

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SERVE AT KIDZBLAST

Reach out to the next generation at KidzBlast, an outreach programme for 7 to 12-year-olds.

**Dates:** 19 and 26 Nov (Sundays)

**Time:** 1.30pm – 6.00pm

**Venue:** BPJ and WDL Centres

To serve, sign up at <http://cefc.ch/KidzBlast2017-Volunteer>



To invite pre-believing kids, flyers for the event are available at the Information Counter.

### MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Sign up at the Information Counter.

**Date:** 4 Nov (Sat)

**Time:** 9am to 4pm

**Venue:** ACKCentre

### CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Session 6 “Faith (Fact or Feeling)” is happening today at Prayer Room.

### IDT AND SFF SIGN-UP

#### Intentional Discipleship Training (IDT)

Are you seeking to grow in Christian maturity and in becoming an authentic disciple and intentional disciplemaker? Apply today for the 2018 intake.

#### Spiritual Friends and Foundations (SFF)

If you are younger in the Christian faith, learn the basics of discipleship lifestyle at SFF.

Apply online through Voyager. Application ends on 31 Oct. For more information, please go to our church website and click on “Registrations & Signups”.

### PARENTING WITH LOVE

For newly married couples and those who are planning for their first baby.

**Dates:** 4 and 11 Nov (Saturdays)

**Time:** 12pm – 5pm

**Venue:** WDL Centre

**Cost:** \$50 per couple

Sign up at the Information Counter.

## 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)

**Tel:** (65) 6892 6811 ■ **Email:** [mail@cefc.org.sg](mailto:mail@cefc.org.sg) ■ **Website:** [www.cefc.org.sg](http://www.cefc.org.sg)

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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, 22 OCT 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS IVAN HO ■ WORSHIP LEADER: LOW WEI SHING AND MAVIS LOW

### What Has the Protestant Reformation Got to Do with Me?

PS LEE DA WIN, SMALL GROUP INFRASTRUCTURE

2017 marks 500 years since Martin Luther, an Augustinian monk and theology professor, published his 95 theses against the Catholic Church. This launched the Protestant Reformation that divided the Western church and totally transformed the practice of faith by millions of people thenceforth till today.

In Covenant EFC, we will commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation next Sunday. If you have no clue what the Reformation is, or how it is even relevant today, here's a quick summary, from five Latin phrases that defined the biblical pleas of Protestants:

*Sola scriptura* (“Scripture alone”) emphasises the Bible, not the Pope or sacred tradition, as the sole source of authority for Christians. This also fueled the translation and teaching of the Bible from Latin into common languages of the day.

*Sola fide* (“faith alone”) emphasises salvation as a free gift to all who accept it by faith. No amount of indulgences (donating money) or

good works buys God's favour. *Sola gratia* (“grace alone”) emphasises that we are saved by God's grace. Salvation comes from what God has done rather than what we do.

*Solo Christo* (“Christ alone”) emphasises that Jesus is the only One – not any human spiritual leader – who offers us access to God.

*Soli Deo gloria* (“to the glory of God alone”) emphasises that our goal in life is to glorify God alone, not to conform to human tradition or standards so as to please men.

Each of the five solas was a strong corrective response to the faulty practices and beliefs of the Roman Catholic Church of that time. But they are also a positive biblical declaration. They call us to focus on Scripture, accept salvation by grace through faith in Christ and by no other means, and to live for God's glory. And this is how, in a nutshell, the Reformation from 500 years ago has changed the course of Christian history and remains etched in the practice of our living faith today.

## SERMON OUTLINE

### How Will Your Journey End?

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 8:31-36 ■ SERMON: PS LEE DA WIN

#### Introduction

#### A. Will you arrive where you HOPE for? (vv.31-32)

#### B. Will you be able to ACCOUNT for your life? (vv.33-34)

#### C. Will there be THANKSGIVING? (vv.35-36)

#### Conclusion

How will your journey end?

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

29 OCT - BISHOP EMERITUS ROBERT SOLOMON (BPJ, WDL AND EAST)

## LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

### A Sacred Trust

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 8:24-30 ■ SERMON: PS SHARON FONG

#### Introduction

Ezra was given a sacred trust to transport tonnes of silver and gold back to Jerusalem. The king entrusted Ezra with such a huge responsibility. Not only did the king entrust Ezra with expensive vessels, but more importantly, God entrusted Ezra with holy vessels for the temple of God. It was a sacred trust bestowed upon Ezra. In view of the sacred trust God has given to us, we must be accountable to God and be consecrated unto Him.

#### A. We Are Accountable to God for Our Lives (vv.25-27, 29)

“weighed ... weighed ... guard ... keep ... weigh”

1. Ezra diligently weighed the amount of offering before setting off for the journey and gave instructions to weigh again upon arrival at Jerusalem. He did it in the presence of other priests and Levites for the sake of accountability. He balanced the weight of responsibility with high accountability.
2. Do we balance the weight of our responsibilities (resources, spouse, children, pre-believing friends, Gospel, etc.) with accountability? Each responsibility is a sacred trust that God has given us. Are we stewarding them well, knowing that one day He will hold us accountable?
3. Year end is coming and it's time for review and reflection. We need to review our responsibilities vs our accountability, and see if the scale is constantly balanced.

#### B. We Must Be Consecrated to God in our Lives (vv.24, 28, 30)

“... set apart ... You are holy to the Lord, and the vessels are holy ...”

1. The servants of God and the vessels are all holy unto the Lord. Ezra reminded the priests and Levites that they must be holy because they are handling the holy vessels. He handled the sacred trust not just with accountability but with consecration.
2. Each responsibility is a sacred trust God has given us. We must steward it well by being accountable to God. However, there is no way we can steward each responsibility without being consecrated to God. To live a consecrated life to God, you must put away the rags you are wearing. We can't meet our Holy King if we still want to live in our rags. We must also put out the fire we are playing with. Don't think that God's wrath will not consume you if you continue to play with it. It will destroy the sacred trust God has given you.
3. If God were to come into our midst and measure our lives against His plumb line, what will He see? Are we living our lives living according to God's standard of holiness?

#### Conclusion

Our lives are not cheap because we have been bought with the blood of Jesus. That's why we need to be accountable to God and be consecrated unto Him.