

Announcements

NURTURE MASTERCLASS

This training aims to equip CGs in nurturing seekers and new believers in the foundation of their faith, and for those who are keen to know how to multiply spiritually by helping others become disciples of Jesus. Highly recommended for CGL, ACGL and CG members who share this vision of nurturing seekers and new believers.

WDL Centre 28 Oct, 1-3pm at Joy Room (Level 4)

East Centre 28 Oct, 1-3pm at The Pod 1, Capri Hotel & Suites

BPJ Centre 4 Nov, 1-3pm at Grace Sanctuary
Register at <http://cefc.ch/nurture-masterclass>

IDMC INSTITUTE MODULE

Vocation: Discerning God's Calling for Your Life

Speaker: Rev Dr Tan Soo-Inn

Date: 20 Oct (Sat)

Time: 9.00am – 12.30pm

Venue: WDL Centre, Peace and Patience Room (Level 4)

Course Fee: \$10 (pay on 20 Oct)

For more information and to register, visit <http://cefc.ch/idmcivocinfo> by 16 Oct. For enquiries, email registrar@idmci.edu.sg or call 6911 1768.

DISCOVERY WEEKEND

This is a full-day workshop for courting couples to discover how to build a strong foundation in their relationship based on honest interaction, biblical principles and purity.

Date: 20 Oct (Sat)

Time: 8.30am – 5.30pm

Venue: ACKCentre #10-10

Register at the Information Counter.
For enquiries, email fic@cefc.org.sg

BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Baptism Class will be held on Sun, 4 Nov, 1.00pm to 3.30pm at WDL Centre.

Membership Class will be held on Sat, 10 Nov, 9am to 4pm ACKCentre.

Register at the Information Counter.

PARENTING TRAINING

Parenting with Love is for couples who are planning or expecting their first baby.

Date: 3 and 10 Nov (Saturdays)

Time: 12pm - 5pm **Venue:** BPJ Centre
Register at the Information Counter.

ENCOURAGERS-IN-COVENANT SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Encouragers-in-Covenant is organising "It's Never Too Late", a spiritual retreat for Covenanters aged 50 and above.

Date: 15 – 17 Nov (Thu - Sat)

Venue: Forest City Phoenix Hotel, Johor

Speaker: Rev David Wong

Register at Voyager. For enquiries, email encouragersadmin@cefc.org.sg

BREAKTHROUGH WEEKENDS

Have you signed up for the Breakthrough Weekends yet? **Next Sun, 21 Oct is the last day of registration.** Sign up at <https://voyager.cefc.org.sg> If you do not have an account yet, click "Request New Account".

CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

Executive (Buildings and Facilities)

This role is responsible for the upkeep and management of our church buildings and facilities. He/She will be involved in planning and organising the maintenance work of buildings services and systems, including the supervision of contractors and vendors. He/She will also look into the logistics setup and support to ensure the smooth running of events at the centres. It will also include overseeing of minor building upgrading projects and operation of CCTV and door access systems.

Requirements:

- Diploma/degree in Engineering or Building Services
- Possess good relational and people skills
- Maturity in perspective and posture
- Strong multi-tasking ability

Applicants should either be a church or CG member. Interested candidates, please email your resume to hr@cefc.org.sg



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ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES

BPJ Centre:

Sun 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm

WDL Centre:

Sun 8.30am & 10.30am

East Centre:

Sun 9am & 11am

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Deepening in the Word

PS IVAN HO, PASTORAL STAFF (DISTRICT MENTOR, INTEGRATED EQUIPPING)

We are now in the final quarter of this year. Let's take some time to do a personal review. How has the year been for me? What are the key lessons God has been teaching me? How have I grown in my knowledge of God's Word and submission to the Lordship of Christ? Let us renew three commitments to grow in God's Word:

Bible Reading and Journaling.

There will be blessedness, fruitfulness, advancement and success for the man or woman of God who delights in God's Word and daily meditates on it for life application (Psa 1:1-3; Psa 119:12-16; Josh 1:8). Before it becomes habitual, daily Bible reading and reflection is a very difficult discipline, especially in our chronically busy lives overflowing with many tasks and distractions every day. Yet there is no short-cut for spiritual growth and ministry effectiveness. Trinity Theological College professor Dr Simon Chan advocates combining Scripture meditation with journaling "to further enhance our knowledge of self in the light of God's Word".

Scripture Memorisation.

