

» COMMUNITY BLESSINGS

Here's an opportunity to B.L.E.S.S. the kids in the community. As we aim to help more kids, we need more tutors for the primary level at the following locations once a week:

- Wednesdays, 7pm–9pm at Block 237, Choa Chu Kang
- Thursdays, 7.30pm–9pm at Block 632A, Senja Road (BPJ)

Email vincent.chia@cefc.org.sg to sign up or enquire.

» TWO TO TANGO - OUTREACH

Would you like to B.L.E.S.S. your pre-believing friends who are either married or dating? Invite and accompany them to this marriage seminar for a fun and useful time talking about the ups and downs of couplehood.

Dates: 28 Jul, 4, 11, 18 and 25 Aug (Thursdays)
Time: 7.00pm–9.30pm (dinner provided)

Venue: YMCA of Singapore, 1 Orchard Road

Email twototangocefc@gmail.com to register or enquire. *Today is the last day of registration.*

» CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

Center Administration cum Mobilisation, East Centre
Reporting to the Director of Operations, this role is responsible to lead and oversee operational aspects of the Covenant East Centre. This includes mobilising people in various areas such as centre administration and scheduling, weekly services requirements, facilities setup and coordination, Finance & IT-related matters.

In addition, this role serves as the overall coordinator in mobilising the lay congregation in the East Centre. He/She works very closely with the ministry heads on all lay mobilisation in recruitment, selection, redeployment and renewal matters.

Applicants should either be a church or CG member. For job requirements, visit <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment>. If interested, please email your resume to hr@cefc.org.sg by 7 Aug.

» PARENTING WORKSHOP

We believe discipleship begins at home and encourage parents to embark on this parenting journey with us!

Parenting with Hope

For parents with kids in tweens and teens

Dates: 6, 13, 20 and 27 Aug (Saturdays)

Time: 3pm–5pm

Venue: BPJ Centre, Faith Hall

Fee: \$90 per couple

Register at the Information Counter.

» TNG BAPTISM TALK

For WEB and MOMENTUM youths who wish to be baptised, and parents who wish to encourage their 11 to 18-year-old children to be baptised. Questions about youth baptism will be answered through interactive discussions and presentations.

Date: 13 Aug (Sat) **Time:** 3.30pm–5.30pm

Venue: WDL Centre, Level 4, Peace/Patience Rooms

Includes afternoon tea reception

Email tng.momentum@cefc.org.sg to sign up.

Youth Baptism Service is on Sat, 24 Sep. Prior to baptism, candidates are required to apply with parental consent, attend baptism class and interview.

» CYAN BREAKTHROUGH WEEKEND

Often, we feel we are not good enough. Our inadequacies and self-labels can stand contrary to the way God sees us. Join CYAN Breakthrough Weekend and see how God truly sees us. *The early bird rates are extended until this Fri, 29 Jul.*

Dates: 9–12 Sep (12 Sep is a public holiday)

Venue: Pulau Desaru Resort

Early Bird Rates: \$300/student; \$400/adult (Student rate applies to those in NS)

Sign up through Voyager at voyager.cefc.org.sg
For enquiries, email cyanbtw@cefc.org.sg

» BAPTISM CLASS

Sign up at the Information Counter.

Date: 7 Aug (Sun) **Time:** 2.30pm–5.00pm

Venue: BPJ Centre

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Can God Use Us in His Mission?

BY: PS ANDY LEW, REGIONAL COORDINATOR, MISSIONS

I still remember when I was 16 years old, a missionary in Hong Kong named Rosemary, came to speak at my small church in Seattle, Washington. I was immediately struck for two reasons: She was elderly and a Caucasian who spoke fluent Cantonese. It's quite embarrassing that she could speak better Cantonese than me!

It was at that moment that God planted in me a heart for the nations. I signed up for her monthly newsletter and went on my very first mission trip the following year. On that trip, I learned that the world is so big, and I am just a small part of it. I asked myself, "Can God really use me in His mission?"

Fast forward 28 years later, I am still asking the same question. I am still humbled at how God can use an American-born Chinese to be part of missions in Asia. In the history of His Church, God has always chosen the unlikely for His purposes. It reminds us that missions is God's work, *not* our work.

