

» IDT & SFF SIGN-UP

We don't try to be disciples, we *train* to be disciples. Invest in your spiritual growth today! Join Intentional Discipleship Training (IDT) or Spiritual Friends & Foundations (SFF) commencing on Jan 2017.

Be grounded with an understanding of God's redemptive plan and an experiential knowledge of a Spirit-filled life within a small group, with an emphasis on inner life transformation through personal discipline and a growing love for God's Word.

Application Period: 1 Oct–13 Nov 2016

Download the application form at www.cefc.org.sg or get it at the Information Counter.

For enquiries, email idtadmin@cefc.org.sg

» MOVIE SCREENING FOR SEEKERS

Seekers Ministry is organising an outreach event with the screening of the acclaimed movie "The Ultimate Gift". Invite your family and friends who are seeking answers in life!

Date: 12 Nov (Sat) **Time:** 5.30pm–8.30pm

Venue: ACKCentre Performing Studio
Dinner and short discussion follow after the movie.

Entry is free but registration is required due to limited seating capacity. Register at tinyurl.com/seekersmoviescreening

» REKINDLING YOUR SPIRITUAL PASSION

Sign up for IDMC 2017 to learn how you can rekindle your first love for Jesus. Enjoy Covenanters' special rate at \$60 (leaders) and \$120 (members) on voyager.cefc.org.sg Invite your non-Covenanter friends to join you! They can sign up at www.idmc.org.sg at \$200 (early bird rate) until 30 Nov. (Regular: \$290 / \$400 walk-in). Email info@idmc.org.sg if you have queries.

IDMC 2016 Marketplace Discipleship Post-Conference Discussion Guides are available for download at www.idmc.org.sg

» COVENANT EAST ORIENTATION SERVICE

Covenant East will hold its first service on 6 Nov! Start inviting your pre-believing and unchurched family, friends and colleagues who live in the East. To thank God for His faithfulness, we will have a Thanksgiving and Orientation Service.

Date: 22 Oct (Sat)

Time: 9.30am Prayer, 10am Service

Venue: UE Convention Centre, 4 Changi Business Park Ave 1, S486016

» DIALOGUE SESSIONS FOR ALL PARENTS OF 14 TO 17-YEARS-OLDS

Calling *all* parents of youths aged 14 to 17 years old. We are going to have dialogue sessions to explain MOMENTUM's *new* timing and format starting January 2017.

Dates: 6 and 13 Nov (attend only one)

Time: 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Venue: WDL Centre, Love and Joy Rooms, Level 4
RSVP at tiny.cc/Momentum-2017

For enquiries, email tng.momentum@cefc.org.sg or contact our ministry staff: Barnabas Ngai at 9144 0063 or Lee Hui Fang at 9837 7947.

» STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking for the following to join the Staff Team:

- Centre Administration cum Mobilisation for Covenant East Centre
- Executive (Missions)
- Executive (Conferences/Events)

For job requirements, visit www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment

If interested, please email your resume to hr@cefc.org.sg by 23 Oct.

» PASTOR'S SABBATICAL

Our beloved Pastor Fabian Ghui will go on overseas sabbatical from 10 Oct to 31 Dec 2016.

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SERVICE LEADER REV WILLIAM WONG // WORSHIP LEADER SIMON AND LILIAN SEOW



Why Marry?

BY: JEREMY KOH, FAMILIES-IN-COVENANT

Someone once said, "If you want to serve God, stay single. If you want to be Christ-like, get married."

It is ironic that many singles desire to be married but some married ones wonder what happened to their dream marriage. Children are also affected by broken marriages — hypocrisy observed by teenagers in their Christian parents' lives and marriages lead to their disappointments and leaving the church. Let's ask a more basic question to all — singles and married — why marry? What is man's purpose? What is God's purpose?

A fairly common response from all is companionship. That's a deep human desire. Yet when two sinners marry, each brings differing ideas of what companionship means. The funny thing is during courtship, things seem to work. At that stage, each one lives out Philipians 2:2-3, "considering not only his own interests but also the interests of others". Then after marriage, career, the need for financial stability, for children's well-being dominate the agenda, and what was done in courtship get squeezed to a nook. Those who intentionally

consider their spouse's interest generally work out better. Yet as sinful individuals, we tend to desire our own interests and preferences. What godly common interests or purposes should married couples have? Is that even in the Bible?

In Genesis 2:15, upon Adam's creation, before Eve's arrival, he was first put in the garden of Eden to work and keep it. Eve was to be a helper fit for Adam. Help him do what? Looking at the context, it is to tend the garden. So there was a common purpose. Of course for us today, we need to translate what it means to "tend the garden". It is probably beyond our job or career, even our family, because the garden of Eden is for everyone, not just for Adam and Eve. It is also a place where the presence of God and fellowship with God is. As a single disciple of God, can you see that purpose for your life? Because that will determine your choice of partner. As a married disciple of God, what is your work in your "garden of Eden" as a couple? Where is the presence of God and fellowship with God in your individual life, in your married life?

Let us take time to review, recalibrate and realign with His purpose!



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SERMON OUTLINE



Experiencing the Mystery of Marriage

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 5:31-33** Sermon: **PS EDMUND WONG**

Introduction

To experience ONeness, we must...

A. Understand God's Design for Marriage (vv.31-32)

"...a man will leave...and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." (v.31)

B. Embrace Our Roles in Marriage (v.33)

"each one of you also must love his wife...and the wife must respect her husband."

Conclusion

Next Week's Sermon Speakers:

16 Oct **PS BARNEY LAU** (BPJ) and **PS IVAN HO** (WDL)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



HUSBANDS, LOVE YOUR WIVES

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 5:25-30** // Sermon: **REV EDMUND CHAN**

Introduction

True or False – “The Bible teaches that wives should love their husbands, and that husbands should submit to their wives?”

Titus 2:3-4 “that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands...”

Ephesians 5:21 “be subject to one another in the fear of Christ!”

“Husbands, LOVE Your Wives”: Three Important Considerations -

A. Is Your Love **WORD-Taught** or **WORLD-Taught**?

“Just *as Christ* also loved the church...” (v.25)

1. “Husbands, love your wives...” (Gk. *agapao*)
- My journey with Ann in 35 years of marriage

2. Difference between WORD-Taught and World-Taught
a. A Biblical Command That Is **NEGLECTED**
b. A Biblical Command That Is **NECESSARY**

3. “Just *as Christ* also loved the church...”
Jesus is both the **MODEL** and the **MOTIVATION!**

4. Paul encourages us to consider more carefully the impact of our discipleship in all arenas of life!

5. Practise the Remove and Replace Principle.

B. Is Your Love **SACRIFICIAL** or **SELFISH**?

“... and *gave Himself up* for her” (vv.25, 29)

1. “... and *gave Himself up* for her” - Sacrificial Love!

2. Opposite of SACRIFICIAL = SELFISH
- Mark of selfishness? Taking for granted!!
- Start with being sensitive to her needs
- My needs, her needs

3. The story of Dr. Robertson McQuilkin. A Promise Kept.

C. Is Your Love **FAITHFUL** or **FALSE**?

“... *but nourishes* and *cherishes it...*” (v.29)

1. “Nourishes”: Not “critical” and “judgmental”

2. “Cherishes”: Story of Sue Thompson (Husband's Love)

A Word for Husbands Who Have Strayed into AFFAIRS.

Be faithful to your wife – If you have already strayed, REPENT.

Conclusion. Story of Richard Evans

#1 New York Times bestselling author

“You can't change her, you can only change yourself! “

“What can I do to make your day better?”

No Magic Formula!