



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	Pay it Forward: Blessed to be a Blessing	SPEAKERS	Ps Darren Kuek & Elder Chua Seng Lee
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MESSAGE SUMMARY

MAKE BLESSING OTHERS A LIFESTYLE

As we wrap up the blessing campaign this year, Ps Darren and Elder Seng Lee encourages us to continue to make blessing others a lifestyle. We are blessed to be a blessing. As such, we should continue to pay it forward by continually looking out to the needs of people around us.

Through the story of the ten lepers who were cleansed in Luke 17:11-19, Ps Darren teaches us how to begin blessing others and provides real-life examples of how BBTCians have done it. Elder Seng Lee moves on to instruct us on how we can make blessing others a lifestyle to live out.

HOW TO DO IT?

Ps Darren exhorts us to develop a posture of gratitude.

"When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." *And as they went they were cleansed.*" Luke 17:14

The ten lepers acted in faith as they proceeded to go to the priests to be pronounced clean by them although they were not healed yet.

"Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten *cleansed*?" Luke 17:17

All ten of them had faith and they received the gift of healing from Jesus. The greek word for "cleansed" in verse 17 is "katharizō" meaning to cleanse by curing.

"Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, *giving him thanks.*" Luke 17:15-16

"And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you *well (sozo).*" Luke 17:19

To the only leper who had turned back to thank Jesus for healing him, Jesus proclaimed unto him "sozo". The meaning of the greek word "sozo" in verse 19 means to be saved, healed and

delivered. This state of being made "well" (sozo) in verse 19 is different from that of being "cleansed" (katharizō) in verse 17.

Ps Darren further expounds that because of this particular leper's posture, what he had received from Jesus is far different from the other nine. He responded to the Lord who had blessed him with a grateful heart. The other nine lepers received the blessing but missed the transformation.

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to *save (sozo)* the lost." Luke 19:10

Let us not take the daily blessings that we receive from the Lord for granted. Instead, we should develop a posture of gratitude like the thankful leper so that we will not miss out on the transformation work of the Lord in our lives.

Elder Seng Lee provides us with three practical steps to make blessing others a lifestyle.

1. Seek out a like-minded community

Who can we connect with to stay inspired to be a blessing giver?

"Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

We do not live out our Christian life on our own. Instead, we seek out a community where we can spend time with people who can value-add into our lives.

2. See Jesus daily

The lepers in Luke 17 recognized Jesus as the man who can heal them of their unclean state. Like them, we should look out for God and learn to see Him in our lives by spending time with Him daily.

3. Stay grateful

Out of the ten lepers, only the Samaritan received "sozo" because he was grateful to the one who had healed him. As such, he allowed God to do the deeper work of transformation in his life.

CONCLUSION

As we develop a posture of gratitude, we not only receive God's blessings, but also His transformation work in our lives. God can use us as we seek to live a lifestyle of blessing others. We can do it by living it out within a community of people who share the same heart beat, by seeing Jesus daily through spending time with him and by staying grateful always.

QUESTIONS

1. What are you thankful to the Lord for this week?

2. How different was that one Samaritan's blessing compared to the other 9 lepers? Why is that significant?

3. Of the 3 steps to make blessing a lifestyle, which do you most need to grow in and how will you do so?