

» GATHERING OF MULTITUDES (GOM)

Calling all Zone Mentors, CG Leaders, Assistant CG Leaders and Ministry Leaders! It's time for our annual Gathering of the Multitudes. Join the Senior Pastor's Office team as they share the spiritual burden and plan for 2017.

Date: 2 Oct (Sun) **Time:** 2:30pm–5.00pm
Venue: BPJ Centre

» COVENANT EAST ORIENTATION & THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Let us give thanks and celebrate as we commission and orientate Covenanters who will be pioneering in the East. East Covenanters, this is the time to be familiar with the vicinity, facilities, Sunday launch hospitality plans and children's Sunday programmes. All Covenanters are welcome to join.

Date: 22 Oct (Sat) **Time:** 9.30am–11.30am
Venue: UE Covention Centre

» SERVE IN NEW LIFE

Do you love children? Come and mentor them at P.A.N.D.A Champs – a character-based mentoring programme for 7 to 10-year-olds.

Dates: 22 Nov–15 Dec every Tues and/or Thu
Time: 9am–1pm **Venue:** BPJ Centre

Training will be provided on 27 Oct, 7.30pm–9pm at BPJ Centre, Patience Room.

To register or enquire, contact Cai Aiwei (97167154; caiaiwei@newlife.org.sg) or Lewis Woo (96349457; lewiswoo@newlife.org.sg).

» WHOLE LIFE INVENTORY

Have you taken the *Whole Life Inventory*? If you are at least 13 years old and consider Covenant EFC as your spiritual home, we encourage you to do so by 25 Sep. Your honest response will help us better understand the needs of our church and effectively disciple you towards Vision 2028. It's easy and only takes 10–15 mins. All responses are kept anonymous and confidential. Just follow these simple steps:

1. Visit www.wholelife.sg/inventory
2. Scroll down and enter the access code: *cefc* (case sensitive)

Email your queries to inventory@wholelife.sg

» IDMC INSTITUTE VISION TEA

If you could give one year of your life to invest in eternity, what would you do? Would you consider a year to immerse in authentic discipleship and intentional discipling? IDMC Institute's one-year internship gives you the opportunity to recalibrate, to realign, and to be equipped for future ministry whether in the church, missions, or the workplace. Find out more at our Vision Tea session!

Date: 15 Sep (Thu) **Time:** 7.15pm–9.30pm
Venue: ACKCentre

To register, visit <http://www.cefc.org.sg/idmci> or email registrar@idmci.edu.sg for enquiries.

» WEB FAMILY SERVICE

Woodlands WEB will be having a family service *next Sun, 18 Sep, 8.30am* at the chapel (level 4). Our speaker will be Tina Chua. Come and join us as we celebrate with the family!

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What Does It Mean to Be Missional?

BY: PS IVAN HO, DISTRICT MENTOR

In last week's IDMC Conference, Pastor Edmund Chan spoke in plenary session 2 on the topic of "Let's Get Missional!" What does it mean to be missional?

Alan Hirsch, a proponent of the missional church, helpfully explains: "A proper understanding of missional begins with recovering a missionary understanding of God. By His very nature God is a 'sending God' who takes the initiative to redeem His creation. This doctrine, known as *missio Dei*—the sending of God—is causing many to redefine their understanding of the church. Because we are the 'sent' people of God, the church is the instrument of God's mission in the world. As things stand, many people see it the other way around. They believe missions is an instrument of the church, a means by which the church is grown. Although we frequently say 'the church has a mission', according to missional theology a more correct statement would be 'the mission has a church.'"

Of course, missions cannot be separated from discipleship. As Mike Breen points out: "God did not design us to do Kingdom mission outside the scope of intentional biblical discipleship." The Great Commission involves discipling people of all nations by

teaching them to obey all that the Lord Jesus has commanded (Mt 28:18–20). Disciplemakers and disciples alike are to keep growing in their relationship with God and in their character towards Christ-likeness.

God has by His grace redeemed people like you and me and blessed us with much resources, so that we may use our lives and resources to serve Him in His redemptive purpose.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

–1 Peter 2:9, ESV

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is to be lived out and proclaimed by us wherever God sends us, so that people can believe in Christ, who alone is the way of salvation. As Hirsch notes: "A missional theology is not content with mission being a church-based work. Rather, it applies to the whole life of every believer. Every disciple is to be an agent of the Kingdom of God, and every disciple is to carry the mission of God into every sphere of life. We are all missionaries sent into a non-Christian culture."

Let each of us reflect on this: How can I be a missional disciple of Jesus in the days ahead?



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AUTHENTIC
DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VALUES

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SERMON OUTLINE



THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 5:18-20** Sermon: **REV EDMUND CHAN**

Introduction

1. The Spirit-Filled Life: Two Extreme Views...

2. “Be FILLED with the Spirit” – A COMMAND

Four Key Observations

A. IT IS A BIBLICAL COMMAND

B. IT IS A MISUNDERSTOOD COMMAND

1. Misunderstood as just a _____

2. Misunderstood with a _____ “Filling” Imagery

3. Misunderstood with the _____

4. Misunderstood with the _____ Life

C. IT IS A SPIRITUALLY VITAL COMMAND

D. IT IS A DO-ABLE COMMAND

Three Crucial Steps To Be Filled By The Holy Spirit (S.O.S.)

Conclusion. Revitalize Your Walk With God!

Next Week's Sermon Speakers:
28 Aug **PS BARNEY LAU** (BPJ) and **REV TONY YEO** (WDL)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



The God Who Restores Us

Scripture: **PSALM 80** // Sermon: **REV TAN KAY KIONG**

Introduction

Title of Psalm 80: *Eduth* - means a testimony or witness. Truly, Covenant EFC's existence is a testimony to God's grace and goodness. Thank God for our pioneers, but only God could have done it!

Psalm 80 bears witness of the God who restores our broken and sinful lives. You will find three common refrains in verses 3,7 and 19 “Restore us...”

A. The God Who Reigns over Us Supremely

Verse 3: “Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!”

The first use of the name of God is **Elohim**. It is the most common name used for God in the Old Testament to suggest He is the Supreme One who rules and reigns over all. In the context of Psalm 80:1-3, I believe the psalmist is pointing out to Elohim God as One who is greater than all our sins and failures. And surely, from verses 4 to 6, our supreme God will not hesitate to discipline and correct us. It is through that that He can rebuild us.

Illus: Restoration of a businessman

B. The God Who Fights for Us Victoriously

Verse 7: “Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.”

The Psalmist declares, “Restore us, O God of hosts”, means the God of the armies or warfare. In other words, He is the Divine Warrior who can marshal all the hosts of heaven to the aid of His people. He is the God who fights for us victoriously. It first appeared in 1 Samuel 1:3 in the days of the Judges where there was no King. It is also used by David against Goliath in 1 Samuel 17:45

Illustration: Climbing Mt Fanzipan

C. The God Who Stays with Us Faithfully (v.19)

Verse 19: “Restore us, O Lord God of hosts. Let your face shine, that we may be saved!” The Psalmist started calling on Elohim God to restore us in verse 3. He went on to call upon the God of Hosts to restore us in verse 7. Finally, he called upon the LORD God of Hosts to restore us in verse 19. Yahweh is the special covenant name of God. It was revealed to Moses at the burning bush in Exodus 3:13-15 “I am who I am”, “I am with you always”. The best illustration is when the Son of Man came to be with us (Ps 80:17).

Illus: IDMC Movement – sacrifice and losses but with obedience!

Conclusion

Let God restore your life completely.

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