

Senior Pastor's Message

March 2025

With warmest greetings to each of you in the most precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In the previous issue, I had summarized the **five Key Action Steps** in 'The Year of Intentional Discipleship.' The end goal is to raise up matured and equipped disciples who make disciples.

As we had defined at the Vision Casting Sunday, an intentional disciple is a believer:

- o who is mindful and aware of God with a kingdom mindset intent
- o purposeful and responsible to the purposes of God
- o and deliberate in their choices and actions towards this purpose and responsibility.

To accomplish that, there are FIVE KEY ACTION STEPS we want to focus on over the next 3 years.

#1 Leadership **Development** 领袖开发 #2 Senior Life #5 Cultivating **Ministry Strong Inner Life** The STEPS 黄金岁月事工 培养刚强的内在 of Action 生命 行动步骤 #4 Life-On-Life #3 Life-On-Life Missional Discipleship **Mentoring & Small Groups** Coaching 生命影响生命,以使 生命影响生命、亦 命为门训的小组 师亦友及指导

In this issue, I want to make the call to invite all CBC people to be **intentionally** involved in doing life in LifeNet Small Groups or what is commonly known as cell groups. As a CELL CHURCH, LifeNet small groups are the BASIC BUILDING BLOCK of CBC, which is the primary activity of the church.

There are a few distinctive characteristics of LifeNet Small Groups:

- The weekly small group meeting is the highlight of the week whereby the members come back together to worship God and to share what God has done and is doing in each life. The members are then edified and challenged to return to their "mission fields" (workplace, neighborhood, schools, colleges, residents association, networks of relationship) to continue to serve God and live for Him.
- 2. The key word in the small groups is **KINSHIP** | **RELATIONSHIP**. Therefore, **CELL LIFE** is the emphasis where members live in community (in a lifestyle of involving with and in another's life) throughout the week. They are accountable to one another where they can be totally transparent with one another. Such small groups are spiritual refuge where people can cultivate deep relationships, acceptance and belonging and life transformation. Hence, a small group meeting is not just a once-aweek meeting.
- 3. The purpose of building CELL LIFE?
 - To facilitate spiritual growth and maturity
 - To facilitate bonding and building of strong relationship amongst the members
 - To encourage the ownership of the vision, ownership of the small group and church

- To facilitate the building of relationship with prebelievers
- o To facilitate body (small group) evangelism
- 4. The small group meetings is where the presence and power of Christ is experienced.
- 5. Each small group have two **agenda**: Ministry or Edification and Mission or Evangelism. In short, it is known as the 2Ms or 2Es.
- 6. The **meeting agenda** of the small groups is based on the acronyms: T.E.A.M.S.

<u>Truth</u> - What was the most meaningful statement or scripture you heard in the sermon? Share with the group one lesson you had learned about from the sermon.

Equipping - What does God want you to do in response to last week's sermon? How would you apply what you have learned personally?

Equipping adds modelling, explaining, and asking questions. It is massaging the truth until becomes understandable and usable. It is what we call adding life-on-life into the discipling process.

<u>A</u>ccountability - What could be an area of challenge | growth personally, to apply what you have learnt today?

<u>Mission</u> - How can I be intentional to share the lesson learnt with my spouse | family | team?

How can I be intentional to invest my time in someone the Lord has placed on my heart – a new believer, a potential leader, an emerging leader, a serving leader, a spiritual father, etc.?

Mission here is not about going on a 'mission trip,' it is learning to live missionally. It is taking on the mission of Jesus. Which was? To seek and to

save the lost. How did He do it? By preaching and healing. We call it word and deed, explaining the gospel and meeting people's needs. Where is this kind of mission to take place? WHERE WE LIVE, WORK, and PLAY.

<u>S</u>upplication - Pray and minister to one another. Pray for your disciples | the person(s) you are discipling.



