

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVE IN HEALTHSERVE

Serve with us at Mandai HealthServe Clinic! We need medical professionals (doctors, dentists, pharmacists, nurses, physiotherapists, and occupational therapists) who can serve at least one clinic session a month. If you are one of these, we would love to hear from you. Email missions@cefc.org.sg or call Michael Cheah at 8200 1917.

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".

CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking for the following:

- **Manager (Media, Communications and Resources)**
- **Executive (The Next Generation)**
- **Executive (Finance)**
- **Executive (Human Resources)**

Applicants should either be a church or CG member, with a heart to answer God's call in their lives in furthering Covenant EFC's mission. For more information, visit <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment> Email your resumes to hr@cefc.org.sg by 12 Nov.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Sign up at the Information Counter.

Date: 4 Nov (next Sat)

Time: 9am – 4pm

Venue: ACKCentre

NOV DJ COLLECTION

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

COVENANT EFC

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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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OF A CERTAIN KIND

VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
- Community
- Stewardship
- Balance
- Brokenness

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WOODLANDS CENTRE, 29 OCT 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS EDMUND WONG ■ WORSHIP LEADER: CHUA SUE ERN

After 500 Years, the Reformation Still Matters!

PS BARNEY LAU, DIRECTOR, THE NEXT GENERATION

The date was 31 October 1517, and the door of Castle Church, Wittenberg, served as a public bulletin board for Martin Luther's 95 theses, an open invitation to a public debate much like a provocative blog or Facebook post. Luther's 95 theses were a protest and a reaction to the church's sales of indulgences, and its obsession with wealth.

At the heart of the Reformation was the dispute about truth. The truth about how we can know God and how we can be right with Him. Simply put, at stake was our eternal future, a choice between eternal life and eternal death. The Reformation still matters because truth still matters.

During the Heidelberg Disputation of 26 April 1518, Luther defended the issue, "How can we know God?" Trying to understand the invisible God from the visible created things may lead one to know some things about God, but that itself is not true knowledge of God. Such knowledge only puffs up in pride and foolishness. Luther contends that God is only

known through that which is contrary in the cross — glory in shame, wisdom in folly, power in weakness, victory in defeat! So what Luther calls theologia crucis, the "theology of the cross", is not merely an understanding of how the cross of Christ saves us, even more so, it is God's way of allowing us to know Him. God is only and truly known through the cross of Jesus Christ.

Science may have started out trying to understand God's creation, but look where it has led us — a godless pursuit to a godless conclusion for a godless society. Luther was right. Truth matters, God is the ultimate truth, and God can only be found and known in and through the Cross of Jesus Christ!

Much has changed over the past 500 years, but eternal truth does not change. The Reformation has always been about the Truth. Even more, it is about being reformed by the Truth found in Christ alone, revealed in God's Word alone, made possible by God's grace alone and appropriated by faith alone, ultimately for God's glory alone!

SERMON OUTLINE

Hold on to the Gospel

SCRIPTURE: PHILIPPIANS 1:27-30 ■ SERMON: BISHOP EMERITUS ROBERT SOLOMON

Introduction

Paul and the Gospel

A. Comprehend the Gospel of Christ (v.27)

1. The Gospel has to do with who Christ is
2. In Him we are justified, sanctified, and will be glorified

B. Conduct befitting the Gospel (v.27)

1. Conduct depends on character
2. Importance of Word, Spirit, and Grace
3. Importance of Christian discipline

C. Continue in the Gospel (v.29)

1. Often it means suffering
2. What sustains us

Conclusion

1. Is the Gospel making any difference in your life?
2. Are you living out the Gospel?
3. How are you suffering for the sake of the Gospel?

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

5 NOV – REV TAN KAY KIONG (BPJ), REV TONY YEO (WDL) AND PS BARNEY LAU (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

How Will Your Journey End?

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

Introduction

We all have journeys, and every journey has a purpose. Today's text records for us the journey of Ezra and the second wave of returnees from Babylon to Jerusalem. Three observations can be made about this journey, and from each of these three corresponding applications — in the form of three reflection questions — can be made to our lives today.

A. Will You Arrive Where You HOPE for? (vv.31-32)

Observation: The journey was long (1,400 km, over four months), arduous (carrying 25.75 tons of gold and silver) and dangerous (the value of the cargo making them a prime target for robbery). Thankfully they arrived at their destination safely.

Application: If you continue towards where you are currently heading, will you arrive where you hope to?

B. Will You Be Able to ACCOUNT for Your Life? (vv.33-34)

Observation: The journey was made to fulfil an important responsibility. Ezra undertook the responsibility — the sacred trust — very seriously and expected the same of those under his command. But at the same time, he also allowed them to rest (vv.32-33).

Application: At the end of life's journey, will you be able to account for the Lord has entrusted to you — not just your work, but also your rest?

C. Will There Be THANKSGIVING? (vv.35-36)

Observation: The journey culminated in celebrative worship. They worshipped not only as thanksgiving for safe arrival at Jerusalem and for having accomplished the mission to safekeep and deliver the freewill offerings collected for the temple. Underlying this was thanksgiving for “the hand of the Lord” upon them that protected and enabled them.

Application: Are we only thankful for the journeys that end the way we want them to? Do we complain when they don't?

Conclusion

If we want our journeys to end well, we need the hand of the Lord upon us. Seek His face, and we will see His hand.

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