INTENTIONAL DISCIPLE MAKING CHURCHES CONFERENCE

IDMC 2023 SINGAPORE

TRUE SPIRITUALITY

RENEWING OUR WALK WITH GOD

1-2 SEPTEMBER 2023

COVENANT EFC WOODLANDS CENTRE, MAIN SANCTUARY

IDMC 2023 CONFERENCE GUIDE

SCHEDULE

DAY 1 FRIDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER

8.15am	Doors Open	
8.45am	Welcome, Ice Breaker	
8.55am	Power Encounter 1: Firm Foundation Praise & Worship	
9.55am	Break	
10.25am	Plenary 1: SET YOUR MIND ON THINGS ABOVE	
11.30am	Lunch	
1.30pm	Workshop 1 by Reverend Dr Tan Soo-Inn	
	How to Bridge the Generation Divide and Shine for Christ	
2.45pm	Break	
3.15pm	Plenary 2: DETERMINE YOUR CENTRE OF GRAVITY	
4.20pm	End of Day 1	
7.00pm	"IDMC Light-a-Fire" (Open to all for free)	

DAY 2 SATURDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER

8.15am	Doors Open	
8.45am	Welcome & Worship	
9.05am	Plenary 3: BELIEVE GOD FOR SOMETHING NEW	
9.55am	Break	
10.25am	Plenary 4: EMBRACE GOD'S REVIVAL	
11.30am	Lunch	
1.30pm	Workshop 2 by Ps Benny Ho Marketplace Discipleship – How to Live My Faith and Influence People for Christ	
2.45pm	Break	
3.15pm	Plenary 5: FINISH WELL	
4.10pm	Power Encounter 2: Renewal Praise & Worship	
5.10pm	Announcement	
5.20pm	End of Conference	

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WELCOME

Dear Friends,

The pursuit of Christian spirituality is not about a platform but a pathway. Christian spirituality is not merely a pedestal to stand on, but a way of life to walk in.

It's a journey, not a destination.

True spirituality is not merely a romantic notion of achieving something. Rather, it's a dynamic experience of receiving something.

It is in essence the pursuit of intimacy with God who desires to draw us near to Him. It fosters an immediacy that ushers active engagement and conveys connectedness.

James Stuart wrote, "We want that thrilling sense of immediacy, that directness of the thought and spiritual desire and momentum, which only a personal encounter with God can impart."

I warmly welcome you to IDMC 2023!

The theme of IDMC 2023 is "TRUE SPIRITUALITY: Renewing Our Walk With God".

For the past three years, our annual IDMC Conference seeks to capture a fundamental trilogy of returning to the basics.

The first of the Trilogy was in IDMC 2021. The important theme was the Five Core Values of True Discipleship:

- 1. Truth Centred Upon the Word of God
- 2. Community Centred Upon the Worship of God
- 3. Stewardship Centred Upon the Will of God
- 4. Balance Centred Upon the Wisdom of God
- 5. Brokenness Centred Upon the Way of God

The second part of the Trilogy was in IDMC 2022 – The First Principles of True Christianity. We took a fresh look at the 'Five Solas of the Reformation':

- 1. Sola Scriptura ("By Scripture Alone")
- 2. Solus Christus ("Through Christ Alone")
- 3. Sola Gratia ("By Grace Alone")
- 4. Sola Fide ("By Faith Alone")
- 5. Soli Deo Gloria ("To the Glory of God Alone")

IDMC 2023 concludes this 'Back to Basics' Trilogy with 'The Five Essentials of True Spirituality':

- 1. Set Your Mind on Things Above
- 2. Determine Your Centre of Gravity
- 3. Believe God for Something New
- 4. Embrace God's Revival
- 5. Finish Well

Welcome to IDMC 2023 and let's rediscover the essence of True Spirituality together! And renew our walk with HIM!

Great days ahead,

REV EDMUND CHAN LEADERSHIP MENTOR Covenant Evangelical Free Church FOUNDER Global Alliance IDMC

PLENARY SPEAKER



Edmund Chan

Leadership Mentor Covenant Evangelical Free Church Founder, Global Alliance of Intentional Disciple Making Churches

Edmund Chan has a twin passion in ministry — expository preaching and leadership mentoring. His insightful biblical teachings have made him a sought-after speaker in different major cities around the world, often with invitations three to five years ahead.

After leading as the Senior Pastor of Covenant Evangelical Free Church (CEFC) for 25 years, Rev Edmund implemented a successful leadership-succession plan in January 2012. Now as the Leadership Mentor of CEFC as well as Founder of Global Alliance of Intentional Disciple Making Churches (Global Alliance IDMC), he continues to mentor top-level leaders within Singapore and beyond. These include CEOs, senior pastors and denominational leaders, theological educators as well as national and regional directors of parachurch organizations.