As the book of Ephesians reminds us, we *all* have a part to play in building His Kingdom in Singapore and beyond. Prayerfully consider using your gifts in the following roles:

Welcomer – reaching out to internationals here in his/her home country

Goer – becoming a cross-cultural missionary for medium-term or long-term, or as a bi-vocational missionary (staying in your vocation while committing a portion of your time to missions)

Mobiliser – organising other Christians to find their role in global missions, leading short-term trips, and helping the church mobilise

Sender – providing practical support for Goers and the ministry through the following means:

Prayer Support – interceding for missionaries and their ministries

Finance – giving sacrificially so Goers can go

Logistics – providing practical help to address the needs of the missionaries

Moral Support – encouraging Goers through difficult times

Re-entry – helping Goers re-adjust back to Singapore

Translation Work

Be part of the disciplemaking church in missions!



VISION

AUTHENTIC
DISCIPLESHIP
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OF A CERTAIN KIND

VALUES

GRACE
GROWTH
GODLINESS

SERMON OUTLINE



Unlikely Lives in Remarkable Service of God's Mission

Scripture: ACTS 8:26-40 Sermon: DR CRAIG OTT

Introduction

God desires to touch and use even the most unlikely people, broken people, marginalised people to advance His purposes in remarkable ways.

Four Features of the Ethiopian Eunuch Important to Our Question of How God Can Use the Marginalized and Broken:

1. He is nameless.
2. He is an African.
3. He is a Jew or God-fearer.
4. He is a Eunuch.

Two Remarkable Demonstrations of God's Grace In the Life of the Ethiopian Eunuch:

1. He demonstrates that God accepts the marginalised and wounded.
2. He demonstrates how God can wonderfully use the marginalised and wounded.

Five Ways How the Ethiopian Eunuch Move from the Place of Marginality to This Place of Significant Service:

1. He was committed to the worship God, in spite of his limitations.
2. He was a student of the Word of God, in spite of his lack of understanding.
3. He was teachable by a man of God, in spite of his high position.
4. He received the grace of God and became a follower of Jesus.
5. He was willing to become a messenger of God—God's missionary.

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



Getting the Big Picture of God's Mission

Scripture: REVELATION 5:1-10 // Sermon: DR CRAIG OTT

Introduction

Just as we need the big picture to know how the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle fit together, so too we need the big picture of God's mission to know how we fit into His mission. The book of Revelation gives us the end of the story of salvation history so we can see how God's mission will look when it is accomplished. **The ultimate mission of God is the establishment of His kingdom in a people from every nation who worship, serve and glorify Him for all eternity.**

A. The Foundation of God's Mission is Christ's Work of Redemption (v.9a)

The heavenly vision of Christ is not only of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, but also of the Lamb of God that has purchased people for salvation. This reminds us that even in eternity, we will never forget the sacrificial saving love of God in Christ. Although there are many good and important things that Jesus did, the work of reconciliation and redemption is most central.

Implication of This Truth: Because redemption is the foundation of God's mission, we must become messengers of that message of redemption: the Gospel must remain at the foundation of our mission.

B. The Scope of God's Mission Includes People of all Nations (v.9b)

The biblical text heaps the terms, so that it is clear that there is no grouping of humans who are left out: nations, tribes, tongues and peoples. This will be a fulfillment of many Scripture passages such as Genesis 12:3 and Psalm 67.

Implication of This Truth: Because all the peoples of the earth are included in God's mission, our mission of redemption must extend to all the peoples of the earth. About one third of the world's population today is still without a local church that can communicate the Gospel in language and culture that they could understand. Thus the work of global missions is not yet completed.

C. The End of God's Mission Is the Worship and Service of a Kingdom People (v.10)

The people of God are a kingdom, under the rule of King Jesus, and a priesthood that mediates God's love to the world. The Prophet Isaiah foresaw when Gentiles would become priests on God's kingdom, Isaiah 66:18-21.

Implication of This Truth: Because worship and service are the ultimate end of mission, our mission must work toward establishing "kingdom-communities" of worship and service among all peoples of the earth—even now.

Conclusion

This mission of God will be accomplished! The only question is, will you be a part of fulfilling it, or will you be left behind? Now that you have seen the big picture of God's mission: What is your personal place in God's mission?