

Kum Yan Missions Conference 2024

Missions in the Marketplace

3 May (Friday) 8pm — 5 May (Sunday) 1pm

About The Speaker:



Dr Tan Lai Yong is a medical doctor by training and has been a member at Bethesda Frankel Estate Church since becoming a Christian in 1974. Dr Tan graduated from NUS in 1985, and relocated to Yunnan, China with his family in 1996. He was involved in poverty alleviation, community development, and the training of village health workers. On returning to Singapore in 2010, Dr Tan was awarded a scholarship to do his Masters in Public Administration at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.

Programme Schedule

3 May, Fri

2000-2200HRS— Missions Combined Prayer

Dr. Tan Lai Yong



He have served 15 years as a medical missionary in rural China training village doctors and providing healthcare to the local poor.

He have received the following award in recognition of his contribution to society:

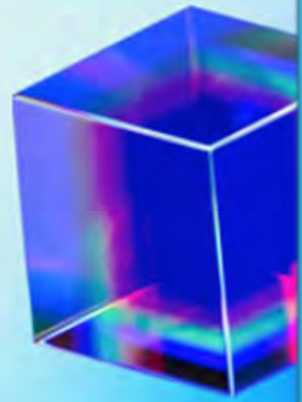
1. He received an award by Singapore International Foundation (2003)
2. He received the National Day Friendship Award for Foreign Experts at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing (2004)
3. Award for Outstanding and Children's Worker by President Nathan (2005).
4. Healthcare Humanity Award (2015)

He is now lecturing at NUS at the School of Public Health.



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Workshop Details



Workshop # 1: What Makes a Job GOOD?

4 May (Sat), 2-4pm | Dr Tan Lai Yong

Base on Luke 13, we will discuss about career pathways, contribution as tentmakers, family, and missions. This is for people in their early or mid-career, and also those in the retirement circle. It will be a time for us to consider how God can use our career's ups and downs for the Gospel in the marketplace, locally and in other nations.

Workshop #2: Discovering Inequality, Learning Resilience

4 May (Sat), 5.30-7.30pm | Dr Tan Lai Yong

This is an **outdoor workshop limited to 40 registrations!** Join this walking trail in Jalan Kukoh to learn about needs, challenges and innovations right in the heart of Singapore. We will walk in small groups of 3-5 people, and will discuss case studies along the way. This walk is also suitable for families with children. Come learn about outreach and service with open eyes and open hearts.

Gathering Point: Jalan Kukoh Food Centre (S161001)

Suggest Attire: Cool & comfortable. Do bring an umbrella and mosquito repellent.



Workshop #3: Marketplace & Bi-Vocational Ministries

5 May (Sun), 9.15-10.45am | Susan Kaur (OMF)

Susan has a background in law, economics & policy. Since university, she has prepared herself for bi-vocational ministry in a creative access environment. Susan has also served in various leadership capacities in the past 20 years, and engaged in leadership development and coaching in the past 10 years. The workshop will cover why marketplace and bi-vocational ministries are crucial for both church and missions.



Mission Opportunities in Japan

By: **Worldwide Evangelization for Christ (WEC)**

Date: 5th May, Sunday **Time:** 1100 - 1245pm

Venue: Kum Yan Methodist Church, The Living Room, Level 6



Breakout 1:
Serving in a
Japanese Church



Breakout 2:
Serving the Elderly
in Shiga



Breakout 3:
University Ministry



Breakout 4:
Family & Children's
Ministry



Breakout 5:
Walk Ye in it

Kum Yan in Japan

CHURCH PLANTING TEAM RECRUITMENT

The LCEC has approved the proposal from the Mission Committee to send forth a Church Planting (CP) team to **Nagoya, Japan in June 2025**.

WHO & WHAT?

We are recruiting a team of 4 to 6 individuals (preferably aged 35 and below) to be based in Japan for 10 months, focusing on relationship building, conducting outreach programs and establishing a local cell group for the Japanese.

The aim of the team will be to share the gospel and make disciples for Christ, with an end goal of planting a church there. They will also work closely with the local churches and community leaders to ensure the success and sustainability of this endeavour.

SCREENING & TRAINING

Interested parties will be screened for selection. Successful candidates will go through two phases of training/ preparation:

- 12 months of language acquisition to attain N5 Japanese proficiency
- 2 months of in-house communal comprehensive training in Singapore, focusing on cultural immersion, team dynamics and CP strategies in a cross-cultural context.



APPLICATION & ENQUIRIES

If you sense God calling you to join the team, please email Licheng at licheng@kumyan.org.sg by 30 April 2024 with the following information:

- **Full name & Age**
- **Contact no. & Email add.**
- **Congregation**
- **What prompted / motivated you to come forward?**

We look forward to hearing from you. We will get in touch, and be able to answer more questions you may have.

**Children Ministry
Missions Program
by
YWAM Team
1100-1245**

Registration Required
See Huey Jen (Children Ministry)
Li Cheng (Missions)



Registration is required. Remaining vacancies will be opened for public registration after April 21st.



