



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	Arise to Serve and Shine	SPEAKER	SP Daniel Foo
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MESSAGE SUMMARY

THE CALL TO ARISE TO SERVE AND SHINE

SP Daniel Foo encouraged the church to respond to the call to arise to serve and shine. Matthew 5:14-16 says, “You are the **light of the world**—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, **let your good deeds shine** out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”

To arise to serve and shine is aligned with BBTC’s Purpose: To glorify God the Father, with the Lord Jesus Christ as our Head, the Holy Spirit as our Helper and the Great Commission at our hearts. Our vision is to be an Intentional Disciple-Making Church of effective priests and kings. Our mission is to share Christ as we mature in Him.

NINE REASONS TO SERVE AND SHINE

1. God desires for us to be saved and blessed to do good works.

SP shared that we are a special people, a royal priesthood zealous to do good works. Titus 2:11, 14 – “For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.”

2. We are grateful to the Lord for all He has done for us.

As we celebrated our 31st anniversary, we are grateful to the Lord for 31 years of the Lord’s goodness. Our salvation is not by works, it is a gift from God. (Eph 2:8-9)

3. We should want to fulfill the destiny God ordained for us.

Ephesians 2:10 “For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

4. We should want to be channels of blessings.

Titus 3:8 urges all who trust in God to devote themselves to doing good. It is important to be careful to maintain doing good works and be ready to meet the urgent needs of others as we trust and rely on Him. SP cited the differences between tithes and offerings. Our tithe is 10% of our salary but our offering is the seed, given above and beyond the tithe. Our harvest is in the seeds so let us deliberately sow the seeds, water it with prayer and use it to meet the urgent needs of others.

5. To whom much is given, much is expected.

Luke 12:48 “But someone who does not know, and then does something wrong, will be punished only lightly. When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required.”

6. There will be a day of accountability.

When we are at the judgment seat of Christ, we will be called to account for how we have spent our time and conducted ourselves according to our values. We will receive our rewards according to the things we have done. (2 Cor 5:10)

7. As we mature in the Lord and serve Him, there is an increase in revelation and blessing.

The law of multiplication is highlighted in Matthew 13:12 “To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge.”

8. Service is part of our ministry as disciples.

There is a difference in the ministry of reconciling man to God and the word of reconciliation among man. 2 Corinthians 5:18 -19 “And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself... And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.”

9. Service is part and parcel of the BBTC DNA.

SP advocates us to step forward in maximum participation, serve in the areas of our calling/gifting, step up to the next level and enlarge the leadership base, to be Kings and Priests, increase in capacity and strength, and to grow spiritually as we serve.

Conclusion

We are to be like candles shining brightly; living lives of service in our various roles and responsibilities – at home, at work and wherever else we have been placed. Plugged into the bodylife of BBTC and in the love of the Lord, may we continue to shine forth and bring the light of the Lord into the world.

QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to serve the Lord and why should we arise to serve and shine?

2. How have you seen the Lord use people to bless others recently? In what ways do these good works inspire you to be a blessing to others?

3a. What area of service is on your heart today?

3b. Share the one thing that is stopping you from stepping up to serve in a greater capacity and what you will do about it *today*.