

» COVENANT EAST MEETING

Have you been called to pioneer the work or pray for Covenant East? Join our monthly gathering for a time to seek God and bond with one another.

Date and Time: 2 Jul (Sat), 9am–12pm
Venue: UE Convention Centre, 4 Changi Business Pk Ave 1, Singapore 486016

If you are going to Covenant East, please fill up the form at <http://tinyurl.com/GoCEFCeast> if you have not done so.

» CAMP COVENANT

Audio sermons by Bishop Dr Robert Solomon is now available at www.cefc.org.sg (*Training & Resources > Audio Sermons*).

» UNIVERSITY BEFRIENDER PROGRAMME

Let's B.L.E.S.S. the Chinese international students who come to study in Singapore with our hospitality. We are looking for families to reach out to them through the University Befriender Programme from **Aug 2016 to Jul 2017**. Drop by our booth at the foyer today to find out more or email missions@cefc.org.sg **Today is the last day for signing up.**

» TNG MINISTRY TALK

Would you like to find out how you can invest in our next generation in Sunbeam, WEB and Momentum ministries? Sign up next Sun, 3 Jul at our booth during TNG Sunday.

Date: 11 Jul (Mon)
Venue: BPJ Centre
Time: 7.30pm–9.00pm
 Dinner is provided from 6.30pm.

» MISSIONS WORKSHOPS

The Gospel always remains the same, even as the world changes constantly at a rapid pace. How are you part of the Great Commission? Missions Week is coming soon, along with exciting workshops for you! Find out more at <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/missions-week>

» IDMC INSTITUTE VISION TEA

If you could give one year of your life to invest in eternity, what would you do? IDMC Institute's one year internship is an excellent opportunity to immerse in authentic discipleship and intentional discipling. Journey in a community as you grow deeper in the Lord and clarify God's calling in your life. Find out more at our Vision Tea session.

Date: 14 Jul (Thu)
Time: 7.30pm–9.30pm
Venue: ACKCentre

Email registrar@idmci.edu.sg to register or enquire. Visit us at <http://www.cefc.org.sg/idmci>

» MIC PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

Join our Men-in-Covenant (MiC) Prayer Fellowship on Saturdays, 7.30am–9.00am at BPJ Centre, Patience Room.

Dates for Jul: 2, 16 and 23
Dates for Aug: 6, 20 and 27

For enquiries, email mic@cefc.org.sg

» FLORAL OFFERING

Today's floral offering is sponsored by Dennis Loh in remembrance of his father who was called home to be with the Lord on 5 Jun 2016.

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Authentic Discipleship, Intentional Discipling

BY: PS YAM KENG MUN, DISTRICT MENTOR

Authentic Discipleship, Intentional Discipling (A.D.I.D.)—Are we there yet?

A highlight in Camp Covenant 2016 was a group reflection on "Watch Out" by Elders Lian Seng, Hua Min and Lawrence Chua. One leader remarked that this self-described motley crew of founding elders is a picture of close relationship and discipleship leading to the formation of Covenant EFC.

There are two sides of discipleship in the New Testament examples—relationship and community. Such a relationship of closeness is modeled by God, the Heavenly Father with His Son and the Holy Spirit. The thread of relationship can be seen in Jesus' discipleship of His 12 followers. Jesus walked His talk when His teachings were seen in His life and relationship with His Father in heaven. His motley crew of disciples experienced trust from the Master Discipler.

In a trusting relationship, they submitted themselves to the spiritual influence of the one they proclaimed as "God!". In contrast, those who expected and demanded others to follow their leadership faced resistance. It's difficult to disciple others without a relationship with them.

Outsiders are attracted to relationships based on love for one another, because they know these are disciples of Jesus (Jn 13:34, 35).

Besides relationship, community is important for discipleship to flourish. The early disciples grew individually in their faith. They met regularly in a community to pray, worship, learn and minister together. More than functional or transactional gatherings, Covenant Groups gather as family to share meals and conversations about their daily lives. Through one another's stories, work and family difficulties, members encourage abiding, repentance and obedience to God's Word. As a community, discipleship is experienced when members buddy one another to pray and introduce their colleagues and family to Jesus.

Relationships and community by themselves are not discipleship. Discipleship exists when there is an intention to share Christ, and when disciples imitate Christ—Authentic Discipleship and Intentional Discipling. Are we there yet?

Our founding elders started the ball rolling in 1978. The ball is now in our court.



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SERMON OUTLINE



THE CHURCH AS GOD INTENDS

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 4:7-13** Sermon: **REV EDMUND CHAN**

Introduction

1. The Rabbi and A Philosophy Scholar...
2. The Church must grasp three important things about itself as seen in Ephesians 4:13-17.

The Church As God Intends Is -

A. A _____ **COMMUNITY DERIVED BY GRACE (vv.7-8)**

"But to each one of us grace was given..." (v.7)

B. A _____ **COMMUNITY DISTINGUISHED BY GRATITUDE (vv.11-12)**

"And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ." (vv.11-12)

C. A _____ **COMMUNITY DIRECTED BY GODLINESS (v.13)**

"Until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ." (v.13)

Conclusion. Being the Church As God Intends!

Next Week's Sermon Speaker:
3 Jul **JOSEPH CHEAN** (BPJ and WDL)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



Father's Day

Scripture: 1 THESSALONIANS 2:10-12 // Sermon: REV DR TAN SOO-INN

The call to be a father has never been more critical. This is particularly true of followers of Jesus Christ who, in partnership with their wives, have been given the mandate to raise their children in the Lord. But God gives fathers the resources they need to nurture their children. He has given us His Spirit. And He has given us His Word.

Some key duties of fathers from the book of 1Thessalonians:

1. **Fathers are called to help their children develop their full potential.**
2. **They do it by modelling.**
3. **They do it by encouraging.**
4. **They do it by comforting.**
5. **They do it by urging.**

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