

# Announcements

## NURTURE MASTERCLASS

This training aims to equip CGs in nurturing seekers and new believers in the foundation of their faith. It is also for those who are keen to know how to multiply spiritually by helping others become disciples of Jesus. Highly recommended for CGL, ACGL and CG members who share this vision of nurturing seekers and new believers.

**WDL Centre** 28 Oct, 1-3pm at Joy Room (Level 4)

**East Centre** 28 Oct, 1-3pm at The Pod 1, Capri Hotel & Suites

**BPJ Centre** 4 Nov, 1-3pm at Grace Sanctuary  
Register at <http://cefc.ch/nurture-masterclass>

## IDMC INSTITUTE MODULE

**Vocation: Discerning God's Calling for Your Life**

**Speaker:** Rev Dr Tan Soo-Inn

**Date:** 20 Oct (Sat)

**Time:** 9.00am – 12.30pm

**Venue:** WDL Centre, Peace and Patience Room (Level 4)

**Course Fee:** \$10 (pay on 20 Oct)

For more information and to register, visit <http://cefc.ch/idmcivocinfo> by 16 Oct. For enquiries, email [registrar@idmci.edu.sg](mailto:registrar@idmci.edu.sg) or call 6911 1768.

## DISCOVERY WEEKEND

This is a full-day workshop for courting couples to discover how to build a strong foundation in their relationship based on honest interaction, biblical principles and purity.

**Date:** 20 Oct (Sat)

**Time:** 8.30am – 5.30pm

**Venue:** ACKCentre #10-10

Register at the Information Counter.  
For enquiries, email [fic@cefc.org.sg](mailto:fic@cefc.org.sg)

## BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

**Baptism Class** will be held on Sun, 4 Nov, 1.00pm to 3.30pm at WDL Centre.

**Membership Class** will be held on Sat, 10 Nov, 9am to 4pm at ACKCentre.

Register at the Information Counter.

## PARENTING TRAINING

**Parenting with Love** is for couples who are planning or expecting their first baby.

**Date:** 3 and 10 Nov (Saturdays)

**Time:** 12pm - 5pm **Venue:** BPJ Centre  
Register at the Information Counter.

## ENCOURAGERS-IN-COVENANT SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Encouragers-in-Covenant is organising "It's Never Too Late", a spiritual retreat for Covenanters aged 50 and above.

**Date:** 15 – 17 Nov (Thu - Sat)

**Venue:** Forest City Phoenix Hotel, Johor

**Speaker:** Rev David Wong

Register at Voyager. For enquiries, email [encouragersadmin@cefc.org.sg](mailto:encouragersadmin@cefc.org.sg)

## BREAKTHROUGH WEEKENDS

Have you signed up for the Breakthrough Weekends yet? **Next Sun, 21 Oct is the last day of registration.** Sign up at <https://voyager.cefc.org.sg> If you do not have an account yet, click "Request New Account".

## CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

### Executive (Buildings and Facilities)

This role is responsible for the upkeep and management of our church buildings and facilities. He/She will be involved in planning and organising the maintenance work of buildings services and systems, including the supervision of contractors and vendors. He/She will also look into the logistics setup and support to ensure the smooth running of events at the centres. It will also include overseeing of minor building upgrading projects and operation of CCTV and door access systems.

Requirements:

- Diploma/degree in Engineering or Building Services
- Possess good relational and people skills
- Maturity in perspective and posture
- Strong multi-tasking ability

Applicants should either be a church or CG member. Interested candidates, please email your resume to [hr@cefc.org.sg](mailto:hr@cefc.org.sg)



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... for Godly Families and Generations

... for a Growing IDMC Movement in Singapore

... to Impact Our Society & Culture

... for a Growing Global IDMC Movement

### ACKCentre

2 Kallang Avenue,

CT Hub #10-26, Singapore 339407

### ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES

BPJ Centre:

Sun 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm

WDL Centre:

Sun 8.30am & 10.30am

East Centre:

Sun 9am & 11am

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**BUKIT PANJANG, 14 OCT 2018**  
SERVICE LEADER: PS ADRIAN CHAN • WORSHIP LEADER: FAITH WANG

## Deepening in the Word

PS IVAN HO, PASTORAL STAFF (DISTRICT MENTOR, INTEGRATED EQUIPPING)

We are now in the final quarter of this year. Let's take some time to do a personal review. How has the year been for me? What are the key lessons God has been teaching me? How have I grown in my knowledge of God's Word and submission to the Lordship of Christ? Let us renew three commitments to grow in God's Word:

### Bible Reading and Journaling.

There will be blessedness, fruitfulness, advancement and success for the man or woman of God who delights in God's Word and daily meditates on it for life application (Psa 1:1-3; Psa 119:12-16; Josh 1:8). Before it becomes habitual, daily Bible reading and reflection is a very difficult discipline, especially in our chronically busy lives overflowing with many tasks and distractions every day. Yet there is no short-cut for spiritual growth and ministry effectiveness. Trinity Theological College professor Dr Simon Chan advocates combining Scripture meditation with journaling "to further enhance our knowledge of self in the light of God's Word".

