

» 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 & 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 or womenbtw@cefc.org.sg

Marriage BTW

Dates: 25–27 Nov

Early bird rate: \$540* per couple

For enquiries, email 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 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

» 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 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.



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AUTHENTIC
DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VALUES

GRACE
GROWTH
GODLINESS

SERMON OUTLINE



Beauty of Submission

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 5:21-24** Sermon: **PS SHARON FONG**

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: PS BARNEY LAU

Introduction

"...Main reason people leave a church is because they have an entitlement mentality rather than a servant mentality." ~ Thom Rainer, author Simple Church.

Christianity Today's Outlook for Outreach study reports that the #1 result of serving others is a sense of maturing discipleship among those involved.

Context:

Live in the present (1 Pet 4:2) for eternity (4:7) in light of what Christ has done in the past (4:1), and what He will do in the future (4:5).

Therefore, live with a sense of urgency (4:7a), pray (4:7b) and love (4:8-9).

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

Four Principles of Serving: EVERYONE is/can:

1. **ENROLLED** to serve ("Each of you...")

No one is unworthy, unwanted, or unable.

2. **ENDOWED** with a gift ("...whatever gift you have received...")

Do we seek the spectacular gift or do we serve in our significance?

3. **EMPLOY** their gift ("...use...to serve others...in its various forms...")

Just Do It! Step out of comfort zones!

4. **EXCEL** in stewarding God's grace ("...as faithful stewards of God's grace")

The gift we've received from God is God's grace (undeserved), so steward it well!

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

Three postures of Servanthood:

1. Servanthood **DEPENDS** on their big God by...

a. Speaking under the authority and from the revelation of God's Word.

b. Serving while Fully Relying On God (be a F.R.O.G.!)

c. If we speak in our own capacity and serve in our comfort zone, who is glorified?

2. Servanthood **DELIGHTS** in glorifying God

a. A Terrible Punishment - "I serve because I HAVE to serve!" or...

b. A Terrific Privilege - "I serve because I GET to serve!"

3. Servanthood **DEFINES** our discipleship

a. Respectable Service - Serving just enough to be respected. Or...

b. Radical Servanthood - Serving for my King who loved, served and died for me!

Conclusion

Many do not serve because they feel unwanted, unneeded, and unable because of past baggage. Will you **STEP OUT** of our comfort zone, that we may **STEP UP** to serve others, so that we may **STEP IN** to the heart of Jesus?