



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	Strategic Prayers for Pre-Believers	SPEAKER	SP Daniel Foo
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MESSAGE SUMMARY

REACHING OUT: RELATIONAL EVANGELISM AND STRATEGIC PRAYERS

We are called to be Christ's witnesses in the world. Last week, Brother Jeffrey shared how we can reach out to the lost through relational evangelism by blessing them, building relationships with them, bearing their burdens and then finally, broadcasting the Gospel to them. This week, Senior Pastor Daniel Foo shares how we can pray strategically for them.

STRATEGIC PRAYERS

When connecting with pre-believers, we need to pray before, during and after every meeting/engagement. As believers, we need to be equipped to pray strategically for them, and also be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit for a divine moment/conversation.

There are 4 steps to praying strategic prayers:

Step 1: Know and understand their Barriers-Objections (i.e. ungodly beliefs-UGBs) in coming to the Lord - UGBs are lies of the devil which cause spiritual blindness (*2 Cor 4:3-4*). Ask the Lord to reveal the specific spiritual blindness or lies that are blocking the pre-believers' minds.

Step 2: Know the truth in the Word of God for the truth shall set them free (*Jn 8:32*).

SP Daniel Foo shared some UGBs and the corresponding biblical Truths that we can pray:

No	Ungodly Belief	Biblical Truths
1	All religions and philosophies are the same leading to God.	There are significant differences of each religion and philosophy but Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. (<i>Jn 14:6; Acts 4:12</i>)
2	Money will solve all problems. There is no need for God.	Money can never buy health, true friendships or peace in our hearts and minds. We will leave our monies behind when we die. (<i>Mk 8:36-37; Luke 12:20-21</i>)
3	I've been offended by Christian who are hypocrites.	We are all fallen people, that there is none righteous including all so-called Christians, that we all offend and hurt each other, that we all need God's love, deliverance and healing. (<i>Rom 3:10, 23</i>)
4	Blindness: People think they know better.	Our understanding is darkened and we are all spiritually blinded unless the light of the glory of the gospel shine on us (<i>2 Cor 4:4; Eph 4:18</i>). We need to be filled with the knowledge and understanding of

		the glory of the Lord and remove the scales from our spiritual eyes.
5	Pre-believers want to be with lost loved ones who are not believers, thinking that hell is liveable.	There is a difference between heaven and hell and hell is not liveable (<i>Luke 16:24, 26, 28-29</i>). Ask God to reveal to him/her that it is Your will for him/her to be saved and for his/her name to be written in the Book of Life.
6	Christianity is for the westerners.	God's truth is universal and God's love reaches out to all people regardless of race, language, status and background (<i>Jn 3:16; 2 Pet 3:9</i>).
7	Good works are good enough for salvation.	All have sinned and fall short of God's glory; salvation is a gift from God and not something we can earn by our own works (<i>Isa 64:6; Eph 2:8-9</i>).
8, 9, 10	If I become a Christian, who is going to pray and offer food to my departed loved ones? <u>OR</u> I had promised my relatives to observe prayers and provide offerings to them after their departure. It will be un-filial to stop doing so. <u>OR</u> I have bought a niche and would want to have it placed by the side of my late spouse. If I accepted Jesus, then I couldn't be with my late spouse.	The separation between the living and the dead is permanent, and there is no possibility of any connection between the two (<i>Luke 16:22-23, 26</i>)
11	Bad things also happen to Christians. There's nothing special about your God.	We live in the fallen world with fallen people; we will reap what we sow; and when bad things happens to Christians, they can always turn to God for mercy, grace and favour. (<i>Jn 16:33; Gal 6:7</i>)

Step 3: Pray as a Priest (*Acts 26:18*) specifically that our loved ones' eyes be open and turned from the power of Satan.

*"Lord, we pray for *loved one* that the light of Your truth will shine into his heart. We ask of You to dismantle the lies that (state the UGBs – see table above). Lord, will You open the eyes of *loved one* to see and know the (the Truths countering the UGBs – see table above). We ask of You Holy Spirit to lead *loved one* to know the Truth and be set free from these lies and to come to the saving grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ."*

Step 4: Pray as a King, rebuke the specific lies and the deceiving demonic spirits (*2 Cor 10:4-5*).

*"In Jesus' name, we demolish the argument lodged in *loved one's* life, that (state the UGBs – see table above). In Jesus' name, we come against the lying and deceptive spirits operating in *loved one's* life. In Jesus' name, we tear down these demonic strongholds in *loved one's* life and speak the light of the Gospel of Jesus to shine in *loved one's* heart and mind to come to the saving grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ! We pray this in Jesus Mighty Name, Amen."*

CONCLUSION

In today's fallen world which continues to slide into deeper darkness/lawlessness (*Isa 60:2*), God calls us to be salt and light to attract people to the church (*Matt 5:13-14*). We, as Christians, cannot impose our moral values on pre-believers but we can be a Watchman at the gates of our families, communities and nations, appealing to the common space which speaks of sanity living in religious harmony and racial harmony. We need to be witnesses for the Lord – reaching out and continually building relationships with pre-believers, praying strategically for them and be God's instrument to share the gospel.

QUESTIONS

1. SP Daniel Foo mentioned that in reaching out to the lost, praying strategically is key. Why do you think strategic prayer is important?

2. SP Daniel Foo gave some examples of ungodly beliefs (UGBs) that cause spiritual blindness or stumble even believers. Is there a UGB that you identify or struggle with? Share with another member, encourage each other and pray strategically for each other.

3. Think of a person whom you have been praying for (or would like to start praying for). Try to apply the 4 steps mentioned by SP Daniel Foo to help you pray strategically into the person's situation and pen down your prayer for the person.