### Scripture Memorisation.

This spiritual discipline was prominent in early Christian monastic practice and later in Protestant devotional habit, but is increasingly neglected in evangelical circles today. Scripture

memorisation aids meditation at any time, and is important for the Christian's success, purity and freedom in life (Jn 15:7; Psa 119:9-11; Jn 8:31-32). Dr Simon Chan points out that the memorisation of key Scripture verses in the light of the whole Bible helps to assimilate believers into the Christian story and to develop their theological competence.

### Truth Application.

Mere knowledge of the truth does not change a person's life. Life change occurs when we apply the truth. As James 1:22-25 reminds us, if we only hear God's Word and do not practise it, we deceive ourselves and very quickly forget what it says. However, if we persevere to apply God's Word in our lives, we will be blessed!

Daily Bible reading, devotional journaling, Scripture memorisation and truth application are important personal disciplines by which we train our members when they go through **Intentional Discipleship Training (IDT)** and **Spiritual Friends and Foundations (SFF)**.

I encourage Covenanters to seize the opportunity to make 2019 a year of growing in God's Word by applying for **SFF** (for Christians less than two years in the faith) or **IDT** (for Christians two years or more in the faith) before all the spaces are taken!

# Sermon Outline

## THREE GREAT GOALS OF SUCCESSFUL CHRISTIANS

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 18:1-23 • SERMON: REV EDMUND CHAN

### Introduction

1. Four Inadequate Ways to Define Success

2. Three Great Goals of Successful Christians That We Can Infer from Acts 18:1-23

### A. SINGLE-MINDEDNESS (The Power of Focus)

“When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word” (v.5)

### B. WHOLEHEARTEDNESS (The Power of Faithfulness)

“At Cenchreae he had cut his hair, for he was under a vow.” (v.18b)

### C. GODLINESS (The Power of Fortitude)

“But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal.” (v.12)

### Conclusion. The Story of Donald Stratton: “Am I Worth Dying For?”

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKER:

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

# Last Week's Sermon Summary

## Seeking the Welfare of the City

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 17:1-34 • SERMON: REV TONY YEO

### Introduction

If the Lord would grant one request, what would you ask for the welfare of our city?

We seek the welfare of our city by:

### A. Being a Messenger of the Word (vv.1-15)

It was Paul's custom to reason with the Jews from the Old Testament Scriptures (v.2)

1. Reason from the Word (vv.1-9)

- He did so by explaining (*dianoigo*) i.e. “opening up”, and proving (*paratithemi*) i.e. “to set before” that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead (v.3). The purpose of reasoning, explaining and proving is to persuade others to believe in Jesus Christ.
- Paul centred his message on the life, death and resurrection of Christ (Acts 17:3)
- The Resurrection Power of Jesus Christ in our lives is highly persuasive to others.

2. Grow in the Word (vv.10-15)

Grow in God's word like the noble (open-minded) Bereans who:

- Received the Word eagerly. “Eagerness” (*prothumia*) – hungry, ready, willing and humble to learn from the Scriptures and subject themselves under the authority of the Word. To understand the Word, we must stand under the Word.
- Examined the Word daily. “Examine” (*anakrino*) is used of judicial investigations – the same way Herod examined Jesus, exercising much concern, care, conscientiousness to understand the Scriptures, just as a judge would do when presiding over a case. Application: Read the Bible, journal, remember verses, register for IDT

### B. Bringing a Message to the World (vv.16-34)

1. See the City as God Sees

Paul saw the city of Athens as God sees – “He saw that the city was full of idols.” (v.16). “His spirit was provoked within him.” - grieved, greatly distressed by what he saw in Athens.

- Highly religious city with no fewer than 73,000 statues. It has many spiritual strongholds.
- Great deception with two dominant philosophies in Athens: Epicureanism – Pleasure is the chief goal, free from pain and anxiety. “Enjoy life: Be Happy!” Stoicism – A moral life dependent on individual self-sufficiency. “Endure Life: Be Strong!”

Application: Epicurean worldview in Singapore today - more comfortable and less inconvenient discipleship without pain at all costs! Many Stoics believe that Singapore is a self-made nation, “There was a time when people said that Singapore won't make it, but we did!” and that we can live moral lives without God.

Illustrations: Opposite of Epicureanism is the giving of first fruits, Leaders at last Sat GOM. Percentage of “no religion” is rising among the young generation. PraySingapore is the united Body of Christ coming together to wholeheartedly honour one Name, unite as one family, humble ourselves as one people, and pray with one hope.

2. Find the Common Ground and Bridge the Gap

- Find the Common Ground – the altar to the unknown God. Archaeology found this actual altar.
- Bridge the Gap – Paul expertly bridged from the unknown God to the God who has made Himself known: God is Creator and Lord (v.24); man was made to seek God (v.27); God requires man's repentance (v.30); there is judgement after death (v.31).

Application: Our city and our world is in desperate need of the message of God.

Individually – keep B.L.E.S.S.-ing your non-Christian friends at home and workplace  
CG – Alpha Lite @ Home in your CG

City – Celebration of Hope in 17-19 May 2019

### Conclusion

Jesus came as both the Messenger as well as the Message. It is this same Messiah that we follow to be His messenger and to bring His Message.