- 7. There are **two different levels of people** inside and outside the small groups:
 - The members of the small groups (who are at different levels of spiritual maturity – the spiritual fathers and mothers, the growing Christians, the hurting Christians, the new believers
 - The people outside the small groups (The Type 'A' pre-believers and the Type 'B' pre-believers).
 The members of the small groups are constantly in touch with such pre-believers
- 8. The small groups are committed to intentional evangelism:
 - Personal evangelism or oikos evangelism (in the members' networks of relationships)
 - Body evangelism through small group or as a church in various forms (birthday parties, festivals, Easter, Christmas, Parents Day Celebration, Alpha series, etc)
 - Servanthood | Heart evangelism by participating in local church or church-wide communitybased ministries

As I am about to bring this message to a close, Nehemiah came to mind (Nehemiah 1). I hope you can imagine this scene. Nehemiah was living in the king's palace, surrounded by servants and satisfied with fine food, luxurious benefits and economic security. Then came the terrible report from Jerusalem. Nehemiah's brother and others had returned from Jerusalem where they had journeyed to see the conditions in the city. They had brought back news that broke Nehemiah's heart. How do we know? Because he sat down and wept.

How do you react to bad news? How do you deal with those times when something is going on in the world that threatens your way of life or your comfort zone? When was the last time you prayed, mourned and fasted after hearing a report about God's will not being fulfilled in your family, in your small group | ministry you are involved in or in the nation? I mean that literally. When was the last time you wept after news about the plight of people in need? When was the last time you were emotionally disturbed when heard about injustice, suffering, of God's people operating in a way that was contrary to the clear, written will of God.

These questions aren't meant to shame us. They are meant to move us to seriously consider God's purposes in our lives. My experience is that when most of us hear disturbing news, we try to get quick closure. We try to deny, explain – anything that will avoid a strong, or draining demand on the way we want to live. Actually, what we try desperately to avoid is having our hearts broken. We don't want to be disturbed by someone else's problems. Those tendencies are what make Nehemiah's reactions to news from a faraway land so powerful and remarkable. His broken heart was the first condition that led to the amazing work God did in and through his life.

Bear in mind that a broken heart is not simply a strong emotional response or a gush of sadness over bad news. We know that Nehemiah grieved and prayed for 4 months. This wasn't a "flash in the pan" emotional experience. This took time. He fasted, prayed, and met with God. Won't you pray with me that CBC people would participate in small groups? Participate in the spirit of koinonia to SHARE IN our common faith and to SHARE OUT of our resources, time and money? Won't you return DO LIFE TOGETHER as a family of God?

Theme for 2025: A Year of Intentional Discipleship

Key Verses:

Luke 9:23
Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves
and take up their cross daily and follow me.

	MARCH									
Date	Remark	Sermon Title	Scripture Passage	SEA Park 9am	Subang 9.30am	Puchong 10am	Kota D'sara 9am	KK 10am	Kinrara 11am	Grace 10.30am
Preaching Series 3: A Call to Discipleship – A warning about moral corruption, doctrinal compromise and false prophecy										
2	Holy Communion	Be found fruitful	2 Peter 1:1-11	Elder Dr Ong See Lian	Sn Pastor Reynold Lim	Elder Tan Beng Teong	Pr Yong Zhen Kheng	Pr Malcolm Atkinson	Pr Ivan Mohan	Pr Denly
9		Be Careful	2 Peter 1:12-21	Pr Gordon Shum	Pastor Dr Leon Lim	Pr Koe Choon Huan	Deacon Laric Cheong	Sn Pastor Reynold Lim	Pr Mano	Pr Josephine
16		Be Aware of Counterfeits	2 Peter 2:1-22	Deacon Danny Lee	Elder Dr Ong See Lian	Elder Chan Chew Meng	Pr Yong Zhen Kheng	Bro Thomas Choo	Pr Ivan Mohan	Pr Barry
23		Be Ready	2 Peter 3:1-18	Pr Gordon Shum	Pastor Dr Leon Lim	Bro Chong Swee Tshung	Deacon Chris Ho	Pr Malcolm Atkinson	Sn Pastor Reynold Lim	Pr Denly
Preaching Series 2: A Disciple follows Christ										
30		Christology – Christ, the Seed	Selected Scriptures	Sn Pastor Reynold Lim	Bro Soo Mun Keong	Pastor Lim Soon Hock	* Elder Dr Ong See Lian	Elder Phua Cheng Khan	Pr Ivan Mohan	Pr Malcolm Atkinson



