

# Announcements

## CHINESE NEW YEAR WEEKEND SERVICES

Please take note of the changes in the worship services during the Chinese New Year weekend:

There will be **NO** Sunbeam and WEB services for all centres. Children are encouraged to join the main adult services. **No Momentum service on 17 Feb (Sat).**

**WDL English Service:** 18 Feb, Sun 8.30am only. No 10.30am service.

**Mandarin Service:** 18 Feb, Sun, 10.30am  
BPJ Centre – Grace Sanctuary  
WDL Centre – Chapel 1

**Combined Hokkien Service:** 16 Feb, Fri, 9am at BPJ Centre, Main Sanctuary.

**China Fellowship Service:** 18 Feb, Sun, 3.30pm at WDL Centre, Chapel 1.

**No Indonesian Fellowship in both centres on 18 Feb, Sun.**

**Filipino Fellowship on 18 Feb, Sun:**  
BPJ Centre – 8.30am and 10.30am as usual  
WDL Centre – 8.30am as usual

## BREAKTHROUGH WEEKENDS

Today is the last day of registration for Breakthrough Weekends. Don't miss it. Sign up at Voyager!

## PARENTING TRAINING

**Parenting with Love** is for married couples preparing for their first child.

**Dates:** 24 Feb and 3 Mar (Sat)

**Time:** 12pm – 5pm

**Venue:** WDL Centre

Register at the Information Counter.

## CHINA FELLOWSHIP CNY SERVICE

Invite your China national friends to the Chinese New Year Celebration organised by the China Fellowship. After the service, we will have dumpling dinner at the foyer.

**Date:** 18 Feb (next Sun)

**Time:** 3.30pm to 6.30pm

**Venue:** WDL Centre, Chapel (Level 4)

Please reserve seats and get dinner tickets from Ps John Chen. You may contact him at [john.chen@cefc.org.sg](mailto:john.chen@cefc.org.sg) or 9859 7998.

## SEAN MCDOWELL CONFERENCE

Is truth dead? Does it matter? Evangelical Free Church of Singapore Young Adults Committee will be hosting Sean McDowell on the topic of relative and absolute truth.

**Date:** 12 Mar (Mon)

**Time:** Seated by 7.45pm

**Venue:** WDL Centre

This is a free event, but registration is required as seats are limited. Sign up at [tinyurl.com/efcsyac2018](http://tinyurl.com/efcsyac2018) by 25 Feb.

## EAST CENTRE BANK ACCOUNT FOR E-TITHING

Please note that the bank account details for Covenant East printed in the hard copy of the bulletin since 7 Jan 2018 had been incorrect. If you had used the incorrect information to do e-tithing, please check with your bank. You can refer to today's bulletin or the church website for the correct details. We apologise for the error and for any inconvenience caused.



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## Win the World for Christ

ELDER JOHNNY TAN, MISSIONS, DIRECTOR

Covenant EFC's mission from God is "Returning the Church to its discipling roots (the Mandate) through authentic discipleship (the Maturity) and intentional discipling (the Multiplication), so as to reproduce disciples of a *certain kind* (the Ministry) and to multiply them to win the world for Christ (the Missions)". You will notice that the church is intentionally spelled with the capital "C", because it refers to the universal church and not just Covenant EFC.

It is clear that the aim of Covenant EFC's mission is to win the world for Christ. Matthew 28:18-20 spells out God's Great Commission to all disciples. In these three verses, God is directing:

All believers/disciples (not just some believers/disciples)

to go make disciples (not just make converts)

in all nations (not just some nations).

The simple strategy is to teach (to model) obedience to all that God has commanded (not some of God's commands).

The call stated in Matthew 28 is for all of us. Yes, that is you and

me! God has placed us at our various stations, be it a classroom, office, camp, hospital or courtroom — this is our missions field. To some, missions field is overseas and cross-cultural. To some, it is cross-cultural in Singapore. We are called to be missional wherever God has placed us!

The missions work overseas involves helping disciples (our missions partners) make disciples thus multiplying disciples and discipling makers. The missions work in Singapore makes disciples of foreign nationals who are in turn discipling makers, not just here in Singapore, but also when they return home overseas.

