

## » 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 (next Sun) **Time:** 2:30pm–5.00pm  
**Venue:** BPJ Centre

## » PRAYER &amp; PRAISE

Young people are faced with a lot of challenges as they transition into campus, career and even national service. At the same time, more young people are shunning religion in Singapore. The future of the Church is dependent on what we do for them now – so that, like King David they may serve God's purposes in their generation! Let's keep watch over our young adults at this month's Prayer & Praise.

**Date:** 30 Sep (Fri) **Time:** 8pm  
**Venue:** WDL Centre

## » BREAKTHROUGH WEEKEND (BTW)

The last day of early bird registration is next Sun, 2 Oct. It's time to intentionally be away with the Lord for an extended time. Come with your CGmates. Register at Voyager. Do not be discouraged if you are in the wait list. We will do our best to make sure you get a chance to attend.

**Men's BTW and Women's BTW**

Dates: 2–4 Dec

Early bird rate: \$260\* per pax

For enquiries, email [menbtw@cefc.org.sg](mailto:menbtw@cefc.org.sg) or [womenbtw@cefc.org.sg](mailto:womenbtw@cefc.org.sg)

**Marriage BTW**

Dates: 25–27 Nov

Early bird rate: \$540\* per couple

For enquiries, email [marriagebtw@cefc.org.sg](mailto:marriagebtw@cefc.org.sg)

\*Rates do not include the optional transportation.

## » LET'S SERVE TOGETHER!

Explore opportunities to serve at the Step Up Sunday booths at the foyer and you can still sign up online at [step-up.cefcapps.com](http://step-up.cefcapps.com) anytime. If you have signed up to serve, join us for our **Welcome Tea on Sun, 9 Oct.**

WDL Centre at 1pm–2pm  
BPJ Centre Sanctuary at 2:30–3:30pm

## » SHORT-TERM MISSIONS TRIP

CG members, be a blessing to the nations by signing up for an STM trip this year.

**Siem Reap, Cambodia** on 8–12 Dec  
Christmas evangelistic outreach for children and adults in villages. Estimated cost: \$400\*

**Bandung, Indonesia** on 9–13 Dec (new dates)  
Christmas programme for an orphanage and for a minority people group who are believers  
Estimated cost: \$350\*

**Jakarta, Indonesia** on 17–25 Dec  
Painting and ministry to children  
Estimated cost: \$350\*

\*Estimated costs *do not include* airfare and ministry expenses. If interested, email [missions@cefc.org.sg](mailto:missions@cefc.org.sg)

## » CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

**Center Administration cum Mobilisation, East Centre**

This role will lead and oversee operational aspects of the Covenant East Centre. It includes mobilising people in various areas such as centre administration, weekly services requirements, facilities setup and coordination, Finance and IT-related matters. This role also serves as the overall coordinator in mobilising the lay congregation in the East Centre. He/She will work very closely with the ministry heads on 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](mailto:hr@cefc.org.sg) by 9 Oct.

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## Authority and Autonomy

BY: SANDRA CHI, WOMEN-IN-COVENANT

Living in a thoroughly postmodern society, black and white have segued into shades of grey. Descartes' philosophical proposition "I think, therefore I am" has largely been replaced by "I feel, therefore I am."

In this cultural climate where individual autonomy is celebrated, possibly one of the most unpopular words we can use is the word "authority".

When we think of authority, we often associate it with authoritarian rule. So, when this picture of domineering headship is drawn into the realm of marriage, no wonder wives cringe at the thought of having to submit to their husbands.

In Ephesians 5:22, we are called to submit to our husbands as to the Lord. As a stand-alone command, it can feel burdensome—even impossible. Yet, this call to submission is not the starting point. Taking the larger context of Paul's instructions for the Church in Ephesians 5:2, he reminds us that we are to walk in love

as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us. Thus, the basis of submission is love. The call to submit to our husbands is cradled in the call to walk in love—which is in turn compelled by the love of Christ. Understanding godly submission requires us to understand headship in the light of Christ's love.

