

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Calling all registered members of Covenant EFC! You are invited to join our upcoming Annual General Meeting on 26 Mar, Sun, 2:30pm at BPJ Centre Grace Sanctuary.

IDMC CONFERENCE 2017

Sign up for IDMC Conference 2017 – Rekindling your Spiritual Passion! Date: 31 Aug – 2 Sep. Enjoy special Covenanter rates: \$60 (leaders) and \$120 (registered members and CG members). Sign up through Voyager today!

SERVE IN CHILDREN'S FEST

Children's Fest 2017: Friends in Unity!

We need more than 600 volunteers to partner with us in blessing the children in the community on 2 Apr, Sun. Serve as a booth facilitator, welcomer and helping hand, trained nurse or doctor.

If you're serving together with your CG, download a group registration form from www.newlife.org.sg and email to c.f@newlife.org.sg. If you do not have a CG, contact us at 6892 7191 or c.f@newlife.org.sg

DISCIPLESHIP AT WORK

Is the workplace a challenging place for you as a disciple of Christ? Gain biblical perspectives and be inspired by testimonies on how to practice biblical truths at work. Dates: 8 Apr, 13 May, 10 Jun, 8 Jul, 5 Aug and 23 Sep (Saturdays) Time: 9am – 1pm Venue: ACKCentre Course Fee: \$100 Speakers: Ps Lim Keng Yeow, Ps Sebastian Quek, Matthew Kok, Dieu Eng Seng Register at <http://cefc.ch/discipleship-at-work> Visit www.cefc.org.sg/idmci for more information. Last day of registration is on 22 Mar.

THE ALPHA COURSE

The Alpha Course will be held every Wed from 19 Apr to 17 Jun. This is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Many have been saved through Alpha and you can be part of this amazing experience by inviting a pre-believer or by signing up to serve!

Serve as a facilitator, intercessor or in administration. Facilitators' training will be held on 30 Mar and 6 Apr. Register at <http://alpha.cefcapps.com> or email alpha@cefc.org.sg for enquiries.

NURTURE MASTERCLASS

Are you keen to know how to multiply spiritually by helping others become disciples of Jesus? The Nurture Masterclass aims to equip CGs to nurture new believers in the foundation of their faith. Highly recommended for CG Leaders, Assistant CG Leaders and CG members who are passionate to nurture and to subsequently train their CGs. Register today at the foyer or online at <http://cefc.ch/nurture-masterclass> This is a one-time session at WDL Centre, 26 Mar (Sun), 1pm – 3pm, Level 4 Joy Room.

SERVE IN DANCE MINISTRY

Calling all dancers with a heart to serve God through dance! To indicate your interest, register at www.step-up.cefcapps.com before 17 Mar. To find out more, visit our booth at BPJ and WDL Centres **next Sun, 12 Mar** after the first and second service or email cefdance@gmail.com Auditions will be held on Tue, 21 Mar, 8.30pm at ACKCentre Performing Arts Studio #10-03.

COVENANT EFC

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ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES:

BPJ Centre: 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30am ■ WDL Centre: 8.30am & 10.30am ■ East Centre: 10.00am

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VISION

AUTHENTIC
DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
- Community
- Stewardship
- Balance
- Brokenness

COVENANT EFC

WOODLANDS CENTRE, 5 MARCH 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS EDMUND WONG ■ WORSHIP LEADER: ALLISON LIM

Vision 2028: Faith Exploit 3

Disciple Now for a Growing Intentional Disciple Making Church Movement in Singapore

REV TAN KAY KIONG, SENIOR PASTOR

Bill Hybels, the Senior Pastor of Willow Creek Community Church once declared passionately that “the local church is the hope of the world”.

Certainly, Bill Hybels is not eradicating the centrality of Jesus and the power of the Gospel in Christianity. He is saying that God has entrusted the message of salvation to the local church and she is the appointed agent to preach the message of hope. This is the context when he said that the local church is the hope of the world.

Today, God has planted Covenant EFC in Singapore to “return the Church to its disciplinmaking roots”. If you have been in Covenant EFC for some time, you cannot miss our Mission: Authentic Discipleship and Intentional Disciplemaking of *A Certain Kind*. It's marked by a depth in Grace, Growth and Godliness, undergirded by Truth, Community, Stewardship, Balance and Brokenness.

We believe God has called us to be *one church with multiple worship centres*. Each centre is committed to *Win a Soul*,

Change a Life and *Send a Mentor*.

What does it mean for each one of us to be part of this mission?

Win a Soul

God has placed each one of us in strategic places to be a living witness for Him. Wherever you are, can you honestly say that people can see Christ in you?

Change a Life

Over the years, we have put in place various strategic vehicles so that you can encounter God and be transformed. One of the most important aspect of this is to be part of the Covenant Group (CG). And if you are already in a CG, then participate in Intentional Discipleship Training (IDT). Then find a place of ministry according to your spiritual gifts and passion.

Send a Mentor

There is no greater joy in our pilgrimage than to be used by God to mentor others. To pass on God's holy legacy.

Let's **disciple now** so that we can be part of a growing IDMC movement in Singapore!

SERMON OUTLINE

What Matters to God

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 2:1-67 ■ SERMON: REV TONY YEO

Introduction

A. Every Name Matters to God! (Ezr 2:1-35)

B. Every Role Matters to God! (Ezr 2:36-67)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

12 MAR - PS SHARON FONG (BPJ), PS ANDY LEW (WDL) AND PS BARNEY LAU (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

Homecoming

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 1:5-II ■ SERMON: PS SHARON FONG

Introduction

Most of us are second or third generation Chinese in Singapore and we have settled well in this country. We grew up here and built our houses and dreams in this land. But suppose there is a homecoming call from China to ask all Chinese to return to the mainland to rebuild the country, would you respond to that call? This is exactly the case and historical setting for Ezra chapter 1. With no identity and memory tied to Jerusalem, why would anyone want to return and rebuild the temple of God?

A. Meet God with Our Heart (v.5)

Have you ever thought that actually God could have easily mandated through Cyrus' decree to force everyone to return to the land and rebuild the temple of God? However, God chose to stir their hearts, to work through their hearts and to give them a choice to respond to His stirring. This is because God desires not merely compliance in action but allegiance in heart, not only the rebuilding of temple but returning of the heart. So, what kind of heart do you have towards God? If we want to come home and meet God, we need to take note that some of us may have a half-hearted heart, distracted heart and fearful heart.

B. Meet God with Our Gift (vv.6-11)

God initiated the return and they responded to Him with their gifts. They gave sacrificially to the rebuilding of God's temple. They met God not with lip service, but with their gifts. Many of you are giving and serving sacrificially in Covenant EFC. Let us continue to meet God not with lip service but with actual service to Him. Yet, some of us feel that we can only meet God if we bring Him a presentable gift. It's like when we visit someone who is important, we can't go empty handed or else we will look bad as compared to others. Our Heavenly Father is not like that. He has already given us the best gift — His one and only Son, Jesus Christ to die on the cross for us so that by the blood of Jesus, we may come home and meet God. A gift does not give us permission to meet God, rather it is our expression of our love for God. What is God asking you to give this season? Perhaps God is calling some of you to meet Him not just with lip service but in actual service to Him, His children, His Church and His lost sheep.

Conclusion

God desires that we come home and meet Him. He wants to be with us and dwell among us forever. That is why He sent His one and only Son, Jesus, to die for us. He gave so much so that we can come home and meet Him. This is what rebuilding the temple of God is all about!