When all disciples are doing what God has commanded, locally and overseas, then a movement of discipling happens nationwide and globally! Indeed, this movement of multiplying disciples will win the world for Christ (not win the world for the church nor the name of the church).

God's destiny for Covenant EFC is to be a faithful model of discipleship and discipling and to do our part to move the discipling movement so as to win the world for Christ!

Come be the movement, not a monument!

# Sermon Outline

## Missions: To Win the World for Christ

SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 1:14-17 • SERMON: REV TAN KAY KIONG

### Introduction:

#### A. I Am Eager and Unashamed ... (vv.14-16)

“So, for my part, I am eager ... For I am not ashamed ...”

#### B. To Preach the Gospel of Christ (vv.16-17)

“... to preach the gospel to you ...”

### Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

18 FEB - REV GEORGE ONG (BPJ), REV NICHOLAS CHOO (WDL) AND DAVID LEONG (EAST)

# Last Week's Sermon Summary

## Ministry: So as to Reproduce Disciples of *A Certain Kind*

SCRIPTURE: TOPICAL • SERMON: PS SHARON FONG

### Introduction

The compelling question of discipling is not merely “Are we reproducing disciples?” The crucial question of discipling is “What kind are we reproducing?”

What kind of disciples are we? We need to grow to have these five marks:

#### A. Grounded in the Word of God (John 15:7)

It's not reading the Word of God but allowing the Word of God to read us. When the Word reads us, it surfaces our deception and blind spots. It influences us from inside out and renews us to know and prefer His will. So it is not just reading the Word, but knowing and preferring the will of God. It's not about having the mastery of the Word but being mastered by it. That means it's not just having quiet time and checking off the checklist, but allowing the Word to master us in our thoughts, emotions, choices and deep desires. A disciple who is grounded in the Word is someone who lives with reference and deference to the Word.

#### B. Submits Fully to the Lordship of Christ (Luke 9:23)

If we call ourselves disciples of Jesus, we must deny ourselves. It's not simply denying certain things but denying personal control of our lives and allowing Jesus to reign as King and Lord of our lives. Jesus being at the center. It's not having ourselves enthroned, but Christ enthroned in our lives. Everything revolves around Jesus. All that is within us are aligned to Him – our thoughts, emotions, deep desires and choices.

#### C. Walks in Love (John 13:34 – 35)

Love is a defining mark of Jesus' disciples. Jesus' love is so radical that He even taught us from the Word of God to love our enemies as stated in the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:43). Be radical and selfless in our love. Our discipleship must not merely be defined by our commitment to attend church but by our commitment to love others. Chinese New Year is coming. Is there a relative whom you need to reconcile with and start to love? Don't wait for that person to initiate. Take the first step to start to love someone and you will be surprised how that step will radically change your life and melt your heart.

#### D. Bears Much Fruit (John 15:5)

If disciples abide in Christ, they will bear much fruit. This verse is not saying that unbelievers or disciples of Christ who do not abide in God can't carry on their ordinary activities of life. But it is saying that the disciples of Christ who do not abide in God has no ability to be fruitful in God's Kingdom. Fruit-bearing can be seen in three dimensions: 1) character 2) soul-winning 3) spiritual multiplication. However, to bear fruits in these areas, we need a mind shift to redefine success in life. We need to redefine success, because how we perceive as success will eventually determine how we spend our time and what we give our attention to. To be fruitful, we must allow God to disciple our worldview of success. If we don't redefine success as God defines it, it will hinder us from bearing much fruit. Don't let the world decide our success and distract us from being truly fruitful in God's Kingdom. We are made to bear much fruit.

#### E. Equips Others and Multiplies (Ephesians 4:12)

We are thankful that over the years, the church and lay leaders have stepped up to organise church programmes such as the Intentional Discipleship Training (IDT) and Breakthrough Weekend (BTW). However, we must not forget that we are equipped so as to build the Body of Christ. It's not meant to just build ourselves. Hence, all of us must find a place to equip others.

### Conclusion

What does *a certain kind* of disciple look like? Someone who has these five marks. If I were to sum up in one sentence, this person constantly put Jesus at the centre. It's living with reference and deference to God. This person is not perfect. With Jesus at the centre, this person seeks to be grounded in the Word, walks in love, bears much fruits and equips others. *A certain kind* is a Christ-mastered kind.