

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EMPOWERING GOD'S MEN

Calling all men! You are not made to walk alone. Discover the journey of walking together with other Christian men. *Empowering God's Men Series* is a monthly session over four Saturdays, from 7.30am to 9.30am at Zion-Bishan Bible Presbyterian Church. Breakfast starts at 7am.

#### Dates and Speakers:

15 Jul – Rev Dr David Wong

19 Aug – Rev Dr Chua Chung Kai

16 Sep – Dr Geoff Gorsuch

14 Oct – Rev Dr Tan Soo Inn

Register at <https://mmn-egm.Eventbrite.com>  
Registration closes on 31 May.

### BRASS PLAYERS FOR WORSHIP MINISTRY

Worship Ministry is recruiting brass players for the upcoming IDMC conference and Anniversary Sunday service in September. Instruments required are trumpet, saxophone, trombone and flute. Auditions will be held in June. Rehearsals will begin in July until August. Players should have their own instrument.

If interested, email Adrian Lim at [cefebrass@gmail.com](mailto:cefebrass@gmail.com)

### ALPHA: WHY AND HOW SHOULD I READ THE BIBLE?

Introduce Jesus to your family and friends at Alpha this Wed, 31 May, from 7.00pm to 9.30pm at YMCA at Orchard. Registration is free, but pre-registration is required at <http://alpha.cefcapps.com> For enquiries, email [alpha@cefc.org.sg](mailto:alpha@cefc.org.sg)

### BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP

**Baptism Class** on Sun, 25 Jun, 1.00pm to 3.30pm at WDL Centre.

**Membership Class** on Sat, 17 Jun, 9am to 4pm at ACKCentre.

Register at the Information Counter today!

### CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking for the following:

- Executive (Finance)
- Executive (Human Resources)
- Manager (Media, Communications and Resources)

Applicants should either be a church or CG member. For job requirements, please go to <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment> If interested, email your resume to [hr@cefc.org.sg](mailto:hr@cefc.org.sg)

## COVENANT EFC

ACKCentre: 2 Kallang Avenue, CT Hub #10-26, Singapore 339407

#### ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES:

BPJ Centre: 8.30am, 10.30am & 12.30pm ■ WDL Centre: 8.30am & 10.30am ■ East Centre: 10.00am (Pre-service prayer: 9.30am)

Tel: (65) 6892 6811 ■ Email: [mail@cefc.org.sg](mailto:mail@cefc.org.sg) ■ Website: [www.cefc.org.sg](http://www.cefc.org.sg)

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## VISION

AUTHENTIC  
DISCIPLESHIP  
& INTENTIONAL  
DISCIPLEMAKING  
OF A CERTAIN KIND

### VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



### UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
- Community
- Stewardship
- Balance
- Brokenness

## COVENANT EFC

BUKIT PANJANG CENTRE, 28 MAY 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS LEE DA WIN ■ WORSHIP LEADER: BENJAMIN & SHARON TAN

### IDT and Selah Moments

PS YAM KENG MUN, DISTRICT MENTOR, SMALL GROUP INFRASTRUCTURE

**S**cripture memory, Bible reading, journaling, sharing lives, meeting weekly (except for the term breaks which brought relief to many of us who were juggling work, ministry and family) — 18 months of Intentional Discipleship Training (IDT) came to an end this week for cohort 13. I have two reflections on IDT: Rootedness and Repentance.

#### Readiness or Rootedness?

We think of readiness as a qualification to step up into a new role. Although we assume the importance of prior experience and training, we struggle with readiness. Can we ever be ready? In contrast, we are asked to be rooted in Christ (Col 2:7). Being grounded is to be steadfast and immovable when we are ambushed by conflicting choices. Work choices that take us away from our families, gaming hours online leaving us with panda-eyes, or living double lives watching pornography in the privacy of our rooms. Rootedness is a process over time — time to live out God's Word in our lives when we deal with storms and questions in life.

#### Regret or Repentance?

Repentance is a recurring theme in the Bible. Many times, God leads us to look at the condition of our hearts. We realise our lack of love for the Lord. We glimpse our self-deception. We make excuses to cover up our pride and unwillingness to seek after God. We notice the shallowness of our roots in God's truth. During Selah moments, we ask ourselves if we truly believe in Jesus as our Lord and not just our Saviour. Will there be momentary sadness or profound sorrow as we grieve over our sin? Or do we put our hands to the plough and declare that we know whom we believe and are persuaded that He is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him (1 Tim 1:12)?

There is a consequence of living an isolated life. Rootlessness and pride will not just be forgetting to read the Bible or praying before meals, but forgetting God's faithfulness and His grace in our lives. We would fall away, choosing ways apart from God and loving our own selves.

## SERMON OUTLINE

### GOD's Word for the Discouraged

SCRIPTURE: HAGGAI 2:1-9 ■ SERMON: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI

#### Introduction

#### A. Press ON because GOD is with YOU! (Haggai 2:1 – 5)

#### B. Press ON because Greater Days are ahead! (Haggai 2:6 – 9)

#### Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:  
4 JUNE – PS EDMUND WONG (BPJ), REV TONY YEO (WDL) AND PAUL SHI (EAST)

## LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

### Will You Colour Their Lives?

SCRIPTURE: ZECHARIAH 8:23 ■ SERMON: PS LEE DA WIN

#### Introduction

In a sense, the Israelites in the time of Ezra were living in a black and white world – their dreams had been dashed and it seemed hopeless for them to even think about rebuilding the Temple. Even their leaders Joshua and Zerubbabel were discouraged. The people of God desperately needed someone to colour their lives with renewed hope, renewed vision and renewed fervor!

#### A. Be That Change by the Grace of God

*“...In those days ten men from the nations of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, ...”*

This is a promise of a glorious future, when Gentiles of every ethno-linguistic people group, including Israel's enemies and far outnumbering the Jews, will grab them by their robes pleading for help. This is only possible because God promised that His Presence would return to Jerusalem (8:3, 7-8). God's grace would be so poured out upon them that their transformed lives become a public display of God's grace, and a walking magnet that attracts others and point them to God. Similarly today, our everyday lives must be that glowing testimony. God's grace must so emanate from our lives that we cannot help but attract people and to point them to Him.

#### B. Be Their Companions in Their Search for God

*“... Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.”*

The Gentiles pleaded to go with the Jews to Jerusalem to worship God at the Temple. As they heard stories of the God of Israel, their hearts were searching for God. They needed a guide, to help them find God, because they had heard that God was with them! Wouldn't it be phenomenal, the day when pre-believers come to us and plead with us to show them how they can come to know him? Today is New Life Friends' Day. New Life volunteers colour the lives of those whom they mentor and serve, by being their companion in their search for God.

#### Conclusion

This prophecy will only find its final fulfilment in the Messiah. In that day, countless people from every ethno-linguistic people group that do not know God will come to that one Jew, that one Person in all of history – the Son of Man, the Son of David, the Lion of Judah, the Lamb of God to figuratively take hold of his robe. And say to him, “let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.” For truly, only Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to God the Father except through Him (Jn 14:6)! He is our blessed hope, and He alone is the hope of all the nations.