



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC PraySingapore – The Call!

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THEME Pray for our Nation

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

Introduction

This week, SP Daniel Foo continues on the theme “Pray for our Nation”. This week’s sermon ties in with PraySingapore, a national day of prayer and fasting where God’s people gather to pray with One Heart One Voice as a church, One Foundation & One Future as a family, One Name & One Hope for the harvest, and One People with One Destiny as a nation. SP Daniel Foo covers the 4 prayer agendas and also shares some ways in which we can seek the welfare of city we live in.

PraySingapore – The CALL to PRAY & SEEK the Lord!

The context of today’s sermon is set out in Jer 29:4-7, 10-14. The Israelites were held captive by the Babylonians in Babylon for 70 years. Yet, the Lord commanded the Israelites to dwell and build roots and families in Babylon. They are to seek the peace/welfare of the city they are held captive in and pray to God on its behalf for in its welfare, the Israelites will also find their welfare. So in today’s context, how can we heed the call to pray and seek the Lord for our nation? How can we seek the welfare of Singapore?

A. THE CALL TO PRAY AND SEEK THE LORD

Each of the 4 agendas for prayer are covered below:

I. The call to the Church to come as One Heart and One Voice

The prayer of our Lord Jesus for His disciples is to be ONE (John 17:11, 21-22). To be ONE means unity in the Spirit and this unity happens when disciples walk with, are led by, directed by, and governed by the Holy Spirit. This unity is not automatic and on our part, we must make every effort in the relationships of our ministries. (Eph 4:3) This requires walking in agreement and alignment to the Holy Spirit’s agenda (Amos 3:3, Matt 18:19-20). There is power when there is agreement and alignment with heaven (Matt 16:18-19).

II. The call to pray and seek the One Name & One Hope

Our Hope is in the Name and this Name is the name of Jesus for no one comes through the Father except through Jesus (John 14:6, Acts 4:12). At the name of Jesus, every knee should bow – in heaven, on earth and under the earth (Philippians 2:9-11, Hebrews 6:19-20)

III. The call to build the Family as One Foundation, One Future

God created us as male or female (Gen 1:27) and we are complete in ourselves whether or not we are married or single. God also created an institutional marriage (Gen 2:24) between male and female and one of the purposes of marriage is to produce godly offspring (Gen 1:28, Jer 29:6).

However, the family unit is under attack by the The Evil One, who comes to steal, kill and to destroy (Jn 10:10a). Behind the work of the Anti-Christ to confuse gender and destroy marriages is the spirit of lawlessness where he tries to change times and seasons including the law. Rejection of God leads to our thinking becoming futile and this will manifest into us giving ourselves into uncleanness, perversion (Rom 1:21, 24) and God will give us up to vile passions (Rom 1:26-27) where we suffer the penalties of our sins.

So it is important for us to respond to the call to rebuild the Family Wall - with a spade we build the church, strong believers, strong marriages, strong families, strong youths, strong adults while with a spear, we fight the war on multiple platforms.

IV. The call to become One People with One Destiny

Nation – One People – One Destiny – People of God.

We are to seek the peace/welfare of the Nation that we live in, because in its welfare we will find our welfare. Jer 29:11 assures us that God has plans for us, He wants to give us a future and of a hope – and if we call upon God and seek God, he will answer.

B. HOW TO SEEK THE WELFARE OF THE CITY?

Some ways we can seek the welfare of the city we live in are:

- Live our lives here as sojourners, in the light of eternity (1 Pet 2:11, Phil 3:20)
- Never ceasing to do good to those around us (Gal 6:10)
- Not be too friendly with the world we become enemies of God (James 4:4)
- Don't withdraw from the world; overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21)
- Love your neighbour (Mk 12:31)
- Don't stand around waiting for Jesus to return but work hard for God (1 Thess 4:11)
- Don't fight the secular government but submit and pray for all in authority so that we get on with living godly lives (1 Tim 2:2)
- Share Christ at every opportunity (Mk 16:15)

CONCLUSION

Let us stop living our lives selfishly – instead, let us take heed and repent. Let us stop slandering and complaining and instead submit to authority – let us pray instead for wisdom and blessings for the Nation we are living in. Let us sink roots, work hard and build our lives, marriages, families, careers in the Nation that God has given to us. Let us work together as ONE in unity to seek the welfare of the Nation. And lastly, let us pray for every opportunity to share the Gospel and encourage one another.

QUESTIONS

1. Read Jer 29:4-7, 10-14. In this context, what is God's call for us?

2. With regards to the the call to the Church to come as One Heart and One Voice, what changes do you think you can make to your lifestyle to try to incorporate this unity within the cell, ministry and church?

3. SP Daniel Foo listed some ways in which we can seek the welfare of the Nation we live in. Share some examples of areas you feel you are making progress in, and which area you find difficult. Pray with and encourage one another.