

## » PASTORS' INSTALLATION TODAY

Come bless our new pastors **today, 2.30pm to 5.30pm** at **BPJ Centre** at their installation. Elder Sebastian Quek, Lim Keng Yeow and Kirk Tan will be installed as lay pastors. Portia Chan and Sharon Fong from the staff team will be installed as full-time pastors. A full-time pastor in CEFC is a salaried staff of the church while a lay pastor is non-salaried and serves firstly in the market place, and secondly, carries out some specific pastoral and leadership duties in church.

## » YUNNAN STM TRIP

If you are a CG member and have a calling to build strong discipleship foundation for children, join the Yunnan Short-term Missions trip.

**Date:** 25–31 July

**Ministries:** Vacation Bible School Camp and Parenting Seminar

**Estimated Cost:** \$700 (excluding airfare)

*Visit the booth at the foyer today for more details.*

## » PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION

Registration for parent-child dedication is now open at the Information Counter. Please note that there is a **class for parents next Sun, 5 Jun, 1pm-3pm** at **WDL Centre**. It covers the purpose and significance of dedication, and explains the charge to parents for discipleship at home.

## » SERVE IN NEW LIFE

### Steady Readers Programme

Help children overcome challenges in reading and instill a love for books in them from **July to November every week at 8.00pm to 9.30pm**.

### Kids Champ Club

If you love children, serve in this character-based mentoring programme for 7 to 10-year-olds from **6 Aug to 17 Dec, every Saturday at 3pm to 5pm**.

To volunteer or enquire, contact Lewis Woo at 9634 9457 or Cai Aiwei at 6892 7219 or [caiaiwei@newlife.org.sg](mailto:caiaiwei@newlife.org.sg)

## » CAMP COVENANT BRIEFING

If you are attending Camp Covenant, do attend the Camp Briefing **next Sun, 5 Jun** at either WDL Centre Sanctuary at 12.30pm–1.30pm *or* BPJ Centre Sanctuary at 2.30pm–3.30pm.

## » MARKETPLACE DISCIPLESHIP

Sign up for IDMC Conference 2016 through Voyager by **this Tue, 31 May** to enjoy the Covenanter early bird rates. This year's theme is Marketplace Discipleship. Invite your friends who will get \$30 off the regular registration price when they use the coupon code *MKTCEFC*. They can sign up at [www.idmc.org.sg](http://www.idmc.org.sg)

## » CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

### Finance Manager

Reporting to the Finance & Human Resources Director, this role is responsible for the accounting, internal controls, financial and management reporting requirements and budgeting process. This role prepares and reviews quarterly financial performance, GST reporting and makes preparations for the Annual General Meeting which includes financial review, presentation slides, and liaison with auditors. This role will also be involved in the regular tithing collections cash count.

Requirements:

- Degree holder in Accounting
- Minimum 5 years' relevant experience and 2–3 years' managerial experience
- Has sound and up-to-date knowledge of financial statutory requirements
- Able to multi-task under tight deadlines

Applicants should either be a church or CG member, intending to answer God's call in furthering Covenant EFC's mission.

For more information, visit <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment>. Interested candidates, email your resume to [hr@cefc.org.sg](mailto:hr@cefc.org.sg) by 12 Jun.

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## Your Discipleship Growth Journey

BY: PS IVAN HO, EQUIPPING-IDT

**W**hen I think about our discipleship growth journey, three key things come to my mind.

**Discipleship is a must.** It is necessary, not optional. The Lord Jesus calls us to follow Him. If we don't make an effort to follow Christ every day and all our days, then our spiritual growth will stagnate and "backsliding" may even happen. Someone once said it is like cycling up a slope. Once you stop pedalling, you will soon stop and start rolling backwards.

### Discipleship is a process.

Christian events like services, rallies, conferences, seminars and meetings are great, but they can only challenge and motivate us to make decisions for spiritual growth. Without a process that follows it, all the initial enthusiasm and energy will soon be lost. There is no lasting change. What we must do instead is engage in a continuous process of spending daily time with God in His Word and in prayer; taking periodic extended times of silence and solitude (ranging from half-day to a three-day silent retreat); participating in intentional discipleship training where learning takes place in large and small group communities and where there are structures for personal practice.

Genuine encounters with the Spirit of the living God do bring about a mighty spiritual

breakthrough of confessions, repentance, forgiveness, healing and liberation. However, post-encounter follow-through in small group communities are vital for the continuing discipleship growth journey. In these circles of friendship, trusted fellow pilgrims provide encouragement, accountability, support and prayers. These make all the difference in the long-term. We are not designed to be spiritual hermits. God intends His people to grow in spiritual communities.

### Discipleship is a responsibility.

We must take responsibility for our own spiritual growth. There are no shortcuts to spiritual maturity. No special prayer by some "anointed" spiritual leader can do it for us. No powerful worship experience can instantly transform us into Christ-like disciples. The Holy Spirit will not zap us into perfection. But He will certainly empower us in discipleship growth as we yield ourselves to Him. No one can grow on our behalf! We must choose to engage in the discipleship process.

*Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude. – Colossians 2:6-7 (NASB)*



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# SERMON OUTLINE



## Reaching Your Peak

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 3:20-21** Sermon: **REV TAN KAY KIONG**

### Introduction

1. In Him ... to Him! (Eph 1-3)

2. To Reach Your Spiritual Peak, Anchor On:

#### A. The God Who Works \_\_\_\_\_ You

... to Him who is able to do far more abundantly ... according to the power at work within us (v.20)

#### B. The God Who Works \_\_\_\_\_ You

... in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. (v.21)

### Conclusion

Next Week's Sermon Speaker:  
5 Jun **PAUL SHI** (BPJ) and **PS BARNEY LAU** (WDL)

# LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



## The Heart of Discipleship

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 3:14-19** // Sermon: **PS ANDY LEW**

### Introduction

Like our physical hearts, the state of our spiritual heart is vitally important to our discipleship.

Two Principles to Strengthen and Disciple Our Hearts:

#### A. A Heart that Calls Christ Lord (vv.14-17a)

1. Paul puts his exhortation in a form of a prayer because he knows that only the Father can change the heart (v.14).
2. A strengthened inner life will be able to withstand the external challenges of life (cf. 2 Cor 4:16).
3. Illustration: Ravi Zacharias' inner life kept him firm as a hotel employee.
4. A spirit-filled life is a Christ-filled life where Christ makes a permanent dwelling (*katoikeo*) in our lives.
5. Illustration: tourist visa vs permanent resident card holder
6. Illustration: Claudia and Sarah's journey from broken home to missions field
7. Application: Put Christ back into the centre of your life.

#### B. A Heart that Knows Christ's Love (vv.17b-19)

1. Even though we are rooted and grounded in love (v.17a), we still need strength to know Christ's love. Why? Because we are prone to forget.
2. Love is the source and foundation of our Christian faith (cf. 1 Cor 13:1-3), but it's hard to comprehend (e.g. understanding organic chemistry).
3. Paul gives us a lesson on Christ's love that "surpasses all knowledge" (v.18)
  - a. breadth – a love that embraces all peoples
  - b. length – a love that is never-ending without limits
  - c. height – a love that frees us towards heaven
  - d. depth – a love for the undeserving and deepest sin
4. Question: Do you love Christ more and more?
5. Illustration: Keeping love in a marriage
6. Application: Seek to know Christ's love more and more.

### Conclusion

1. When Christ is the Lord and love of our lives, we will be filled with the fullness of God (v.19; cf. Eph 4:13). We will be transformed!
2. Closing Testimony: My journey of loving my father
3. Christ – the love and Lord of our lives!