

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MISSIONS WORKSHOP

Find out how business can be a platform to impact the nations and how you can use your marketplace skills to advance God's Kingdom. Join the missions workshop on Business As Missions (BAM)!

**Dates:** 27 Jul and 3 Aug (Thu)

**Time:** 7.30pm – 9.30pm

**Venue:** ACKCentre

Sign up at <http://www.cefc.org.sg/missions-week/workshops> For enquiries, email [missions@cefc.org.sg](mailto:missions@cefc.org.sg)

### PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Covenant Photography Ministry is holding a workshop on portraits photography — a time of hands on with portraiture techniques. This is open to your friends who are not from Covenant EFC. Interested participants should own a digital camera. This is on a first-come, first-served basis due to limited slots.

**Date:** 22 Jul (Sat) **Time:** 9.00am – 12.30pm

**Venue:** Gardens by the Bay

Email [cefcphotographyministry@gmail.com](mailto:cefcphotographyministry@gmail.com) by 15 Jul to sign up.

### DISCOVERY WEEKEND (DWE)

DWE is a one-day session for courting couples to see where they are and where God is in their relationship, that they may grow to honour Him.

**Date:** 15 Jul (Sat)

**Time:** 8.45am – 5.00pm (lunch and breaks included)

**Venue:** BPJ Chapel (Level 3)

Sign up at the Information Counter on Sundays. Email [fic@cefc.org.sg](mailto:fic@cefc.org.sg) for enquiries.

### IDMC INSTITUTE INTRO SESSION

If you could give one year of your life to invest in eternity, what would you do? The one-year internship at IDMC Institute is an excellent opportunity to immerse in authentic discipleship and intentional discipling. Journey in a community as you grow deeper in the Lord and clarify God's calling in your life. Find out more at the Intro Session!

**Date:** 26 Jul (Wed) **Time:** 7.30 – 9.30pm

**Venue:** ACKCentre Live Recording Studio Register at <http://www.cefc.org.sg/idmci>

### PARENTING TRAINING

**Parenting with Hope is for parents of tweens and teens.** We encourage parents with children in Momentum to join. Please note that the timing and venue of the training coincides with the Momentum Service on Saturdays.

**Dates:** 5 – 26 Aug (four Saturdays)

**Time:** 3.30pm – 5.30pm

**Venue:** WDL Centre, Joy and Love Rooms

**Fee:** \$90 / couple

Register at the Information Counter today.

### TNG MINISTRY TALK

Come dialogue with the TNG Staff at the Ministry Talk to find out how you can invest in the next generation (Sunbeam, WEB and Momentum). Registration is required at [tinyurl.com/tngtalk](http://tinyurl.com/tngtalk)

**Date:** 20 Jul (Thu) **Time:** 7:30pm – 9:30pm

### LOVE SINGAPORE PRAYER BOOKLET

The Love Singapore Prayer booklet can now be downloaded at <http://www.lovesingapore.org.sg> Let us continue to engage in prayer for the 40 Days for Our Nation!

## VISION

AUTHENTIC  
DISCIPLESHIP  
& INTENTIONAL  
DISCIPLEMAKING  
OF A CERTAIN KIND

### VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



### UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
- Community
- Stewardship
- Balance
- Brokenness

## COVENANT EFC

EAST CENTRE, 9 JUL 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS SEBASTIAN QUEK ■ WORSHIP LEADER: SIMON AND LILLIAN SEOW

### Leading by Example

PAUL SAMUEL, DISTRICT MENTOR

**Y**ou can't lead anyone else further than you have gone yourself. – Gene Mauch

Leading by example is the best way to lead, especially in the family. If we want our own children to be good disciples, we must first be good disciples ourselves. Out of our own hearts will come the passion and energy to fuel all that we need to do to walk the path where God has placed us.

When it comes to prayer, we often tell our children to pray and trust God. Are we doing it ourselves? If we don't know how to pray, we need to learn and then teach it to our children. It is not just about organising regular family prayer times as much as it is about us making prayer a part of our own lives first. I know that as parents, we pray for our children everyday. One thing we can do is to ask our children to pray for us as well. Share with them a struggle that you are working through and ask them for prayer. Then as God leads you through the struggle, update them. It is a great way to show them that God works in answer to prayer and helps build a mutual accountability within the family.

What we should aspire to, is for our children to know when and how to pray, especially when we are not around, when they are by themselves facing the world. They need to grow in confidence that God hears and answers their prayers according to His will. Through this, we can teach them to accept His will for them.

We do these things not just because we need to do them as parents, but because it is our own love response to what God has done for us. It has to come from our hearts. If we are struggling with how to fit this into our schedule or we are hitting a wall in terms of how to go about this, I believe that we need to be re-charged and re-fired. A wonderful opportunity to do so is just around the corner!

Before we can disciple our children, we need to be disciples first — disciples with a renewed passion for God. Do consider coming for this year's IDMC Conference. I believe that it will be an opportunity for us to meet with God, especially if we come with expectant hearts. Let's learn how to rekindle our spiritual passion, to be vibrant disciples of Christ and the best parents to our children.

## COVENANT EFC

ACKCentre: 2 Kallang Avenue, CT Hub #10-26, Singapore 339407

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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# SERMON OUTLINE

## Backfire

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 6:1-12 ■ SERMON: PS BARNEY LAU

### Introduction

#### A. Oh No! There's More Waiting! (vv.1 – 5)

#### B. Oh Yes! That's God Working! (vv.6 – 12)

### Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:  
16 JULY – PS ANDY LEW (BPJ), PS LEE DA WIN (WDL) AND PS KATHERINE CHAN (EAST)

# LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

## Beyond

SCRIPTURE: TOPICAL ■ SERMON: PS MATTHEW LO

### Introduction

We are faced with two paths. Two choices. Path one, Judges 2:10. The next generation did not know the Lord. Path two, going beyond, passing on God to the next generation.

#### A. Beyond Ourselves (Acts 20:4)

##### Judges 2:10

- Joshua's generation in a downward spiral
- Joshua's generation passed on things of this world
- The next generation not discipled
- The next generation worshipped idols
- The next generation got comfortable
- The next generation died spiritually

##### Acts 20:4

- Paul looking upwards to God
- Paul passing on faith
- The next generation discipled
- The next generation worshipped Christ
- The next generation shared in the sufferings of Christ
- The next generation thrived, passing on the Gospel

Next Generation Impact Level Scale (Level 1 = minimal impact; Level 5 = optimal impact)

**Level 1** "Spiritual Community Discipleship" – e.g. Model a servant heart in SST

**Level 2** "Intercessory Discipleship" – Fervently interceding for the next generation

**Level 3** "TNG Ministry Discipleship" – Actively discipling in Sunbeam, WEB or MOMENTUM

**Level 4** "Family Discipleship" – Model Christ-likeness at home

**Level 5** "All Levels Discipleship" – Engaged in all four levels

#### B. Beyond Our Generation (1 Chron 20:4-8)

##### 1 Samuel 17

- David fought to uphold the name of the Lord
- David killed one giant, Goliath
- The incident shook Israel and the surrounding nations
- Never done before
- David went beyond himself

##### 1 Chronicles 20:4-8

- Israel fought to uphold the name of the Lord
- Three Israelites killed one giant each
- The incident did not appear to be a big deal
- A new normal and a new level
- The men went beyond David's generation

Warning! The giant which confronts the Church and the next generation: **Pride!** We want to see the next generation surpass us in relation to discipleship, taking it to the new level!

### Conclusion

Touching story at MOMENTUM camp. A youth took a risk, went beyond himself, and went beyond our generation!