This is where many of us falter. Neglect, betrayals of trust, or impossible standards have wired us to have a dysfunctional view of authority. Our perspective has been so tainted by human experience that we find it hard to conceive of authority that can be loving and trustworthy.

Husbands are called to love their wives as Christ loves and gave Himself for the Church. God is the epitome of loving authority—the King of the universe and yet also, the perfect standard of self-giving love.

May God grant us the eyes to see anew so that our godly submission can be a response to God's grand overture of love.



## VISION

AUTHENTIC  
DISCIPLESHIP  
& INTENTIONAL  
DISCIPLEMAKING  
OF A CERTAIN KIND

## VALUES

GRACE  
GROWTH  
GODLINESS

# SERMON OUTLINE



## Beauty of Submission

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 5:21-24** Sermon: **PS VALERIE CHAN**

### Introduction

**A. Your Submission \_\_\_\_\_ Christ (v.21)**

**B. Your Submission \_\_\_\_\_ Christ (vv.22-24)**

### Conclusion

Next Week's Sermon Speaker:  
2 Oct **REV EDMUND CHAN** (BPJ and WDL)

# LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



## Let's Serve!

Scripture: 1 PETER 4:10-11 // Sermon: REV TONY YEO

### Introduction

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received." – 1 Peter 4:10a, NIV

**Context:** A proper view of eternity determines how we live and suffer (1 Pet 4:7-9).

**Call:** So let us SERVE!

#### A. Serve Willingly to Steward God's Grace (v.10)

"as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." – 1 Peter 4:10b, NIV

Four Reasons to Serve Willingly to Steward God's Grace:

##### 1. Everyone Is Enrolled to Serve

a. "Each one, each of you" (*hekastos*) – every believer in Jesus Christ.

b. Point: No one is excluded, exempted, eliminated!

Illus: People in the Bible God uses. Besides you aren't the message, you are just the messenger!

##### 2. Everyone Is Endowed with a Gift – "use whatever gift you have received"

a. Gift is "*charisma*" (God's grace) freely and graciously given, favour bestowed by God.

b. "Whatever" means "in whatever quality or quantity".

"God's grace in its various forms," "Manifold" – "*poikilos*" (various kinds or modes, diversified) with different personalities, passions, visions, temperaments.

Everyone is endowed, entrusted, bestowed with one gift to serve and step up.

##### 3. Everyone Can Employ Their Gift – "use whatever gift...to serve others"

a. "employ" – exercise, use, engage, apply and not to despise, belittle, hide, or abuse it!

b. "ministering" (*diakonountes*) – serve to help others, to strengthen others in the faith

##### 4. Everyone Can Excel in Stewarding God's Grace – "...serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

a. "stewards" – "*oikonomos*" (manager of household or estate who works and accounts to his master completely) We hold these gifts in trust since they are gifts of God.

b. Principle: Serving is just not fundamentally a privilege but a responsibility!

##### 5. Application: Step IN Step UP today!

#### B. Serve Wholeheartedly to Shine God's Glory (v.11)

"so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory..." – 1 Peter 4:11, NIV

Our Posture in Service:

##### 1. Servanthood DEPENDS on a BIG God

a. Illus: Matt 25:26-28 — The servant with one talent who **did not use his gift** claimed fear. The master called him a wicked, lazy servant (v.26). He dishonored his master.

b. Overcome fear! Serve faithfully, wholeheartedly. Give your all. Give your best and more!

##### 2. Servants SPEAK from REVELATION of God

Spiritual gifts – divided into speaking and serving gifts. Speaking gifts: apostleship, prophecy, teaching, tongues, and exhortation. Peter used a rare word *laleō* which appears only 10% in NT, to describe the communication of the Gospel (1 Thess 2:2), words of wisdom (1 Cor 2:6), truth (Eph 4:25), or the word of God (Phil 1:14).

##### 3. Servants SERVE by Fully RELYING on God

Serving gifts: giving, leading, mercy, helps, healing, and miracles. When we serve in God's strength despite our weakness, inconvenience, or pain, the people we serve should see and feel not us, the servant, but God through Jesus Christ receives the glory.

### Conclusion

The **heart** of a servant is **Jesus**.