This spiritual discipline was prominent in early Christian monastic practice and later in Protestant devotional habit, but is increasingly neglected in evangelical circles today. Scripture

memorisation aids meditation at any time, and is important for the Christian's success, purity and freedom in life (Jn 15:7; Psa 119:9-11; Jn 8:31-32). Dr Simon Chan points out that the memorisation of key Scripture verses in the light of the whole Bible helps to assimilate believers into the Christian story and to develop their theological competence.

Truth Application.

Mere knowledge of the truth does not change a person's life. Life change occurs when we apply the truth. As James 1:22-25 reminds us, if we only hear God's Word and do not practise it, we deceive ourselves and very quickly forget what it says. However, if we persevere to apply God's Word in our lives, we will be blessed!

Daily Bible reading, devotional journaling, Scripture memorisation and truth application are important personal disciplines by which we train our members when they go through **Intentional Discipleship**

Training (IDT) and Spiritual Friends and Foundations (SFF).

I encourage Covenanters to seize the opportunity to make 2019 a year of growing in God's Word by applying for **SFF** (for Christians less than two years in the faith) or **IDT** (for Christians two years or more in the faith) before all the spaces are taken!

Sermon Outline

THREE GREAT GOALS OF SUCCESSFUL CHRISTIANS

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 18:1-23 • SERMON: REV EDMUND CHAN

Introduction

1. Four Inadequate Ways to Define Success

2. Three Great Goals of Successful Christians That We Can Infer from Acts 18:1-23

A. SINGLE-MINDEDNESS (The Power of Focus)

“When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word” (v.5)

B. WHOLEHEARTEDNESS (The Power of Faithfulness)

“At Cenchreae he had cut his hair, for he was under a vow.” (v.18b)

C. GODLINESS (The Power of Fortitude)

“But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal.” (v.12)

Conclusion. The Story of Donald Stratton: “Am I Worth Dying For?”

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKER:

21 OCT – REV TONY YEO (BPJ), REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI (WDL) AND REV TAN KAY KIONG (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

Seeking the Welfare of the City

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 17:1-34 • SERMON: BENJAMIN SUN

Introduction

PRAY SINGAPORE: If the Lord would grant you one request for the welfare of Singapore, what would you ask for? One key way by which God brings about the welfare of the nation is to bless through His church!

We seek the welfare of the city by:

A. Being a Messenger of the Word (vv.1-15)

To be a messenger of the Word requires at least two actions: reasoning from the Scriptures and growing in the Scriptures.

1. Paul reasoned from the Scriptures (17:2). This is expounded by two verbs (17:3):
 - a. Explain. Paul explained the Scriptures – this literally means that he opened up the Scriptures.
 - b. Prove. Paul proved that that it was necessary for Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead.
2. This is illustrated by how Jesus Himself explained and proved the Scriptures on the road to Emmaus (Lk 24).
3. Reasoning with the Scriptures is about seeing Christ at the centre of the Scriptures – seeing the big picture. Analogy: Seeing the box of a jigsaw puzzle. To be able to see the big picture, we must grow in the Scriptures. Analogy: This is like putting together a 10,000 piece jigsaw. Illustration: reading the action Bible with Nathanael.
4. People need to learn from the example and posture of the Bereans (17:10-11)
 - a. They were hungry for the Scriptures
 - b. Yet they were discerning
5. Application: good books to pick up, Bible Project on YouTube

B. Bringing a Message to the World (vv.16-34)

1. Bringing the message of the Gospel effectively to the world involves understanding the world, and bridging the Word to people.
2. Understanding the world of Athens – it was hard ground. Athens was the intellectual and cultural centre of the ancient world, the cradle of Western civilization. It was intimidating for Paul to defend the Gospel in Athens. Some may be able to identify with this e.g. university students.
3. Athens was highly religious. Singapore is similar.
4. Part of Athens' worldview can be understood through Epicureanism and Stoicism (17:18). Looking at Epicureanism in particular, it was not just about maximizing pleasure but also minimizing pain.
5. We think and live this way today. Epicureanism is a lens to help us understand this worldview. In order to bring a message to the world, we have to understand their worldview. Understanding worldview helps us to bridge the Word to people.
6. This is what Paul did before the council of the Areopagus. He found a point of connection (the altar to the unknown God), and confronted his audience with the truth (the truth about God, and the response He requires from us. We are called to repent because there will be a judgement. We know that there is a judgement because Jesus has risen!)
7. Application: Alpha@Home Illustration: Janice and Jessy story

Conclusion

Pizza story: Sometimes we face disappointment and hurt in outreach. Paul too was sneered at by the Areopagus council. But we are called to press on.