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FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

Happy 25th Anniversary GCF South Metro Church!

As we begin 2022, it is crucial to recalibrate our spiritual compass. Our spiritual compass directs us to where God wants us to go as we navigate another year into the pandemic. God's Word is our spiritual compass. It is indispensable if we are to walk in the way God wants us to go.

The last word God gave me in 2021 was to GO BACK to HIS WORD! In my devotion last December 31, I reflected on Psalm 12:6 where it says, ***"The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times."*** God's Word is pure. It is perfect. It is unblemished.

Like silver, refined and tested by fire, God's Word had withstood the attacks of skeptics for centuries. Men had attempted to discredit the authority and integrity of God's Word. But God's Word survived and stood firm. In fact, the more it was attacked, the more its authority and integrity were strengthened!

God's Word is what we need as a church to navigate the next twenty-five years. We need the Word of God at the forefront of our lives. And this is the reason we are having **IDMC 2022: RETHINKING DISCIPLESHIP.**

This IDMC 2022 is the Lord's answer to our prayers. In 2015, the Reverend Edmund Chan led IDMC 2015: **Multiplying Authentic Disciples - Leading, Discipling and Walking with God.** During the conference, I invited Rev. Chan to lead an IDMC on our 25th Anniversary—that was a seven-year lead time for an invitation! His response to me was, "If the Lord permits that we are still both alive and Christ has not yet returned, and whether or not I still have no other assignment from God."

Now, this IDMC 2022 is a clear answer from God. It is my prayer that God will use this conference to give us clarity on the way He wants GCFSM to go in this new season of her life. The past two years have been challenging for all of us. We are all used to onsite fellowship and study. Suddenly, our lives were disrupted by COVID-19. But disruptions from man's perspective are not divine interruptions, but divine re-direction! By the grace of God, the church persevered and is learning to cope with the challenges of our day. And I firmly believe we can only stand firm when we are deeply rooted in the Word of God.

We praise God for the opportunity to have Rev. Chan lead us once again in IDMC 2022. My prayer is that the Holy Spirit will open our minds and hearts to receive messages from God. Messages that will empower us to stand firm in our faith in God. The prophet Isaiah writes, **"If you are not firm in faith, you will not be firm at all" (Isaiah 7:9b).** If we stand firm on the Word of God, we will be firm in our faith. And when we are firm in our faith, we will be firm in all aspects of our life. May the Lord bless our conference with His presence and for His glory!

In Christ, - - -



Rev. Lito Villoria
Senior Pastor



A PERSONAL WORD FROM EDMUND CHAN

Dear Friends at GCF South Metro,

Blessed 25th Anniversary!

Anniversaries mark the passage of time. But for the people of God, anniversaries celebrates God's marvelous grace and His gift of meaningful milestones along the way!

I remember most fondly our first partnership with GCF South Metro.

By divine appointment, I met Pastor Lito Villoria and was invited to anchor the IDMC conference in 2015. This blessed partnership has continued till today.

Through the years, as we labour as kindred-spirit discipling pastors and fellow-soldiers in God's Kingdom, we have desired for the church to be rooted in Christ through authentic discipling and intentional discipling!

The Covid pandemic worldwide has seen the global Church struggling and trying to cope with new challenges in the new normal. In this regard, GCF South Metro continues to persevere on in these challenging times with the discipling vision!

It is indeed most apt that we return to basics in these trying times.

As you focus on growing in discipleship, may you find that critical center of gravity in Christ for the coming years ahead!

Great days ahead,

Edmund Chan

Edmund Chan

Mentoring Leaders. Multiplying Disciples.

OUR SPEAKER...

REVEREND EDMUND CHAN

Leadership Mentor, Covenant Evangelical Free Church

Founder, Global Alliance of Intentional Disciple Making Churches (IDMC)

Endowed with a keen mind, Edmund Chan is a seasoned disciplemaking pastor with a twin passion for expository preaching and mentoring.

His insightful and thought-provoking biblical teachings have also made him a sought-after speaker in global cities around the world, often with invitations 3-5 years ahead.