Rev Edmund has written and published several books, including Growing Deep in God (2002); Mentoring Paradigms (2008); Growing Deep In Faith (2010); Cultivating Your Inner Life (2011); A Certain Kind (2013), Radical Discipleship (2014), Life & Legacy (2015), Discipleship Missions (2016), Faith & Fire (2018) and Grace & Glory (2021).

Rev Edmund is married to Ann, who actively ministers alongside him around the world. They have two lovely daughters, Amanda and Belicia.

WORKSHOP SPEAKER



Tan Soo-Inn Director, Graceworks

Soo-Inn is a Director of Graceworks (www.graceworks. com.sg), a training and publishing consultancy committed to promoting spiritual friendship in church and society. He runs this ministry in partnership with his wife, Bernice. Bernice and Soo-Inn have four sons.

He has worked as a dentist, pastored two churches and served in a number of parachurch organizations. He is an adjunct lecturer in various seminaries and also serves as the Chaplain of the Christian Medical and Dental Fellowship, Singapore.

Soo-Inn has a BDS from the University of Singapore, a ThM in New Testament from Regent College, Vancouver, and a DMin from Fuller Seminary. His primary passions include connecting the Word of God to the struggles of daily life, and the promotion of the discipline of spiritual friendship.

He has read Lord of the Rings nine times and he has been a supporter of Arsenal Football Club since 1971.

WORKSHOP SPEAKER



Benny Ho Senior Pastor, Faith Community Church (Australia)

Benny Ho has seen a lifetime of ministry, including missions work with World Vision, planting Bible schools around Asia, and over 20 years as a pastor in the local church.

He is the founder of Arrows College, a teaching and resource ministry to the broader body of Christ, and is also the leader of D-Net, a network of churches that carry the mandate of being intentional disciplemaking cell churches.

Benny is passionate about expository preaching and has a life goal of preaching through every book of the Bible. As the Senior Pastor of Faith Community Church, Benny is known for his down-to-earth humour and approachable leadership style.

He is married to his biggest supporter, Cecilia, and is the proud father of three: Joel, Abigail, and Rachel. He also takes joy in being grandfather to Zoe, Agnes, and Elise.

PLENARY 1 SETYOUR MIND ON THINGS ABOVE Psalm 23

Plenary 1

INTRODUCTION

1. The Problem of Marginalising God ...

2. First Things First ...

A. WHAT MUST I <u>REMEMBER</u>

1. Who the Good Shepherd Is

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want." (v.1)

2. What the Good Shepherd Does

"He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters." (v.2)

"He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake." (v.3)

B. WHAT MUST I LEARN

1. Learn to Deal with Fears and Anxieties

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil ..." (v.4a)

2. Learn the Secret to Overcoming Insecurity

"... for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." (v.4b) "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows." (v.5)

C. WHAT MUST I DO

1. Don't Take God for Granted

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life ..." (v.6a)

2. Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

"... and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever." (v.6b)

CONCLUSION

Set Your Mind on Things Above!

Workshop 1

Inter-generational Discipleship

How to Bridge the Generation Divide and Shine for Christ

By Reverend Dr Tan Soo-Inn

Workshop 1

INTER-GENERATIONAL DISCIPLING

One definition: "Discipleship mentoring is an intentional, relational process for spiritual formation by which one person takes the responsibility to be a spiritual guide for one or several others."

A. BASIC CONVICTIONS

1. The ______to Make Disciples

• Matthew 28:16-20

• Colossians 1:28-29

2. The ______ of Christlike Maturity

- Abide in Christ (John 15:5)
- Love one another (John 15:12)
- Bear fruit that lasts (John 15:16)

- 3. The for Disciplemaking
 - God's Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:17-18)
 - God's Word (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
 - God's people (2 Timothy 3:10)

B. INTER-GEN DISCIPLEMAKING CONCERNS

- 1. Confidence in the Gospel vs Postmodern Agnosticism
- 2. Content Controlled vs Relevance
- 3. Interactive vs Passive Learning
- 4. Modelling vs Instruction

C. MUTUAL MENTORING

- 1. Learned Expertise
- 2. Lived Experience

D. THE HEART OF INTER-GEN DISCIPLING

- 1. Personal
- 2. Relational

THE URGENCY OF THE HOUR

PLENARY 2 DETERMINE YOUR CENTRE OF GRAVITY Judges 6-7

Plenary 2

INTRODUCTION

When Our World Caves In

What Do We Do?

