



## CELL GUIDE

**TOPIC** Biblical Worldview

**SPEAKER**

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**THEME** Strengthening Foundations

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# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## INTRODUCTION

In response to the recent Prime Minister National Day rally regarding the repeal of 377A, the church has released a new sermon series to equip church members to better respond as disciples and disciple-makers of Christ.

DSP Edric Sng started with some statistics:

- There is a generational gap in perspectives relating to homosexuality.
- The younger generations are more tolerant of LGBT issues and are more likely to identify as a member of the LGBT community, than the generations before them.
- Across all religions, more youths aged between 18 and 25 are agreeing to the phrase “homosexual sex is not always wrong.” While the shift in perspective is less stark amongst Christians, there are more Christians agreeing with the statement.
- While majority believe that parents are primarily responsible for teaching their children about sex and sexuality, youths and young adults cite the internet and social media as the primary source of information.
- Less than a third of youths and young adults report that they have daily faith conversations with their parents.
- Majority of youths and young adults report being unlikely to have open conversations about sex and sexuality with their parents, even when they are currently facing a sexuality-related issue.

DSP Edric reminded us that the biblical response to Prime Minister’s announcement is that we cannot rely on external forces to shape our morality. Parents must be the main influence, gatekeepers and disciple-makers for our children (Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 6:4). This posture is applicable beyond the issue of 377A; it must also be our general approach to how we conduct ourselves and relate to the world.

## WHY AND HOW DO WE ADOPT A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

This sermon is a call to the parents and church to come together to ground our children, youths and young adults in a biblical worldview. Biblical worldview is choosing to view the world through the lens of God’s Word.

In Romans 12:1, Paul says “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy...” The word “therefore” should prompt us to go to the chapters before, which recounts God’s plan to save the Jews and the Gentiles. God could have seen us as sinners unworthy of salvation – which is what we deserve, but He chose to see us through the lens of love and mercy.

Therefore, we are to – with thanksgiving, surrender our bodies (Romans 12:1), minds (Romans 12:2) and egos (Romans 12:3) to Him. In practice, it means to surrender:

1. With humility and acknowledge that God’s ways are better than ours (Isaiah 55).
2. With soberness and a sense of urgency. It means to focus on what God focuses on.
3. With faith. We can be encouraged that God has distributed faith to us, and we only need to activate it.

Fundamentally, having a biblical worldview asks the question: I know what the world says, I know what my heart says but what does the word say and will I do it His way?

### THE SWORD OF THE CHURCH IS BEING SHARPENED

DSP Edric Sng shared a vision he received of a sword being sharpened. He explained that the sword is the Word and Spirit (Ephesians 6:17, Hebrews 4:12). The sword is first used on ourselves to help us discern what within and around us is in alignment to God – and what is not. It informs us what to keep and what to cut away. The sword is then used to stand (Ephesians 6:11 & 13, Nehemiah 4:17-18) against the day of evil and also the daily evils that we encounter, such as the temptations of the world.

In Luke 22:36, Jesus says “Let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one.” In the context of this sermon, it means to:

1. Know the bible. No short cuts!
2. Teach and transmit the lessons.
3. Not just teach, but also exemplify the lessons in our lives.
4. The key lesson to transmit is to love and treasure the word.

### CONCLUSION

Personal discipleship towards biblical worldview must start with us, and take place within biblical relationships and families.

# QUESTIONS

1. Reflect on a recent important/major decision that you made or a position you adopted. What kind of worldview shaped that decision or position?

2. What is an area you struggle with where your heart or the world differs from what the Word says? How do you ground yourself on God's word?

3. DSP Edric exhorts us to teach and transmit the lessons we have gained from the Word, not just through words but also through actions. As parents or spiritual parents, what are we doing to intentionally teach and shape biblical worldviews in the lives of our children and disciples? What would we want to do differently in the coming week?