

» 38TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

We are celebrating Covenant EFC's 38th birthday as *One Family* with a special combined service. We will also have a children's service for three to ten-year olds.

Date: 4 Sep (Sun)

Venue: Singapore EXPO Hall 1

Time: 9.30am

Starting today, please share with us your photos and thoughts on how Covenant EFC is One Family to you! Upload your photos to Instagram and Facebook with the hash tag #OneFamily and tag us @covenant.efc

» CYAN FELLOWSHIP

Come and hear about building relationships from Lisa Anderson, the author of "The Dating Manifesto" and director of Young Adults at Focus on the Family.

Date: 20 Aug (this Sat) **Time:** 6.45pm-9.00pm

Venue: 2 Kallang Ave, CT Hub, #10-14, S339407

This is a ticketed event. Please register online at tinyurl.com/cyanrelationships

» NEW LIFE CHARITY GOLF 2016

New Life is holding its Charity Golf where you can play in order to give. Register today!

Date: 15 Sep (Thu)

Venue: Tanah Merah Country Club (Tampines)

Time: 1pm (golf playoff); 7pm (appreciation dinner)

Guest of Honour: Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs

To sign up or enquire, contact Debbie Wee at debbiewee@newlife.org.sg or 68927249 by 14 Aug.

» MEN'S CONFERENCE 2016

Discover together with your CG/MG brothers how we can become the man God created us to be at the "Man Alive" Conference. The speaker is Patrick Morley, the author of "Man in the Mirror", a book on a man's purpose, meaning and relationships that has impacted men worldwide.

Date: 25 Oct (Tue) **Time:** 7.30pm-10.00pm

Venue: St Andrew's Cathedral (opposite City Hall MRT)

Registration is FOC but required by 23 Aug at <http://manalive2016.eventbrite.com>

Men-in-Covenant secured special priority allocation for CEFC men for the above conference till 23 Aug, 10 pm (code is "CEFCMen" - please do not share this beyond CEFC). Registration is public thereafter. This conference has a total limited capacity for only 800 men.

» CYAN BREAKTHROUGH WEEKEND

For those who have registered for CYAN BTW, we will be having our CYAN BTW Spiritual Preparation. See you there!

Date: 28 Aug (Sun)

Time: 2.30pm-4.30pm

Venue: BPJ Centre, Chapel

» MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Sign up at the Information Counter.

Date: 24 Sep (Sat)

Time: 9am-4pm

Venue: ACKCentre

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SERVICE LEADER PS SHARON FONG // WORSHIP LEADER JONATHAN CHI



Marketplace Discipleship

BY: PAUL SAMUEL, DISTRICT MENTOR

This year is our 21st IDMC Conference in Singapore. Since I came to Covenant more than 12 years ago, I have attended almost all of the conferences, first as a delegate, then as a volunteer, and now as a church staff. At each conference I attended, God always opened my eyes to something new to learn about my own discipleship walk. Sometimes, it was like drinking from a fire hydrant, with so much content and information hitting me. At other times, it was about hearing familiar anecdotes which remind me of different things in my own walk that I need to pay attention to. Each IDMC Conference has provided me with a step change in my own personal growth.

This year, the topic is something very close to every Covenanter called to the marketplace. As I worked with the various workshop panelists and people leading up to the conference, I am reminded of my own journey in the marketplace before coming on staff. How challenging it can be in the marketplace, dealing with the many different pressures points and still wanting to live out my

faith and beliefs often in very difficult situations. I was also reminded how our Lord was always there at every turn and often provided a way through those difficult times. I learnt to trust Him more and more and have been awed many times when He turns up and turns things around.

This year, as part of the conference, we have planned for workshops where different ones from the marketplace will be present to share their own journeys and how God has been ever so faithful. They will be sharing on how we can apply the principles which our plenary speakers, Ps Edmund Chan and Ps Ann Chan, will be sharing as a demonstration of God's faithfulness and love to us in the marketplace.

Come and join us, if you have not already done so. Registration is still open. I believe that this IDMC Conference will definitely change the way you view your work and where God has placed you in the marketplace. My prayer is that we will get hold of God's vision for the marketplace and be the difference to transform it for His glory.



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SERMON OUTLINE



The Key to Rebuilding Relationships

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 4:30–5:2** Sermon: **PS IVAN HO**

Introduction

Three Key Principles of God-centred Forgiveness:

A. Look **INWARD** for **Signs of Unforgiveness (Eph 4:30-31)**

“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.” (v.31)

B. Look **UPWARD** for the **Source of Forgiveness (Eph 4:32-5:1)**

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” (v.32)

C. Look **OUTWARD** to **Serve the Forgiven (Eph 5:2)**

“And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” (v.2)

Conclusion

Next Week's Sermon Speaker:
21 Aug **REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI (BPJ)** and **REV TAN KAY KIONG (WDL)**

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



I Am Changed

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 4:25–29** // Sermon: **PS EDMUND WONG**

Introduction

Certain attires are appropriate for certain occasions. Likewise, certain attires are not! Verse 24 – the apostle Paul used the metaphor of clothing to describe that when we are made alive and new in Christ, certain behaviours must follow to demonstrate and make plain to the world that we are changed. Certain behaviours are now inconsistent with who we are as disciples of Christ.

Being New in Christ Should Change:

A. What We **SAY (vv.25, 29)**

1. Verse 25: What kind of falsehood was happening? Paul was dealing with false teaching about what Jesus is. Outside the church, it was common belief among Greek philosophers that lying was not harmful and sometimes the right thing to do to get the job done.
2. Verse 29: Corrupting (rotting). That's how God regards falsehood. It is inconsistent with who He is and what the body of Christ should be.
3. The judgment of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5) shows how lying must be prevented from spreading in the church. Because when there is truth decaying, the body of Christ rots!

Focus: Give our leaders permission to speak truth into our lives. Truth may sometimes hurt. But it sets us free and builds us up.

B. What We **FEEL (vv.26–27)**

1. Verse 26: Anger is a neutral emotion. God Himself was angry, for the right reason (Eph 5:6). But anger will spiral downwards to sin if we are angry for ourselves (e.g. our ego is bruised) and we allow the anger inside to brew.
2. Verse 27: When that happens, anger becomes a stronghold of the devil in our lives to destroy us and those around us.
3. We think that spiritual warfare happens in the heavenly places (Eph 6:10f). But often the greatest warfare happens when there are unchecked and toxic emotions.

Focus: Detox our anger. Because if we hold on to our anger, our anger will hold on to us. Manage our expectations and needs. Take God more seriously and take ourselves less seriously. Deal with our wounds.

C. What We **DO (v.28)**

- a. Why was there stealing in the church? Most likely because the farming yield was not consistent and people could not make ends meet and became desperate. Or the Roman taxation policy was aggressive and oppressive, and people were left with hardly anything to survive.
- b. Labour (working to the point of fatigue). The problem for Singaporeans – we work too hard! Yet we have become zombie employees at work (disengaged and disinterested).
- c. Paul gives a radical purpose why we work hard: to provide not just for our physical family, but our spiritual one. That's what the early church did (Acts 2), because they were family.

Focus: Find a need, meet a need. God intends that we provide not just for our physical and temporal family, but our spiritual and eternal one too.

Conclusion

The cross is where an instrument of death became a throne of life. God does not just want to transform the cross. He wants to transform you and me through it. The cross is where real deep change begins!