

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Calling all registered members of Covenant EFC! Come and join our Annual General Meeting next Sun, 26 Mar, 2:30pm at BPJ Centre Grace Sanctuary.

Get your copy of the Annual Report and Financial Report from the booth at the foyer today. The Financial Report and Church Constitution are available to registered members only.

DISCIPLESHIP AT WORK

Is the workplace a challenging place for you as a disciple of Christ? Gain biblical perspectives and be inspired by testimonies on how to practice biblical truths at work.

Dates: 8 Apr, 13 May, 10 Jun, 8 Jul, 5 Aug and 23 Sep (Saturdays) Time: 9am – 1pm
Venue: ACKCentre Course Fee: \$100
Speakers: Ps Lim Keng Yeow, Ps Sebastian Quek, Matthew Kok, Dieu Eng Seng

Register at <http://cefc.ch/discipleship-at-work> Visit www.cefc.org.sg/idmci for more information. Registration ends on 22 Mar.

NEW LIFE CHILDREN'S FEST

Last Call for Volunteers

Children's Fest is happening in two weeks' time! You can still sign up to serve. About 30 volunteers are still needed for Bukit Panjang and 90 volunteers for Woodlands. To sign up, email c.f@newlife.org.sg For more details, call 6760 0533 / 6892 7191.

Volunteer Briefing Today

Woodlands Time: 12.45pm – 2pm
Venue: WDL Centre foyer

Bukit Panjang Time: 2.45pm – 4pm
Venue: New Life Student Care Centre, Block 507 Jelapang Road (opposite BPJ Centre)

REVIVAL PRAYER MEETING

Come and be blessed by four nights of extended worship and prayer during the Passion Week, before our Good Friday outreach. As God revives us, He will empower us to proclaim the Gospel boldly and live lives of Personal Revival, Divine Appointment and Active Obedience that glorify Him!

Dates: 10-13 Apr (Mon-Thu)

Time: 8pm – 10pm

Venue: BPJ Centre

Speaker: Ps Paul Jeyachandran (Senior Pastor of Life Church Castle Hill in Sydney, Australia)

DOMESTIC HELPERS' APPRECIATION TEA

Let's share God's gift of love to our domestic helpers through the Domestic Helpers' Appreciation Tea.

Here are ways to bless them:

- Sponsor them
- Serve them during the event
- Send them a message of encouragement at giftofloveathb@gmail.com or at the booth

Date: 9 Apr (Sun) Time: 2pm – 5pm

Venue: Furama RiverFront Hotel

Speakers: Rev Tan Kay Kiong and Ps Sharon Fong

Ticket Price: \$30/pax; \$300/table

Visit the booth to bless them!

VISION

AUTHENTIC
DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
- Community
- Stewardship
- Balance
- Brokenness

COVENANT EFC

EAST CENTRE, 19 MARCH 2017

SERVICE LEADER: JEREMY KOH ■ WORSHIP LEADER: DAVID CHONG

Vision 2028: Faith Exploit 5

Disciple Now for a Growing Global IDMC Movement

ELDER JOHNNY TAN, DIRECTOR, MISSIONS

We learn in Intentional Discipleship Training (IDT) that we train to be disciples. After becoming disciples, we reproduce after our kind through intentional discipling. If it takes a disciple to reproduce a disciple who will go on to make other disciples, what does an Intentional Disciple Making Church (IDMC) reproduce?

May I suggest that an IDMC reproduces a Disciplemaking Church Plant (DCP) that will go on to plant more Disciplemaking Churches or DCPs. Imagine several IDMCs reproducing DCPs which reproduce more DCPs, we essentially witness a perpetuating movement of IDMCs.

Overlay this concept of thinking on the world map, where it just takes each nation to have an IDMC that is reproducing herself, and influencing other churches to be an IDMC, we will see a Global IDMC Movement!

I remember a song we sing in my youth, "It only takes a spark to get the fire going". For a Growing Global IDMC

Movement to start, it only takes an IDMC to be true to her calling.

