



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC What Do You See?

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

Introduction

What do you see? As we go about our everyday lives, can we see what the Lord is doing in the lives of the people around us? Do we demonstrate the power of God in our lives that others may be drawn towards us and their hearts transformed and turned toward Jesus?

This week, Ps Jeffrey shares about revealing Jesus in us (revelation) and the demonstration of this revelation. These 2 ingredients are necessary to help us perform the greater works of Jesus so that people may believe in Him.

REVELATION AND DEMONSTRATION

- Ps Jeffrey began his message by re-telling the story of how Jesus healed a lame man in John 5, the key verse being John 5:19-20.
- Jesus' act of healing the lame man demonstrated God's power and those who saw this miracle marvelled at this "great act". However, the Jews, who were purportedly scholars and well versed in God's law, were unable to see the power of God even when it was right before their very eyes.
- We can do greater works because Jesus has commissioned us (John 14:12). Jesus is at the right hand of Father God, interceding for us to rise up to greater works so that others can see and believe in Him.
- So how do we follow Jesus to do all these greater works? Ps Jeffrey shared 2 ingredients that help us to perform the greater works of Jesus so that people may believe in Him:

A. REVELATION

Revelation starts with seeing what Father God is doing and how He is enabling us for greater works.

- Revelation is defined as seeing what you could not see previously.
- In the healing of the lame man, Jesus says that he is doing the work of the Father - "for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise" (John 5:19). Jesus acted within the nature and character of God – he knew the heart of God and he did what God wanted. This speaks of the intimate perfect relationship between Jesus and Father God.
- When we know God and are connected with Him, our lives will not be the same again. Do we make it our lifetime pursuit to know God so that our character and nature can become one with God? God has given us the Holy Spirit to guide us and be our inward witness but we often brush it away. We are too quick to succumb to external pressures (unlike Jesus who withdrew to the

mountain to seek intimacy with God in prayer in John 6:15 when the crowd wanted him to be King).

- So how can we attain revelation? We need to be still and quieten ourselves to see and hear what God wants to reveal to us (instead of telling God what we want). Ps Jeffrey shared a 3Cs process on how we can do this:-
 - ✓ Come to Father God without any personal agenda
 - ✓ Connect with him in worship (*note: try to spend 15-30 minutes a day in worship seeking God*)
 - ✓ Copy down, write or draw what you see or hear from Him (*note: Don't over think when God gives a word. However the vision or word given to us should not go against the Word, character and nature of God.*)

B. DEMONSTRATION OF THE REVELATION

The Demonstration of the Revelation brings about the Transformation of hearts.

- Demonstration of what God reveals to us and through us is very important.
- Jesus demonstrated God's power through various ways e.g. the resurrection of Lazarus, feeding the crowd of five thousand and each time he demonstrated God's power, he paved the way for people to the Gospel – he declared that he's the Bread of Life (John 6:27) and the way and the truth and the life (John 14:6).
- People around us are often not interested in the Gospel because we do not connect with God to demonstrate the power of God. Demonstration of the power of God can be through small ways – it can be a simple gesture of love, a word of encouragement. Such simple actions bring the attention of people to God because they see the genuine love we have for one another.
- When we obey and love God, the ultimate demonstration is in the Holy Spirit's conversion of hearts. When people see what God is doing, they are transformed.
- What can we do to demonstrate the power of God to the people around us?
We need to seek God for his specific revelation in how you can be God's messenger to demonstrate His power so that the lost may marvel at the reality of God and come to believe in Jesus.

Conclusion

When we connect with God and encounter God, our obedience to God comes out of the overflow of our relationship with Him. God loves us and he will reveal to us if we are willing to connect with God and pray for revelation.

Jesus has commissioned us to do greater works – so let us challenge our faith to believe that God can use us to do a greater work to bring about the demonstration of that revelation that God will give us and that through God's power demonstrated in our lives, the hearts of the people around us will be transformed and turned to Jesus Christ

QUESTIONS

Jesus says in John 5:19 *"...the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise"*. How is this statement reflected in your life as a son or daughter of God?

Recall a scripture verse/passage that you have read/studied in the past week. Pray over and ask God what he wants to reveal to you through the scripture verse/passage. Be still, wait and listen. Then write down what God has downloaded/revealed to you.

Taking note of what God has downloaded/revealed to you, how can you apply it in your life in the coming week to demonstrate the power of God in your life so that others may see God working in you and through you?