A. FOUR PRINCIPLES FOR SPIRITUAL VICTORY

1. The Faith That **BELIEVES** (6:1-16)

a. God Sent a Prophet (vv.7-10)

b. God Raised a Deliverer (vv.11-16)

2. The Faith That OBEYS (6:17-40)

a. Gideon Was Afraid (v.27)

b. Gideon Broke the Vicious Cycle through Obedience

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3. The Faith That ALIGNS (7:1-8)

a. God's Baffling Strategy

b. God's Brilliant Strategy

4. The Faith That PERSEVERES (7:9-10)

a. Crossing Uncrossed Bridges (v.10)

b. Consecration Before Conquest (v.15)

B. THE STORY OF TWO ALTARS

1. The Altar of CONSECRATION (6:24)

"Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and called it, The LORD Is Peace." (v.24)

2. The Altar of <u>RENUNCIATION</u> (6:25-26)

"... pull down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it ..." (v.25)

"... and build an altar to the LORD your God." (v.26)

CONCLUSION

Determine Your Centre of Gravity!

PLENARY 3 BELIEVE GOD FOR SOMETHING NEW John 2

Plenary 3

INTRODUCTION

1. Living Confidently in an Age of Uncertainty!

2. Five Lessons from a Wedding

A. LEARN TO TRUST IN GOD'S SUFFICIENCY

"... six stone jars ..." (v.6)

B. LEARN TO REST IN GOD'S TIMING

"My hour has not yet come ..." (v.4)

C. LEARN TO BELIEVE IN GOD'S BEST

"... the best wine ..." (v.10)

D. LEARN TO REJOICE IN GOD'S GRACE

Ceremonial jars! (v.6)

E. LEARN TO FOLLOW GOD'S LEADING

"Do whatever He tells you." (v.5)

CONCLUSION

A Steadfast Confidence!

PLENARY 4 **EMBRACE GOD'S REVIVAL** Joel 1-3

Plenary 4

INTRODUCTION

1. Being Battle-Ready! What Battle?!

2. The Three Voids:

The Truth Void

The Love Void

The Power Void

God's Agenda for Revival: Five Biblical Keys in the Book of Joel

KEY 1: UNDERSTANDING GOD'S <u>CONCERN</u> FOR REVIVAL (1:1-14)

1. Arresting Introduction (vv.2-3)

2. Wake Up Call: "Awake and Wail" (vv.5, 8, 11, 13 NASB)

3. Wake-Up Action (v.14)

KEY 2: ACCEPTING GOD'S <u>CONDITION</u> FOR REVIVAL (2:1-18)

1. Pivotal verse – "Then the Lord will be zealous" (v.18 NASB)

2. Two Conditions:

a. Open Eyes (vv.1-11)

b. Open Hearts (vv.12-18)

KEY 3: REJOICING GOD'S <u>COVENANT</u> FOR REVIVAL (2:19-27)

Note a Vivid Contrast:

1. "Wail" (1:5, 8, 11, 13)

2. "Rejoice!" (2:21, 23)

KEY 4: EMBRACING GOD'S <u>CATALYST</u> FOR REVIVAL (2:28-32)

1. "... I will pour out my spirit ..." (v.28; repeated in v.29)

2. "... on all mankind..." (v.28)

KEY 5: ANSWERING GOD'S <u>CALL</u> IN REVIVAL (ch.3)

Two Metaphors: War and Harvest (vv.9, 13)

1. Similarities between War and Harvest

2. Differences between War and Harvest

CONCLUSION

The Power of True Repentance and Brokenness!

Workshop 2 Marketplace Discipleship

How to Live My Faith and Influence People for Christ

By Ps Benny Ho

Workshop 2

"ARE YOU A CLEAR SIGNPOST?" PHILIPPIANS 2:12-16

INTRODUCTION

Philippians 2:12-16 "Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, to will and to act according to his good purpose. Do everything without complaining or arguing so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life – in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labour for nothing."

A. TWO KEY TRUTHS

1. WE HAVE A P_____ TO ACHIEVE

To be Christlike so that we may shine for Christ in a world of darkness!

- V.12 "... work out your salvation with fear and trembling..." (v.12)
- Ephesians 2:8-9 "For it is by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works so that no one can boast."
- "Work out" "work to full completion"

What is God's Purpose?

God's purpose for us is **C**_____.

Becoming like Jesus in _____ and _____

Becoming _____ He wants us to _____

• Doing _____ He wants us to _____

• Verses 14-16:

WORLD	CHRISTIAN
Complains and Finds Fault	Blameless and Pure
In Darkness	Bright Light Shining Like Stars
Empty & Hollow	Hold Out the Word of Life

2. WE HAVE A P _____ TO RECEIVE

We do this not by might, nor by power but by the Spirit!