In Matthew 28:18–20, Jesus commanded the 11 disciples in Galilee to go and make disciples — the very same command has been given to us. We as His followers are called to go and make disciples (not converts) of all nations (not only our nation)!

It starts with you and me first being a disciple practicing *Authentic Discipleship* and *Intentional Disciplemaking*. We do our part to follow hard after our Lord Jesus and encourage fellow believers to do the same. Collectively as a church, we faithfully reproduce ourselves through DCPs and encourage and influence other partner churches to do likewise.

Matthew 28 reminds us that the scope of our calling is to make disciples cross-culturally in Singapore and in other nations. Let us all do our part and work together to return the Church to its discipling roots, and in the process perpetuate a Global IDMC Movement.

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ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES:

BPJ Centre: 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30am ■ WDL Centre: 8.30am & 10.30am ■ East Centre: 10.00am

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SERMON OUTLINE

A FRESH START WITH GOD

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 3:1-6 ■ SERMON: REV EDMUND CHAN

Introduction

1. Ezra chapter 3 is all about a fresh start with God!
2. Starting Afresh – 3 Vital Principles as seen in Ezra 3:1-6

A. STARTING AFRESH WITH A DEEP SENSE OF CALLING

“...the people gathered as one man to Jerusalem” (v.1)

B. STARTING AFRESH WITH A BOLD SENSE OF FAITH

“... fear was on them ...” (v.3)

C. STARTING AFRESH WITH A CLEAR SENSE OF PRIORITY

“... the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid...” (v.6)

Conclusion. A Fresh Start with God!

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

26 MAR – REV TAN KAY KIONG (BPJ), PS IVAN HO (WDL) AND REV TONY YEO (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

Starting Over

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 2:68-70 ■ SERMON: PS BARNEY LAU

Introduction

Context: Why did so few people return — fewer than 50,000? Perhaps these returnees constituted the remnant of Israel (Ezr 9:8).

God's call to these remnants after 70 years of exile is a covenant call to start over, to a life of faithfulness and of fruitfulness!

The call to start over begins with our giving to God and our living for God!

A. How We Give Reveals Our Heart's Condition (vv.68-69)

“When they came to the house of the LORD ... offered willingly ... according to their ability ...”

1. Primacy: The returnees gave first to God for the rebuilding of the temple, before they gave to the building of their homes. Giving to God precedes all our other expenses!
2. Posture: The returnees gave *willingly and according* to their abilities. God measures smallness and largeness by totally different standards. Men ask, “How *much* do we give?” God asks, “*How* do we give?” It is not the gift that's paramount, but the spirit of the giver. Remember the widow's mite (Lk 21:1-4).
3. Perspective: Key leading returnees gave generously, not sparingly. The gifts amounted to 520kg of gold and 3,000kg of silver or US\$22M by today's prices. Someone once said, “God demands our tithes but he deserves our offerings.”
4. Practice: Does God merely have a place, or does He have preeminence in and over our lives? Live below the line so that we may give God above the line!

B. Where We Live Shapes Our Life's Calling (v.70)

“... lived in their cities, and all Israel in their cities ...”

1. Covenant Return: Repetition of phrase “in their cities” emphasises a sure return to the promise land (Exo 6:6-8) and to the threefold covenant of “I am the LORD your God, you are My people, and I dwell among you” in Exodus 29:45-46.
2. Covenant Land: Return was not merely to rebuild the temple, but to repossess the land, rebuild the people of God, while under foreign rule (Ezr 9:11). They lived in their cities, their present reality, because they lived for a future hope!
3. Covenant Identity: Israel's national identity was wrapped up in the temple of God and the land of God. As such, the return of the remnants to their heritage cities is a return to their identity, calling and destiny as the people of God!
4. Covenant Living: Do we live in the covenant of God as a covenant people unto a covenant God who says He will return once again? Because where we choose to live defines who is our Lord, which shapes how we live, regardless of our station and vocation in life.

Conclusion

1. Zechariah in his ministry to post-exile Israel expresses the covenant heart of the covenant God: “Return to Me that I may return to you.” (Zech 1:3)
2. Starting over is giving all our heart to Jesus, and living all our life unto Him!