牧邻浸信教会 COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

We are a Cell Church which is /

我们是细胞小组教会, 以下述为重

- Bible based
- 圣经为根基
- Christ centered
- 基督为中心

Spirit - filled

- 被圣灵充满
- Family focused
- 家庭为焦点
- Mission involved
- 投身于宣教

Our Core Values / 我们的核心价值观

- Loving God wholeheartedly
- Loving people practically
- Living a Spirit empowered life
- 全心爱神
- 实际爱人
- 活出大有圣灵能力的生命

Our Vision / 教会异象

A passionate community of Christ's disciples committed to the Greatest Commandment fulfilling the Great Commission.

建立一个热切委身於大诫命以完成大使命的基督门徒群体。

English Celebrations

SEA Park	9.00am	(Sunday)
Subang	9.30am	(Sunday)
Puchong	10.00am	(Sunday)
Kota Damansara	9.00am	(Sunday)
Kota Kemuning	10.00am	(Sunday)
Sibu	7.00pm	(Saturday)

英文堂会

东南亚花园	早 ├9时	(星期日)
首邦	早上9时30分	
蒲种	早上10时	` ,
哥打白沙罗	早上9时	(星期日)
甘文宁镇	早上10时	(星期日)
诗巫	晚上7时	(星期六)

Chinese Celebrations

SEA Park	Mandarin	11.30am	(Sunday)
SEA Park	Cantonese	9.00am	(Sunday)
Puchong	Mandarin	10.00am	(Sunday)
Kota Damansara	Mandarin	11.30am	(Sunday)
Jenjarom	Mandarin	10.00am	(Sunday)
Jenjarom	Hokkien	11.30pm	(Sunday)

中文堂会

东南亚花园	华语堂	早上11时30分	(星期日)
东南亚花园	粤语堂	早上9时	(星期日)
蒲种	华语堂	早上10时	(星期日)
哥打白沙罗	华语堂	早上11时30分	(星期日)
仁嘉隆	华语堂	早上10时	(星期日)
仁嘉隆	福建堂	早上11时30分	(星期日)

Tamil Celebrations

Kinrara	11.00am	(Sunday)
SHALL A SHA		

淡米尔文堂会

金銮镇 早上11时 (星期日)

Bahasa Celebrations

Shah Alam 10.30am (Sunday)

马来文堂会

莎阿南 早上10时30分 (星期日)

TOUCH Community Centre 关爱社区中心

124 & 126, Jalan SS2/6, 47300 Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

CBC Local Churches 各堂会地址

SEA Park (English, Mandarin, Cantonese) / 东南亚花园 (英, 中, 粤) 107 & 109 Jalan SS2/6, 47300 Petaling Jaya.

Subang (English) / 首邦(英)

1 & 3 Jalan USJ 3C/3, 47600 Subang Jaya.

Puchong (English) / 蒲种(英)

20 Jalan PPU 3A, Pusat Teknologi Sinar Puchong, 47150 Puchong.

Puchong (Mandarin) / 蒲种(中)

4F-04 IOI Business Park, No. 1, Persiaran Puchong Jaya Selatan, Bandar Puchong Jaya, 47100 Puchong.

Kota Damansara (English, Mandarin) / 哥打白沙罗(英,中) 26 & 28 Jalan PJU 5/16, Dataran Sunway, 47810 Kota Damansara.

Kota Kemuning (English) / 甘文宁镇(英)

2-1C Jalan Anggerik Vanilla Q31/Q, Seksyen 31, Kota Kemuning, 40460 Shah Alam.

Kinrara (Tamil) / 金銮镇(淡)

25-1 Jalan DU2/1, Bandar Kinrara 6, Puchong, 47180 Puchong.

Jenjarom (Mandarin, Hokkien) / 仁嘉隆(中, 福建)

9A Tingkat 1, Jalan Bacang 17, Taman Seri Jarom, 42600 Jenjarom.

Grace CBC (BM) / 莎阿南(马)

38-1, Jalan Sepadu B 25/B, Taman Perindustrian Axis, Seksyen 25, Shah Alam 40000 Selangor.

Covenant CBC, Sibu, Sarawak (English)

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