• **V.13** – "For it is GOD who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose..." (v.13)

"He whom the Lord wants to use greatly, He also deals with deeply."

Our *relationship* with Christ dictates the way we conduct their lives and the way they did their work. We become salt and light in a broken world.

B. WHAT KIND OF SIGNPOST ARE YOU?

• **Philippians 1:27** "Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ..."

"conduct yourselves" - "politeuomai" - "to exercise the rights and duties of a citizen"

• **2 Corinthians 3:2** "You are a letter; written on our hearts, known and read by everyone..."

C. FOUR SIMPLE ACTIONS

1. P _____ FAITHFULLY

• **Colossians 4:3-4** "And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should."

2. C _____ RELATIONALLY

- Trust is built simply through the *gracious* words we speak, the *loving actions* we do and the *wise way* we handled issues in our work and our office.
- People don't *care* how much you *know* until they *know* how much you *care*.

3. L _____ PRACTICALLY

- Over time, *barriers* are coming down. *Trust* is built up. A *safe* environment is developing.
- John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: Love on another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

4. S _____ BOLDLY

- **St Francis of Assisi**: "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary, use words."
- Romans 10:14-15 "How then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

CONCLUSION

We GROW DEEPER so that we may GO MISSIONAL!

PLENARY 5 FINISH WELL Joshua 24

Plenary 5

INTRODUCTION

1. Shifting the Lens!

2. True Consecration Requires Godly Choices!

A. FOUR KEY OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THIS CHOICE

1. It is a <u>DECISIVE</u> Choice

"Choose this day whom you will serve ..."

2. It is a PERSONAL Choice

"Choose this day whom **you** will serve ..."

3. It is an URGENT Choice

"Choose this day whom you will serve ..."

4. It is an IMPORTANT Choice

"Choose you this day whom you will serve (worship!) ..."

B. RESPONSES: THE THREE NARRATIVE EXCHANGES!

1. The People Responded PIOUSLY (vv.16-18)

2. Joshua's SURPRISING Response (vv.19-22)

3. The REALITY Check (v.23)

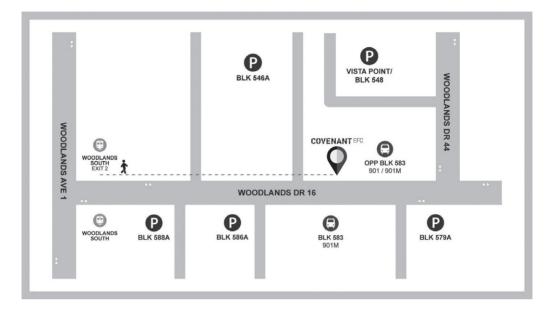
C. APPLICATION: THE POWER OF CHOICE

- 1. Three Things You CAN'T Choose
- 2. Three Things You CAN Choose
- 3. Three Things You MUST Choose

CONCLUSION

The Power of CHOICE is Within You!

Conference Venue



Covenant EFC Woodlands Centre, 90 Woodlands Drive 16, Singapore 737878



- Buses along Woodlands Drive 16: 901, 901M
- Bus stops along Woodlands Drive 16: Blk 583, Opp Blk 583 (2-min walk)

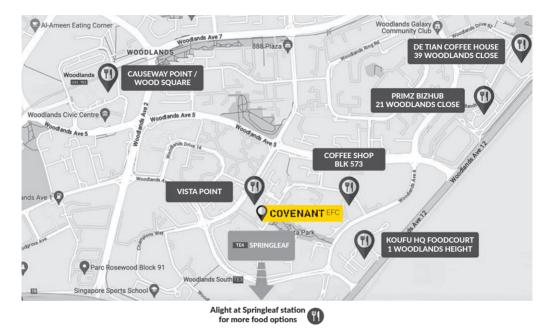


• Closest station: Woodlands South (TEL line, exit from Exit 2, 6-min walk)



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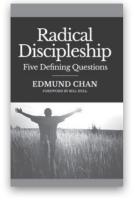




- Malls Causeway Point Shopping Mall and Woods Square By MRT: Alight at Woodlands station (one stop from Woodlands South station) By bus: take 901 or 901M and alight at bus interchange
- **Springleaf** take MRT and alight at Springleaf station (one stop from Woodlands South station)
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- Primz Bizhub at 21 Woodlands Close (7-min drive)
- De Tian Coffee House at 39 Woodlands Close (7-min drive)

Note: To do our part in creation care, please bring your own water bottle to refill from the water fountains in the venue.