With over three decades of mentoring experience, Edmund mentors top-level business owners, CEO's, heads of para-church organizations and missions agencies, theological educators, bishops and senior pastors, in Singapore and internationally.

During his studies at the Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (USA) in 2003, Edmund distinguished himself by completing his Master of Arts degree in less than nine months, and graduated summa cum laude. Relinquishing his role as Senior Pastor of Covenant Evangelical Free Church in January 2021, Edmund was appointed as the Leadership-Mentor of this 6000-strong congregation.

He now serves the Body of Christ at large as the founder of the Global Alliance of Intentional Disciplemaking Churches, ministering in multiple countries in Asia, Africa and Europe, as well as in Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, USA, Canada and Russia.

He has also served as guest lecturer at several theological schools, including D.Min classes at Alliance Theological Seminary, Singapore Bible College and Talbot School of Theology.

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.

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SESSION 1

**THE CRISIS OF
DISCIPLESHIP**

THE CRISIS OF DISCIPLESHIP

INTRODUCTION

1. Fill in the blanks.

"The crisis of discipleship today is _____."

2. Re-Thinking Discipleship.

Five Key Considerations –

A. ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

What are the THREE most important questions to ask as an IDMC?

Q1. What does true _____ look like?

Q2. What's our _____ for nurturing spiritual maturity?

Q3. Does the _____ ?

B. IDENTIFYING THE REAL PROBLEM

Four things detrimental to discipleship -

1. Spiritual _____

2. Spiritual _____

3. Spiritual _____

4. Spiritual _____

C. DEALING WITH THE ROOT

4 Critical Concerns -

1. We don't really _____ GOD
2. We don't really _____ GOD
3. We don't really _____ GOD
4. We don't really _____ GOD

D. AIMING FOR SPIRITUAL MATURITY

Understanding Spiritual Maturity –

1. What Spiritual Maturity is NOT

Five Cautions -

Caution 1: Don't mistake _____ for spiritual maturity.

Caution 2: Don't mistake _____ for spiritual maturity.

Caution 3: Don't mistake _____ for spiritual maturity.

Caution 4: Don't mistake _____ for spiritual maturity.

Caution 5: Don't mistake _____ for spiritual maturity.

2. What Spiritual Maturity IS –
Four Evidences from Colossians 2:6-8

Evidence 1. Spiritual Maturity is evidenced by our

Evidence 2. Spiritual Maturity is evidenced by our

Evidence 3. Spiritual Maturity is evidenced by our

Evidence 4. Spiritual Maturity is evidenced by our

Irreducible Minimum –

1. Spiritual maturity is a _____ not a _____.
2. There is _____ to spiritual maturity.
3. Spiritual maturity is rooted in _____ God's Word.
4. Spiritual maturity is not a _____.
5. Spiritual maturity cannot afford to ignore _____!

E. GETTING BACK TO BASICS

1. | _____
2. | _____
3. | _____
4. | _____

Conclusion: Re-Thinking Discipleship

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What is the Lord speaking to you about through this message?

2. What does the Lord want for you to do?

PRAYER



SESSION 2

**FIVE FLAWS
OF THE
DISCIPLESHIP
MOVEMENT**

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INTRODUCTION

1. How The Church Today Is Getting Discipleship Wrong

2. What's the fundamental flaw in each statement?

"Effective disciplemakers understand that discipleship is the central task of the church."

"Being the church entails a number of things but first among them to make disciples."

3. Fault-Lines in the Discipleship Movement

A. MISINTERPRETING DISCIPLESHIP AS A REGIMENTAL JOURNEY INSTEAD OF A REDEMPTIVE JOURNEY

B. MISSING THE MANDATE OF DISCIPLESHIP AND THE MISSION OF DISCIPLEMAKING

C. DISLOCATING EVANGELISM FROM DISCIPLESHIP

D. SEEING DISCIPLESHIP AS A MERE PROGRAMME

E. MARGINALIZING THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN DISCIPLESHIP

SO WHAT ARE WE TO DO??

Three Essential Commitments Towards Spiritual Maturity

1. Looking UP

– The _____ To _____
Christ.

