

Announcements

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH SERVICES

Christmas is just around the corner! Invite your pre-believing friends, loved ones and colleagues to “Season of Hope” so that they can hear about the hope we have in Christ. Li Nanxing will share his testimony at BPJ Centre, Ps Judith Halim at WDL Centre, and Belinda Lee at East Centre.

Date: 25 Dec (Tue)
Time: 9am and 11am
Venues: BPJ, WDL and East Centres

Sunbeam will have an outreach “A Christmas Wish” for kids aged 7 to 12 years old.

Date: 25 Dec (Tue)
Time: 9am and 11am
Venue: BPJ and WDL Centres
Admission is free. Register at <http://cefc.ch/sbxmas18> Please note that there will be **NO Sunbeam services on Sun, 23 Dec.**

LIVING IN BABYLON (LIB) INTRO TO CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Life transitions are difficult; uncertainties abound. As you embark on a new journey in the polytechnic, ITE, JC, pre-NS or university, you need a solid rock to hold fast to. Come and build a strong foundation in your faith. Bring your questions and rediscover Christianity!

Dates and Time:
13 Dec, Thu, 9:30am – 9:30pm
14 Dec, Fri, 10am – 6pm
15 Dec, Sat, 9am – 1pm
Venue: ACKCentre, 2 Kallang Ave, #10-03

To sign up and for more details, go to <http://cefc.ch/lib> Registration closes on 11 Dec. For enquiries, email Ps Adrian Chan at adrian.chan@cefc.org.sg or Joshua Leong at josh8778leong@gmail.com

IDT SIGN-UP

Are you seeking to grow in Christian maturity and in becoming an authentic disciple and intentional disciplemaker? Apply by Sun, 16 Dec at Voyager. Email idtadmin@cefc.org.sg for enquiries

COH PRAYER LEAD-UP

Join us for the monthly regional Celebration of Hope prayer lead-up, open to all Christians in Singapore. God acts in answer to our prayers because He desires that none should perish!

Date: 5 Dec (this Wed)
Time: 8.00pm – 9.30pm
Venue: BPJ Centre, Grace Sanctuary
This night's prayer will be in Mandarin and English.

SERVE IN NEW LIFE

Do you love children and would like to impact their lives? Don't miss these opportunities to bless and mentor the children in our community. They need you!

Steady Readers Mentors

100 volunteers are needed to mentor K2 to P4 children who are not reading at their academic age and having difficulty in school due to lack of proficiency in English.

Period: 21 Jan – 25 May 2019
Days & Venue:
Mon and/or Wed at BPJ Centre
Tues and/or Thu at WDL Centre
Time: 8.00pm – 9.30pm
Required Training: 5 OR 6 Jan 2019
Time: 1pm – 5pm
Venue: Fajar Youth Hub (Blk 419 Fajar Road)

Kids Champ Club Mentors

10 volunteers are needed to mentor P1 to P4 children displaying at-risk behaviour. This character building programme seeks to inculcate values such as responsibility and kindness.

Dates: 2 Feb – 8 Jun (fortnightly every Sat)
Time: 2.00pm – 5.30pm (includes pre and post-briefing)
Venue: BPJ Centre

Required Training: 19 Jan 2019
Time: 2.30pm – 4.30pm
Venue: Fajar Youth Hub (Blk 419 Fajar Road)

Sign up now through this QR code or go to <http://cefc.ch/newlifechildren> For more information, email Jason at volunteer@newlife.org.sg



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Sun 9am & 11am

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Discipling the Next Generation

SARAH CHAN, MINISTRY STAFF, THE NEXT GENERATION

“ We need to be united as a Church in Singapore to have the courage to step out for the Gospel.”

“We need to realise that we did not build this nation by ourselves; we must be grateful for the migrants who left their homes to build ours.”

“We need to love the elderly among us.”

“I saw a picture of the Lord calling me by name, and nations beyond our seas where our light as a Church must shine into!”

These were the inspiring words of 13 to 14-year-olds as 40 of them stood at the top of Benjamin Sheares Bridge, overlooking the Singapore skyline and surrounding seas. They didn't complain as they walked under the heat of the sun; they only had thanksgivings for this nation and an earnest cry, “Speak Lord, we're listening!” And the Lord did. I believe these are the words upon the heart of God.

How do we disciple a generation who would passionately take the Gospel further than we can in our lifetime?

In the past month during ONE80, the Lord has given

a glimpse of what He can do in the next generation. We must disciple NOW to raise Kingdom-minded men and women who would give their lives to Jesus.

