



## CELL GUIDE

**TOPIC** I Will Build My Church (Matt 16:18-19)

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# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## I Will Build My Church (*Matt 16:18-19*)

In *Matt 16:18-19*, Jesus said, “I will build My church”. This church that Jesus built comprises disciples who are learners and followers of Him – people who seek to learn, obey and apply the Word in their lives. In this sermon, SP Daniel Foo shared three things that we should follow in order to be a true disciple of God.

### 1. Live the Christ-life (*Rom 8:29*)

The reason why we must live the Christ-life is that our Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of the body – the church (*Col 1:18*). Just like our physical bodies that our heads direct, the body of Christ follows wherever the Head leads. In order to live the Christ-life, we need to:

#### 1. Deny our self-life

The self-life refers to our worldliness, carnal flesh, etc (*1 Cor 3:1-5*) – and is the main cause of our problems. The flesh displeases God (*Rom 8:7-8*) and profits nothing (*John 6:63*), while the sinful nature is corrupted and cannot be transformed. Hence, we must deny the flesh/sin/nature in us by dealing with it according to the Word rather than our sinful nature, and live this Christ-life by faith in God – for without faith, we cannot please God (*2 Cor 5:7*).

#### 2. Take up our own cross daily

This unique “cross” refers to death to self. The people who cross our paths and situations we face invoke the sin-nature that must be crucified. We must be fully dependent on God so that our Christ-life can manifest and, in turn, reduce our I-Me-Myself mentality.

#### 3. Follow the Lord Jesus Christ

To obey the Lord, we must bring all our plans, thoughts, decisions and responses under the authority of the Word and the leading of the Holy Spirit. This simply means that we need to be filled with Word and the Holy Spirit at times.

## 2. Grow continuously (*Eph 4:13, Eph 5:26-27*)

We must continually grow towards holiness without blemish to avoid backsliding. SP reminded us that the discipleship journey begins with forgiveness and restoration of the foundations (SOFCs, UGBs, SSHs, DO) that will allow us to overcome the evil one, the world and our self-life as we walk

daily with God and hold tightly to His Word. Only then can we grow towards spiritual maturity (Christlikeness) and become effective Priests and Kings – so that even when we fall, our spiritual life is strong enough to lift us up to walk with God. There are three ways for us to grow spiritually:

**1. From Faith to Faith (Rom 1:16-17)**

*Continually receive and experience the Power of the Light of the Word (Ps 119:105, John 1:4)*

In every situation that we face, we need the light of God to guide us and help us respond spiritually. This light gives revelation and produces faith (Rom 10:17) when we develop a biblical worldview of truth (Ps 119:160). As we continually stand on the Word and experience God coming through for us, we grow faith convictions (1 Pet 2:2-3).

**2. From Strength to Strength (Ps 84:7)**

*Continually receive and experience the Power of the Love of Father-God*

We connect with the Lord by building an altar of thanksgiving and worship. When we are rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, we are filled with His fullness (Eph 3:17-20) that helps to strengthen our spirits (spiritual strength) and renew our minds (mental strength), giving us revelation. We will then experience inner peace (emotional strength) that will strengthen and give life to our physical bodies (physical strength).

**3. From Glory to Glory (2 Cor 3:18)**

*Continually receive and experience the Power of the Life of the Spirit of God (John 6:63).*

As believers, we must know the difference between the anointing in/within us (the permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit) and the anointing on/upon us (temporary). By knowing the full counsel of God, we will be filled with and dependent on the Holy Spirit to enable and empower us.

### **3. Grow in the journey to become effective Priests & Kings (Rev 1:5-6)**

As priests, we bring people to God by guiding and praying for and with them. We also bring God to people by speaking His Word to them. As kings, we take authority over demons, sickness and disease, and our environment, all in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 10:19). With Jesus having full authority (Matt 28:18) and the keys to hades and death (Rev 1:18), we can be sure that the gates of hades will not prevail (Matt 16:18) – the devil has no authority! Hence, we should learn to put our faith not in the wisdom of man, but in the power of God (1 Cor 2:4-5), for God's kingdom is not in word but in power (1 Cor 4:28): The power to cast out demons and bring peace to the troubled. As long as we take authority, with the power of the Holy Spirit, there will always be hope and a way out.

## **CONCLUSION**

SP shared about an article by J Lee Grady titled "Are you blocking the flow of the Holy Spirit?" Using an analogy of a pipeline large enough to convey tons of oil (our life) but with only a trickle of oil (the flow of the Holy Spirit) in it as several large valves were shut (times when we said "no" to God), God is trying to tell us that many a time, we want to experience His anointing but are unwilling to give it away – being hesitant and disobeying God's command. In this new season in BBTC, however, things must change: If we truly want to be empowered, we need to completely surrender to God. **Let us all commit to be a part of the Church that our Lord Jesus Christ built**, so that our pipelines will be continuously filled with His anointing oil, overflowing from open valves.

# QUESTIONS

**What does it mean to be a true disciple of God? Do you think you live out the life of a true disciple? Why or why not?**

**Describe a time when you encountered (or are currently experiencing) a difficult situation, and how you had to rely on the grace of God to overcome it.**

***What are some “closed valves” in your pipeline – times we say “no” to God – that are hindering you from being filled up with God’s anointing oil? What can you do to turn on those valves and be used as vessels of the Lord?***