2. Looking WITHIN

– The _____ To _____
In CHRIST

3. Looking OUT

– The _____ To _____
Unto CHRIST

Conclusion: Towards A Radical Discipleship!

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PRAYER



SESSION 3

**DEMYSTIFYING
DISCIPLESHIP**

DEMISTIFYING DISCIPLESHIP

INTRODUCTION

1. "Discipleship doesn't work" and other Myths exposed.

2. Addressing the Elephant in the Room!

A. COMMON OBJECTIONS TO CHURCH DISCIPLESHIP

1. "Too busy..." _____

2. "Too demanding..." _____

3. "Too slow..." _____

4. "Too soon..." _____

B. OTHER MYTHS

1. "IDMC for _____ Churches only"
2. "IDMC for _____ Churches only"
3. "IDMC can be accomplished _____"

C. GETTING IT RIGHT

"Teach Them To Obey" (Five Basic Steps) –

1. Lead Them To _____
2. Lead Them To _____
3. Lead Them To _____
4. Lead Them To _____
5. Lead Them To _____

Conclusion: Going BEYOND the Myths!

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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2. What does the Lord want for you to do?

PRAYER



SESSION 4

**IT TAKES
LEADERSHIP**

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SESSION 04

INTRODUCTION

1. How would you help a team of blind men to bake macarons?
2. Futility of the “WHEN AND THEN” Thinking
3. It takes LEADERSHIP!

A. FIVE ESSENTIALS OF LEADERSHIP (A Video Clip)

1. Determine the Battle-Line

The Capacity of Leadership is the _____.

2. Examine the Fault-Line

The Capital of Leadership is _____.

3. Pursue the Bottom-Line

The Concern of Leadership is the _____.

4. Tackle the Pipe-Line

The Conduit of Leadership is _____.

5. Honour the Plumb-Line

The Challenge of Leadership is _____.

B. FIVE ARENAS OF ORGANISATIONAL LEADERSHIP

1. Organisational _____

2. Organisational _____

3. Organisational _____

4. Organisational _____

5. Organisational _____

C. LEADING THE FUTURE OF DISCIPLESHIP

1. From Programme To _____

2. From Mission To _____

3. From Methodology To _____

4. From Outside-In To _____

5. From Advocates To _____

Conclusion: If You Are A Leader, LEAD!

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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PRAYER

OUR MAIN THING

Multiplying Disciples

MISSION

To love God, to love people,
and to make multiplying disciples.

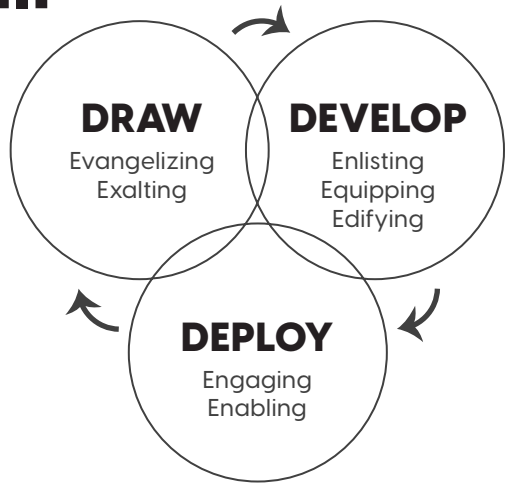
VISION

For the glory of God, we shall be
a disciplemaking church reaching
people within our community to
impact the Philippines and beyond.



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DISCIPLESHIP PROCESS



EVANGELIZING

Show and Share the Love
and Gospel of Christ

EXALTING

Worship and Pray to
God Together

ENLISTING

Connect and Assimilate
to Growth Group and
Membership

EQUIPPING

Teach and Train for
Life and Service

EDIFYING

Renew and Refresh for
Spiritual Transformation

ENGAGING

Serve and Send in
Ministry and Mission

ENABLING

Empower and Support
All Ministries

SCHOOL DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

Raise Today's generation
to Multiply Disciples

NXTGEN

Raise and Mentor
the Next Generation

