

# Announcements

## ALPHA: WHY AND HOW SHOULD I TELL OTHERS?

Alpha is a series of informal and relaxed sessions exploring the Christian faith. Many have come to know Christ through Alpha. Invite your pre-believing loved ones or friends!

**Date:** 13 Jun (Wed)

**Time:** 7.00pm - 9.30pm

**Venue:** YMCA Orchard 1 Orchard Road (238824)

**Register at** <http://alpha.cefcapps.com>

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

## PARENTING TRAINING

**Parenting with Love** is for married couples preparing for their first child.

**Dates:** 30 Jun and 7 July (Saturdays)

**Time:** 12pm - 5pm

**Venue:** BPJ Centre

Register at the Information Counter.

## SERVE IN NEW LIFE

Are you passionate in loving and mentoring children? Don't miss these opportunities!

**Steady Readers** is a reading literacy programme for K2 to P4 kids. The next run starts in Jul until Nov. You can serve once or twice a week from 8.00pm to 9.30pm. Serve at BPJ Centre every Mon and/or Wed, or at WDL Centre every Tue and/or Thu.

**Kids Champ Club** is a character-based mentoring programme for P1 to P4 children. The next run starts in Jul until Dec at BPJ Centre every Sat, 2pm to 6pm (includes pre and post-programme briefing).

To volunteer or enquire, contact Jason Lee at 9635 1135 or email [volunteer@newlife.org.sg](mailto:volunteer@newlife.org.sg)

## SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

Pray and Repent is the spiritual burden for our upcoming 40-day prayer season. Let's get ready to pray! Come and join LoveSingapore's Solemn Assembly.

**Date:** 1-7 Jul (Sun-Sat)

**Time:** 8pm-10pm

**Venue:** BPJ Centre

## IDMC INSTITUTE'S ONE-YEAR INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME INTRO SESSION

IDMC Institute's One-Year Internship Programme is an opportunity to discover the God of the Word, be mentored, and journey together with a community of fellow disciples, as you crystalize God's call on your life in the marketplace, ministry or in missions. Come and find out more at the Intro Session!

**Date:** 21 Jun (Thu)

**Time:** 7.15pm - 9.30pm

**Venue:** ACKCentre

For more information and to RSVP, please refer to the "Covenant EFC" app, or go to [www.cefc.org.sg/idmci](http://www.cefc.org.sg/idmci) today!

## CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking to fill the following positions:

- **Executive (Global Alliance)**
- **Ministry Executive (Hokkien)**

For more information, please go to <https://www.cefc.org.sg/about-us/recruitment>  
Applicants should either be a church or CG member, with a heart to answer God's call in their lives in furthering Covenant EFC's mission. Interested candidates, please email your resumes to [hr@cefc.org.sg](mailto:hr@cefc.org.sg)



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## Camp Covenant 2018

JEREMY KOH, CAMP COMMANDANT, CAMP COVENANT 2018

“When prayer and repentance clash”, “not ritual but righteousness”, and “repentance and quietness” are some learnings that 1,080 campers gathered from Rev Dr Gordon Wong at Camp Covenant 2018. This is the first and final combined camp for all the three-centres! As of this writing, not all sessions have concluded. If you have missed it, prepare to come for the 2020 decentralized centre camps!

In line with this year's theme “We are Church: Pray and Repent!”, the camp anchored on Joel 2:12-13 wherein God calls us back to Him again. What better way to celebrate our 40th anniversary than to return to Him! God constantly calls us to do so. Have we wondered why it is so difficult to obey? Return to Him not in form and rituals, but in quietness of heart to enlarge His Kingdom. At the camp, we reflected on how our hearts are repenting, whether our inability to be quiet is an obstacle, whether our rituals are overshadowing our worship and walk, or even whether past hurts are hindering what God can and will do through us.

When God calls in whatever way, we sometimes miss it or are reluctant to respond appropriately. We tend to excuse ourselves with “Yes God, but ...” “You are a gracious God right?” “You want me to be nice and patient to whom?” “Surely You do not want me to go through this?” “How long must I wait, Lord?” Oswald Chambers said: “In intellectual matters you can think things out, but in spiritual matters you will only think yourself into further wandering thoughts and more confusion. If there is something in your life upon which God has put His pressure, then obey Him in that matter ... Spiritual confusion can only be conquered through obedience. As soon as we obey, we have discernment.”

