

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMPOWERING GOD'S MEN

Calling all men! You are not made to walk alone. Discover the journey of walking together with other Christian men. *Empowering God's Men Series* is a monthly session over four Saturdays, from 7.30am to 9.30am at Zion-Bishan Bible Presbyterian Church. Breakfast starts at 7am.

Dates and Speakers:

15 Jul – Rev Dr David Wong

19 Aug – Rev Dr Chua Chung Kai

16 Sep – Dr Geoff Gorsuch

14 Oct – Rev Dr Tan Soo Inn

Register at <https://mmn-egm.Eventbrite.com>
Registration closes on 31 May.

BRASS PLAYERS FOR WORSHIP MINISTRY

Worship Ministry is recruiting brass players for the upcoming IDMC conference and Anniversary Sunday service in September. Instruments required are trumpet, saxophone, trombone and flute. Auditions will be held in June. Rehearsals will begin in July until August. Players should have their own instrument.

If interested, email Adrian Lim at cefebrass@gmail.com

ALPHA: WHY AND HOW SHOULD I READ THE BIBLE?

Introduce Jesus to your family and friends at Alpha this Wed, 31 May, from 7.00pm to 9.30pm at YMCA at Orchard. Registration is free, but pre-registration is required at <http://alpha.cefcapps.com> For enquiries, email alpha@cefc.org.sg

BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP

Baptism Class on Sun, 25 Jun, 1.00pm to 3.30pm at WDL Centre.

Membership Class on Sat, 17 Jun, 9am to 4pm at ACKCentre.

Register at the Information Counter today!

CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking for the following:

- Executive (Finance)
- Executive (Human Resources)
- Manager (Media, Communications and Resources)

Applicants should either be a church or CG member. For job requirements, please go to <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment> If interested, email your resume to hr@cefc.org.sg

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ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES:

BPJ Centre: 8.30am, 10.30am & 12.30pm ■ WDL Centre: 8.30am & 10.30am ■ East Centre: 10.00am (Pre-service prayer: 9.30am)

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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

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EAST CENTRE, 28 MAY 2017

SERVICE LEADER: JEREMY KOH ■ WORSHIP LEADER: SIMON & LILIAN SEOW

IDT and Selah Moments

PS YAM KENG MUN, DISTRICT MENTOR, SMALL GROUP INFRASTRUCTURE

Scripture memory, Bible reading, journaling, sharing lives, meeting weekly (except for the term breaks which brought relief to many of us who were juggling work, ministry and family) — 18 months of Intentional Discipleship Training (IDT) came to an end this week for cohort 13. I have two reflections on IDT: Rootedness and Repentance.

Readiness or Rootedness?

We think of readiness as a qualification to step up into a new role. Although we assume the importance of prior experience and training, we struggle with readiness. Can we ever be ready? In contrast, we are asked to be rooted in Christ (Col 2:7). Being grounded is to be steadfast and immovable when we are ambushed by conflicting choices. Work choices that take us away from our families, gaming hours online leaving us with panda-eyes, or living double lives watching pornography in the privacy of our rooms. Rootedness is a process over time — time to live out God's Word in our lives when we deal with storms and questions in life.

Regret or Repentance?

Repentance is a recurring theme in the Bible. Many times, God leads us to look at the condition of our hearts. We realise our lack of love for the Lord. We glimpse our self-deception. We make excuses to cover up our pride and unwillingness to seek after God. We notice the shallowness of our roots in God's truth. During Selah moments, we ask ourselves if we truly believe in Jesus as our Lord and not just our Saviour. Will there be momentary sadness or profound sorrow as we grieve over our sin? Or do we put our hands to the plough and declare that we know whom we believe and are persuaded that He is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him (1 Tim 1:12)?

There is a consequence of living an isolated life. Rootlessness and pride will not just be forgetting to read the Bible or praying before meals, but forgetting God's faithfulness and His grace in our lives. We would fall away, choosing ways apart from God and loving our own selves.

SERMON OUTLINE

GOD's Word for the Discouraged

SCRIPTURE: HAGGAI 2:1-9 ■ SERMON: REV TAN KAY KIONG

Introduction

A. Press ON because GOD is with YOU! (Haggai 2:1 – 5)

B. Press ON because Greater Days are ahead! (Haggai 2:6 – 9)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:
4 JUNE – PS EDMUND WONG (BPJ), REV TONY YEO (WDL) AND PAUL SHI (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

Will You Colour Their Lives?

SCRIPTURE: ZECHARIAH 8:23 ■ SERMON: PS MATTHEW LO

Introduction

Zechariah 8 contains ten promises to God's people that Jerusalem will be tremendously blessed with the Lord's presence, freedom, peace and prosperity. And many will come, earnestly seeking God's blessings.

A. Be That Change by the Grace of God (v.23a)

1. Verse 23a paraphrase, "In the days when many nations of every tongue earnestly seek the blessings of God, they will humbly come to a faithful follower of God and submit themselves to him."
2. "Tassel" – distinct mark of a Jew
3. Today's context, Jerusalem = Church, Jew = disciple of Jesus Christ, distinct mark of a disciple of Christ = Jesus
4. Cross references: Galatians 2:20; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 5:16 – 23
5. Let people be attracted to you because you have Jesus in you. You can be the change by the grace of God.
6. Examples of being that change: smile to coffee shop staff; participate in Hair for Hope, mission trip, Community Blessings, volunteer at New Life

B. Be Their Companions in Their Search for God (v.23b)

1. Zechariah 8:23b paraphrase, "the multitudes of many nations will say: 'Disciple us! There is something attractive about you that we want to follow you. We heard the awesome news that God is with you!'"
2. There is hope in Jesus. Story of the leper being healed by Jesus.
3. Children feeling hopeless about not being able to read. We can be their companion, journeying with them with Steady Readers, demonstrating God's love and giving them hope.

Conclusion

1. Story of "Joyce". Saw Christians demonstrating God's love, went to seek Christ on her own, and became a believer.
2. You can colour life. Paint the picture of hope found in Jesus Christ!