Resources by Reverend Edmund Chan



Radical Discipleship: Five Defining Questions

The call to discipleship is a call to live an extraordinary life that is rooted in an intimate relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. The book explores questions like: "Why is Radical Discipleship So Important?", "If It's So Important, Why Is It So Neglected?" and "How Can It Best Be Accomplished?" Join Rev Edmund Chan in the grand adventure of walking with Jesus and changing our world.

A Certain Kind: Intentional Disciplemaking That Redefines Success In Ministry

True discipleship challenges us to radically redefine success in ministry – not by "how many", but rather, by "what kind" of disciples we have made – for the *mandate* (our walk with God) must precede the mission (our work for God). In this insightful book, Rev Edmund Chan sounds the clarion call to return the Church to her disciplemaking roots – of reproducing disciples of *A Certain Kind*!





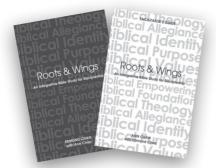
Growing Deep In Faith

Rev Edmund Chan challenges our conventional assumptions about faith and re-examines our traditional interpretation of Scripture. With wisdom and deep insight, he reveals that strong faith is not the domain of super Christians but is simple and accessible to everyone – because faith is not about us; faith is all about God! Such faith looks up to God and, seeing Him for who He is, rises above the trials and vicissitudes of life. This is a faith not simply reserved for moving mountains, but one that encompasses all aspects of life and is lived out daily. Ultimately, it is about God.

Mentoring Paradigms

A comprehensive guide to mentoring that lays out excellent principles of leadership and discipleship. Packed with tremendous insights and candour, *Mentoring Paradigms* brings us back to focus on the fundamentals of living out our purpose as leaders of today's generation.



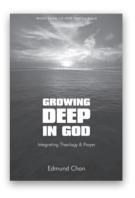


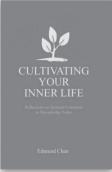
Roots & Wings

ROOTS & WINGS is a 12-week Discipleship Bible Study built around the Eight Core Curriculum developed by Rev Edmund Chan. The Eight Core Curriculum identifies the eight fundamental aspects of discipleship and helps you to diagnose the root issues that hinder discipleship and to determine what to do about them!

Growing Deep In God

Crucial to both authentic discipleship and intentional disciplemaking, prayer is fundamental in developing spiritually qualified labourers for the Kingdom of God. Learn how essential prayer is in the matter of disciplemaking and how to go about deepening our relationship with God.



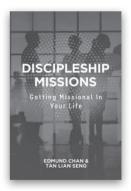


Cultivating Your Inner Life

Living life in the fast lane takes its toll on us. Spiritual dryness, performance traps, running on empty, and merely going through the motions are common conditions of the weary soul. *Cultivating Your Inner Life* is a thoughtful reflection on the topic of spiritual formation through discipleship. It deals succinctly with one of the most important aspects of discipleship today; i.e. discipleship from the inside out.

Discipleship Missions (with Tan Lian Seng)

As Christians, we are called into missions, but not just any kind of missions. As disciples of Jesus, we must be involved in missions rooted in Scripture – biblical missions. In this book, Rev Edmund Chan clearly lays out the theological foundation of missions, the imperative for all Christians to be involved in missions and practical advice on how to get missional either as an individual or as an organisation.





Life & Legacy

LIFE & LEGACY is a Bible-based, 12-session discipleship journey. It is designed with a clear structure and works best in a small-group setting. Life & Legacy challenges disciples of Christ to embark on a pilgrimage towards spiritual maturity and lead a life of faith that is prompted by our search, deepened by our struggle, transformed by our surrender, stewarded by our service and secured by our significance in Jesus Christ!



Faith & Fire

FAITH & FIRE is third in an integrative discipleship Bible Study series of 4 publications, designed as a training tool to be used in a cell group or a discipleship Bible Study group.

The overall theme of "*Faith & Fire – Living From The Inside Out*" is all about the inner life. This study explores the terrains of the inner life in order to help Christian disciples live a life from the inside out and igniting their faith and fire for God.

Grace & Glory

GRACE & *GLORY* is a 12-session Discipleship Bible Study. It is designed with a clear structure for personal study and reflection as well as in a small-group setting. *Grace* & *Glory* guides disciples of Jesus Christ to focus on the Five Building Blocks of Kingdom Life that seeks to rest in His grace and to rise in His glory. This Bible Study is best accompanied with the 12-session video series also titled, *Grace* & *Glory* with teachings by Rev Edmund Chan.



How to order

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