enquiries, email menbtw@cefc.org.sg or womenbtw@cefc.org.sg

Marriage BTW

Dates: 25–27 Nov

Early bird rate: \$540* per couple

For enquiries, email marriagebtw@cefc.org.sg

*Rates do not include the optional transportation.

» WHOLE LIFE INVENTORY

Have you taken the *Whole Life Inventory*? If you are at least 13 years old and consider Covenant EFC your spiritual home, we encourage you to do so by 25 Sep. Your honest response will help us better understand the needs of our church and effectively disciple you towards Vision 2028. It's easy and only takes 10–15 mins. All responses are kept anonymous and confidential. Just follow these simple steps:

1. Visit www.wholelife.sg/inventory
2. Scroll down and enter the access code: *cefc* (case sensitive)

Email your queries to inventory@wholelife.sg

» SHORT-TERM MISSIONS TRIP

CG members, be a blessing to the nations by signing up for an STM trip this year.

Siem Reap, Cambodia on 8–12 Dec
Christmas evangelistic outreach for children and adults in villages. Estimated cost: \$400*

Bandung, Indonesia on 1–5 Dec
Christmas programme for an orphanage and for a minority people group who are believers
Estimated cost: \$350*

Jakarta, Indonesia on 17–25 Dec
Painting and ministry to children
Estimated cost: \$350*

*Estimated costs *do not include* airfare and ministry expense. If interested, email missions@cefc.org.sg

» DISCIPLESHIP MISSIONS BOOK

In this new book by Pastor Edmund Chan and Elder Tan Lian Seng, find out why all Christians should be engaged in missions and learn practical ways to get missional in your life. Grab your copy now from the SKS book table at the foyer. *Covenanters get 15% off the retail price, and further discounts if you buy 10 copies or more.*

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Discipleship in a Community: Costly but Worth It!

BY: PS YAM KENG MUN, DISTRICT MENTOR

We are generally individualistic. We prefer growth through personal Bible study, private prayer and individual worship. As a worldview, individualism can affect our relationship with God, to the extent that discipleship is just about having only a Jesus-and-I relationship. However, discipleship without community may leave us on our own—alone and isolated.

Some may find community or Covenant Groups (CGs) difficult. Relationships with one or two others can be trying. Meeting weekly can leave us breathless after a hectic schedule and a busy weekend ahead. There are some who like CGs to be just dinner fellowship gatherings.

Our Lord Jesus used small groups as a means of winning the world to Himself. It was His means to equip His disciples to be fishers of men, to feed His sheep, and to love one another so that the world shall know that they are His disciples.

Similarly, in our CGs, we gather to help one another grow in a right relationship with God. We remind ourselves about what Christ has done for us on the Cross, that we can do nothing apart from Him. We pray for hope and strength after sharing our personal concerns. We ask about what we will do to obey God's commands in the Scriptures. Trust grows as we give an answer for what we do. There is support when we fail and we find courage to start again.

Imagine you deciding to follow the Son in your everyday life, live in the Father's love, and walk in the Holy Spirit's power...

Imagine when two or three in your CG choosing to believe and act as Christ's disciples, at home and in their marketplace...

Imagine younger believers or your children sharing about Jesus with their friends...

Discipleship in CGs may be time-consuming and personally risky, but infinitely worth it!



VISION

AUTHENTIC
DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VALUES

GRACE
GROWTH
GODLINESS

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SERMON OUTLINE



Let's Serve!

Scripture: **1 PETER 4:10-11** Sermon: **REV TONY YEO**

Introduction

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received...” (1 Peter 4:10, NIV)

So, let us...

A. Serve _____ to Steward God's Grace (v.10)

B. Serve _____ to Shine God's Glory (v.11)

Conclusion

Next Week's Sermon Speakers:
25 Sep **PS VALERIE CHAN** (BPJ) and **PS SHARON FONG** (WDL)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 5:18-20** // Sermon: **REV EDMUND CHAN**

Introduction

1. The Spirit-Filled Life: Either the Holy Spirit is ignored,
Or The Holy Spirit becomes a contentious issue!
2. “Be FILLED with the Spirit” – A COMMAND

Four Key Observations:

A. IT IS A BIBLICAL COMMAND

1. “You **MUST** be filled with the Spirit”
2. Essential emphasis: **JOY!**

B. IT IS A MISUNDERSTOOD COMMAND

1. Misunderstood as just a ONE-TIME Event! (not once and for all)
A Continuous Tense: “You **MUST** be filled with the Spirit **CONTINUALLY**”
2. Misunderstood with a Flawed “Filling” Imagery - Not a Petrol Station Imagery!
Not how much you have of the Holy Spirit but how much the Holy Spirit has of you!
3. Misunderstood with the “Baptism of the Spirit”.
1 Corinthians 12:12, 13: For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body
(once and for all at the point of Conversion!)
4. Misunderstood with the “Spirit-GIFTED Life” (tongues or anointing)
Spirit-GIFTED Life is about being **STRENGTHENED** for Ministry
Spirit-FILLED Life is about being **SANCTIFIED** in Life
Thus, Spiritual Giftedness is not equal to Spiritual Maturity!!
Biblical Insight: We Must **NOT** Miss the **CONTRAST** here!
Drunk = **LOSE CONTROL** of our life!
Filled with Spirit = **GAIN CONTROL** of our life in God!

C. IT IS A SPIRITUALLY VITAL COMMAND

E. Stanley Jones (missionary in India) -
“Pentecost is not a spiritual luxury.
It is an utter necessity for human living.
The human spirit fails unless the Holy Spirit fills.
It is Pentecost or failure.”
We dance in the Spirit...but struggle with ‘secret sin’
We speak in tongues...but gossip, criticize, and condemn...
We shout and praise God...but we complain and gripe
We declare God is mighty ... but we are anxious and worried.
Where is the POWER of God in our lives?
Be filled with Spirit! Grow unto spiritual maturity!

D. IT IS A DO-ABLE COMMAND

Three Crucial Steps To Be Filled By The Holy Spirit (S.O.S.)
S = **SCRIPTURES** – I acknowledge God's command!
O = **OBEDIENCE** – I obey God's Command!
S = **SURRENDER** – I reject the Push-Button Tendency of Self Effort!

Conclusion. Revitalize Your Walk With God!