ONE80 is about ONE life, turning 180 degrees for Jesus. It is a daily discipleship training programme for youths held in November, when they made space for the Lord and to grow. Given that our first faith exploit in Vision 2028 & Beyond is to “Disciple NOW for a vibrant and healthy next generation leadership”, we believe that the Lord had led us this year to launch the ONE80 Leadership Academy Track for 40 youths. Our desire is to grow Kingdom-minded leaders of *A Certain Kind* to impact generations!

It has been an inside-out journey of spiritual breakthroughs, teachable moments and paradigm shifts. What a blessing to witness young ones heightened to the reality of God in their lives and growing their capacity to love!

This is just the beginning. May the Lord find us faithful as a church in discipling the next generation of leaders to serve and love His people – and win the world for Christ!

Sermon Outline

WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 22:30-23:35 • SERMON: REV EDMUND CHAN

Introduction

1. When The Going Gets Tough (background Acts 21-22) ...
2. Three vital principles that I've gleaned from Acts 23 -

A. When the Going Gets Tough, I believe in DIVINE GUIDANCE.

".. the Lord stood at his side and said, "Take courage..." (v.11)

B. When the Going Gets Tough, I believe in DIVINE APPOINTMENTS.

"But the son of Paul's sister heard of their ambush..." (v.16)

C. When the Going Gets Tough, I believe in DIVINE CALLING.

"...Paul the prisoner..." (v.18)

Conclusion. When the going gets tough, the tough...??

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKER:

DEC 9 - REV DAVID CHAN (BPJ), REV TAN KAY KIONG (WDL) AND PS SHARON FONG (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

Two Life-Changing Questions

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 21:37-22:29 • SERMON: REV BARNEY LAU

Introduction

Aside from Jesus, Paul is the next most influential character in the New Testament. What changed Paul from a pedigree Pharisee and relentless persecutor of Christians to a lover of Christ and His Church? More significantly, why?

Paul's story in Acts 22 is the second of his three stories in the book of Acts (chapter 9, 22 and 26). In Acts 22, Jesus described Himself differently and Paul asked two life-changing questions.

A. "Who Are You, Lord?"

1. This is a defining question of Jesus' lordship over us and our identity in Him.
2. Beyond the blinding light and the voice, why did Jesus' question and His answer break Paul so radically and alter him so completely?
 - a. Because in Jesus' one single question, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" Paul met not his God of the Law, but the God of grace, a grace he had never known.
 1. A Relational God – Jesus called Paul by his name, twice!
 2. A Personal God – Jesus referred to Himself in emphatic personal pronoun.
 3. A Merciful God – Any pious Jew knows you don't meet God and live!
 - b. Because in Jesus' answer, "I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting", Paul met not only an authoritative God, but a vulnerable God.
 1. A "Human" God – God chose to be a common peasant human in Jesus!
 2. A Humble God – Jesus chose Nazareth, the least important village.
 3. A Vulnerable God – Twice Jesus asked why Paul persecuted Him.
3. The answer clarifies an implicit question, "Who am I?" in the light of who God is! Because who we are and what we do ultimately flows from who God is to us.

B. "What Shall I Do, Lord?"

1. The WHO question must precede the WHAT question. The WHO question clarifies our identity in God (who we are) and His lordship over us (how we are to live). The WHAT question clarifies our calling in God and purpose in life (what we are to do in the light of who we are).
2. Jesus' answer, through Ananias (vv.14-15) and directly, (v.21) to the questioner, Paul, explained the deeper "why", and not merely the surface "what" question.
 - a. "You are chosen!" (v.14) – to know God and His will. God's first order of business for Paul is to walk in personal and intimate relationship with God so as to know Him. This is Paul's mandate for his calling and mission in life.
 - b. "You are called!" (v.15) – to be a witness for Jesus. That is Paul's mission, to relate Christ to others as he relates with Jesus! Paul's mission flows from his mandate. Verse 14 preceded verse 15 – mandate precedes mission.
 - c. "You are sent!" (v.21) – to go wherever He sends and places you. Paul thought he was preeminently fit to be a witness to the Jews given his background and dramatic conversion (vv.19-20), but not God. God instead sent him far away to the Gentiles. God's appointed mission field for us proceeds from our mission!

Conclusion

For most of us, our mission field is the marketplace we are in! Our mission is to be a witness in this mission field. Our mandate is knowing Jesus and walking in His will! Who is God to you? What is God calling you to do?