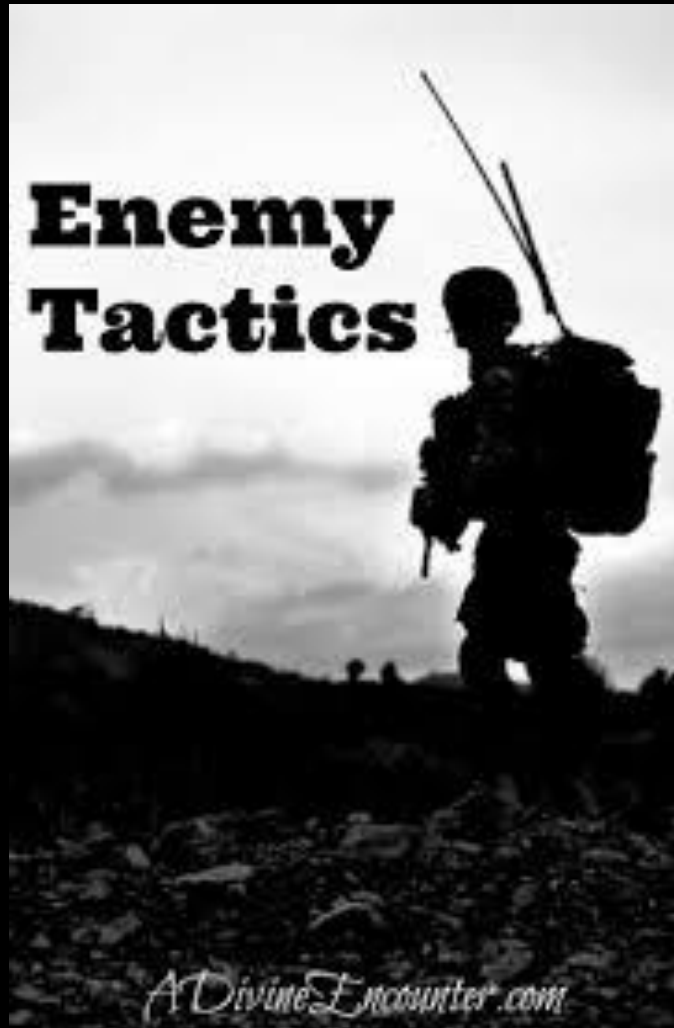
Registration Link
tinyurl.com/KYmissions24

Rebuilding Amidst Internal Conflict



Confronting Selfishness and Greed

Nehemiah 5:1-13



Tactics Enemy Uses To Keep God's People From Completing Their Mission Nehemiah 4,5,6

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| 1. Ridicule | 4:1-6 |
| 2. Violence | 4:7-9 |
| 3. Discouragement | 4:10 |
| 4. Fear | 4:11-23 |
| 5. Selfishness/Greed | 5:1-13 |

Warren W. Wiersbe



When the Enemy fails in his attacks from the outside, he then begins to attack from within; and one of his favorite weapons is selfishness. If he can get us thinking only about ourselves and what we want, then he will win the victory before we realize that he is even at work.



Selfishness is the attitude that people exist merely to meet my agenda, my wishes and my needs; thus, the value of anything (people, church, God, etc.) is determined only in the light of what they do for me. This attitude is not revealed not only in outward behavior but in secret thought and if left unchecked, is ultimately destructive.

Galatians 5:15



If you bite and devour each other,
watch out or you will be
destroyed by each other.

The Outcry



Nehemiah 5:1–2

¹And there was a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brethren the Jews.

²For there were that said, We, our sons, and our daughters, are many: therefore we take up corn for them, that we may eat, and live.

Four Groups Of People Involved In The Crisis.

1. The first group consisted of people who were going hungry because they didn't own any land to farm (v.2).
2. The second group was the people who owned land but had mortgaged their property in order to buy food (v. 3).
3. The third group composed of people who owned land but were so financially strapped that they were forced to borrow money in order to pay taxes to the king (v. 4).
4. The fourth group was made up of wealthy Jews who were exploiting their own kinsmen by loaning them money to take care of the problem, but for collateral, took their land and their children as slaves (v. 7).

Nehemiah's Response



1. Nehemiah Chose To Confront The Problem
2. Nehemiah was very angry (v.6. Then I was very angry when I had heard their outcry and these words.)

John Chrysostom



He who is not angry, whereas he has the cause to be, sins. For unreasonable patience is the hotbed of many vices, it fosters negligence, and incites not only the wicked but the good to do wrong.



1. Righteous anger is rooted in and supported by the teachings of Scripture (Exodus 22:25, Leviticus 25:35-36, 39-40).
2. Righteous anger is motivated by a sense of offense towards actions that dishonor God or injustices towards others.



1 Peter 2:22-23

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

Application Question

1. How do we develop a righteous anger towards sin against God and others?
2. How do we start to practice gentleness when personally offended.

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Proverbs 29:11

A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control.

Proverbs 17:27

A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and a man of understanding is even-tempered.

Proverbs 25:15

Through patience a ruler can be persuaded, and a gentle tongue can break a bone.

Application Question

1. Why is it crucial to wait and exercise patience before reacting to conflict?
2. Share a time when you practiced waiting and holding back from immediate reactions while in a conflict or helping somebody in one.



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4. He contended with the nobles and rulers.



Matthew 18:15-17

If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.



1 Tim 5:19-20

Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses. Those who sin are to be rebuked publicly, so that the others may take warning .



Acts 5:13-14

No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.

Application Question

1. In what ways have you seen disorder in a church, a community, or other relationships for lack of using a biblical method of confrontation?
2. In what ways have you seen or experienced church discipline? If you have, what was the process and result?

Conclusion

Nehemiah's example teaches us the importance of addressing conflicts promptly and seeking resolutions to foster a healthy and united church environment. By demonstrating righteous anger, self-control, and leadership in confronting sin, we uphold biblical principles of discipline and encourage a culture of repentance, reconciliation and righteousness. This approach will bring about positive transformation within our church communities, fostering growth and harmony through God's guidance and wisdom.