

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING OF MULTITUDES

Calling all Zone Mentors, CG Leaders, Assistant CG Leaders and Ministry Leaders! See you at the Gathering of Multitude (GOM) **next Sunday, 1 Oct, 2:30pm to 5.00pm at BPJ Centre Main Sanctuary.**

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS TRIPS

CG members, go for Short-term Missions (STM) trip and bless the nations!

Surabaya on 23-27 Nov Outreach to a slum community by teaching English, and ministry to believers in CGs.

Jakarta on 8-13 Dec (updated dates) Inspire teachers and volunteers in their outreach to an M community by teaching English.

Myanmar on 16-20 Dec Support local church in their Christmas outreach.

Trippers must be attending CG regularly. For more information, email aili.tay@cefc.org.sg

BREAKTHROUGH WEEKENDS

Early bird registration for CG members will end next Mon, 2 Oct. Register online through Voyager.

OCT DJ COLLECTION

The Discipleship Journal (DJ) for Oct 2017 is now available at our church website and Covenant EFC app. Hard copies are available at the Information Counter on Level 1 while stocks last.

DISCOVERY WEEKEND (DWE)

DWE is a one-day session for courting couples to see where they are and where God is in their relationship. This is happening on **Sat, 14 Oct, 8.45am – 5pm (lunch and breaks included) at BPJ Centre Chapel (Level 3).** Sign-up at the Information Counter on Sundays. Email fic@cefc.org.sg for enquiries.

TWO TO TANGO

Two to Tango is an outreach event for Covenanters to invite pre-believing couples who are married or about to get married. Dates: 4 Oct - 1 Nov (five Wed nights) Find out more and sign up at cefc.ch/twototango2017 To serve, go to cefc.ch/22tango-reg2017

STEP UP

Step up and join your Covenant family to serve! Find out more and sign up at <https://step-up.cefcapps.com>

If you have signed up, learn more about the ministry at Step-Up Welcome Tea on Sun, 8 Oct at BPJ Grace Sanctuary 2.30-3.30pm / WDL Sanctuary 12.30-1.30pm / East Centre 12.30-1.30pm.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Session 2 “Are all religions the same?” is happening today at 1pm at Prayer Room.

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, 24 SEP 2017
SERVICE LEADER: SANDRA CHI ■ WORSHIP LEADER: JONATHAN CHI

A Bridge to Jesus

VINCENT CHIA, OUTREACH MINISTRY

For God, who said,
“Let light shine out of
darkness,” has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge
of the glory of God in the face of
Jesus Christ. – 2 Corinthians 4:6

Community Blessings started in 2011 with the intent of bringing the church closer to the community through the involvement of CGs and individuals wanting to shine brightly for Jesus.

Till date, Covenant EFC has collaborations with grassroots, social service sectors, family service centres and even hospitals, where there are ministry opportunities like monthly storytelling for community, tuition for the poor, home makeover, as well as befriending elderly living alone.

Madam A was regularly visited by a Covenanter as part of our befriending efforts. After a few months of friendship, relationship building and through divine appointments,

Madam A started attending church and gave her life to Jesus, much to the joy of her daughter who is also a Christian.

A young boy, befriended from our monthly storytelling sessions anchored by a CG, has also given his life to Jesus. After much prayer and perseverance in inviting him to KidzBlast, Easter service and Christmas service, the Covenanters were able to keep in touch with him regularly resulting in him attending Sunbeam and now WEB.

In both life stories, relationship was the key in bridging people to Jesus! So as we B.L.E.S.S. the community around us, may our lives encourage, enlighten and in His time, evangelise others!

Would you consider being part of this ministry? Let's come together and shine brightly to make a difference in the community as a bridge to Jesus!

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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)

Tel: (65) 6892 6811 ■ Email: mail@cefc.org.sg ■ Website: www.cefc.org.sg

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CovenantEvangelicalFreeChurch

SERMON OUTLINE

“Are You with ME?”

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 8:1-14 ■ SERMON: PAUL SHI

Introduction

A. A Discipleship That's Born Out of God's Covenant Faithfulness

B. A Discipleship That Walks with God in Covenant Obedience

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

1 OCT – REV TAN KAY KIONG (BPJ), REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI (WDL) AND REV TONY YEO (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

Serving God Together

SCRIPTURE: ZECHARIAH 8:9 ■ SERMON: PS KIRK TAN

Introduction

Some biblical perspectives on serving God based on Zechariah 8:9 (NASB), in two big parts : 1) Why we serve and 2) How we serve. The book of Zechariah was encouraging the people to resume the work of completing the rebuilding of the temple which stopped for 16 years from 536BC.

A. Why We Serve

Three questions to address:

1. Where should we serve? No need to wait — just do it! Just start serving somewhere. God will guide us in discovering our gifts, passion, calling. It is more a journey than a destination depending on our life seasons and stations.
2. Is there a helpful framework? Yes. Example: SHAPE by Ps Rick Warren. SHAPE stands for Spiritual gifts (Rom 12:6-8; 1 Cor 12:4-12, 28), Heart which determines why we say, feel and act the way we do (Prov 4:23), Abilities – our natural talents, Personality (how we use our gifts), and Experiences. These five things are what God gave us that makes each one of us, uniquely us (1 Pet 4:10)!
3. What does rebuilding the temple mean for me? Theologically, the temple was the place of God's Presence (Exo 25:8; 29:42-43)! Theologically, the rebuilding of the temple is the return of God's presence to His people whom He was restoring to Himself! For each of us, God is present with us through His Holy Spirit in us — how intimately connected we are to His presence. For us as people of God, we are called to serve together as we need each other! Also, in rebuilding the temple, we are drawn to what is upon God's heart for His people (Zech 8:1-8).

B. How We Serve

For this part, we explore Zechariah 8:9 in three parts:

1. First part: Press on! “Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Let your hands be strong’ Persevere, stay encouraged despite personal difficulties, afflictions, relational tensions. How do we stay encouraged? Expect difficulties and let them grow us, trust that God is in control, and have encouragers in our lives.
2. Second part: Listen up! “You who are listening ... from the mouth of the prophets, those who spoke” Be guided by and submitted to the spiritual covering of your spiritual leaders. Keep your time in God's word (Psa 1, Josh 1:8, Jn 8:31-32). Hear His Rhema word!
3. Third part: Finish Well (i.e. To the end that the temple might be built)! This is a call to complete what God has entrusted us to do! Don't be an over-fed and under-exercised Christian – step up to serve God! Three groups: 1) Heavy Lifters Group (those serving in a parachurch or the marketplace) – consider serving in Covenant EFC in some small way if this is your spiritual home; 2) Burnt and Bruised Group. Rest and reflect if you are serving too much and neglecting your sabbath. For those who are badly bruised, rest, heal but don't stop serving altogether! Cry so that we can release and forgive; 3) About to Quit / Already Quit Group. Don't give up! For those serving and are discouraged, press on, listen up, finish well! Don't quit! Give to God your heart afresh — God is not out to squeeze everything out of you. He wants to call out something in you, for you, for His glory! For those who have yet to serve, God has gifted you in some way whether it is in leadership, administration, operation, welcoming, smiling, hand shaking, prayer, etc. so that you can serve Him! Can God count on you?