God is calling us to build for the future by first praying and repenting! May we respond promptly to His Word, His promptings, His will and His ways, and repent as He points us to the right way. Interestingly Acts 5:32 tells us that the Holy Spirit is given to those who obey. May our obedience bring more of His presence anew daily. See you in 2020!

# Sermon Outline

## THE DISCIPLESHIP OF RADICAL OBEDIENCE

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 5:17-42 • SERMON: REV EDMUND CHAN

### Introduction

1. One of the greatest problems in Discipleship today is...

2. Acts 5 highlights TWO Vital Principles for True Discipleship -

### A. THE TESTIMONY OF DISCIPLESHIP IS CHANGED LIVES

“... yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching...” (v.28)

### B. THE TEST OF DISCIPLESHIP IS OBEDIENCE

“Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people...” (v.20)

### Conclusion. Going Forth IN FAITH!

#### NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

17 JUN - REV TAN SOO-INN (BPJ), BISHOP ROBERT SOLOMON (WDL) AND DR FREDDY BOEY (EAST)

# Last Week's Sermon Summary

## The Unstoppable Church

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 5:12-16 • SERMON: REV BARNEY LAU

### Introduction

Let's address pertinent issues from the text:

1. “Signs and wonders” mentioned in the book of Acts and in 5:12-16 were:
  - a. God's way of inaugurating a new Gospel era and authenticating the apostles' Gospel ministry and leadership (Rom 15:18-19; 2 Cor 12:12; Heb 2:4).
  - b. A fulfillment of the apostles' prayer in Acts 4:29-30.
  - c. Patterned after Jesus' purposes for His miracles: Compassion, Credentials as Son of God, and to Convey spiritual truth.
  - d. Performed mainly by the apostles, except for Stephen (Acts 6:8) and Philip (8:6) who were appointed representatives of the apostles.
  - e. Peculiar and not pervasive to all believers throughout the church in Acts or in church history. Examples: Paul, despite his miraculous acts, was not able to heal himself (2 Cor 12:7-10) or Epaphroditus (Phil 2:25-30).
2. Healing requires faith; the absence of healing requires just as much faith to know and trust that God is not only sovereign, but good. God calls us as a church to walk by faith and not by sight (2 Cor 5:7).
3. Evil is real and present, yet exorcism is never listed as a spiritual gift! Freedom comes from living out the truth that God is far greater than evil (1 Jn 4:4). God calls us as a church to walk in that truth.

### A. Unified (vv.12-13)

1. Ultimately, the signs and wonders brought about unity in the Church.
2. Of the 12 New Testament occurrences of Gk. homothumadon (translated as “with one accord” in NASB), 10 are in Acts. Unity is key theme in Acts and the distinguishing mark of the Christian church (Jn 13:35).
3. Context tells us that the Acts church was united around “the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42). Signs and wonders appears to be the expression of such a nascent united Church.
4. Acts 5:1-11 is sandwiched in the earlier context reminding us that lies and deceit cannot be the foundation for a unified and multiplied church.

### B. Multiplied (vv.14-16)

1. Pruning promotes healthy growth; weeding prevents unwanted growth.
2. The intensifying of “signs and wonders” may have indicated God's approval of the Lord's painful weeding (what happened to Ananias and Saphira) of the early church to prevent unwanted growth from robbing its effectiveness.
3. The Lord keeps the undecided from joining Church (v.13 “none of the rest dared to associate with them”) and thereby promotes healthy growth with the many who are willing to pay the price of discipleship (v.14)!
4. A healthy unity is foundational for rapid multiplication of the right kind for an emergent church on the cusp of severe oppositions starting from Acts 5:17 onwards!

### Conclusion

Are we standing in unity with the church for it to be unified and multiplied by making Covenant EFC our spiritual home, by praying in repentance for unity, and by preaching Christ wherever God has placed us?