



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC Be a Carrier of the Good News

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

As Christians, we are to be contagious for Christ. We carry the living hope of Christ in our hearts. To reach for the salvation of our oikos is one of BBTC's goals for 2020, and it is our church's mission to share Christ.

This festive season, Brother Jeffrey Goh shares seven practical steps on how we can be a carrier of the Good News for Christ.

1) Take Little Initiatives

In Matthew 5:43-48, we are called to love our enemies and neighbours. How much more should we love our loved ones! To take initiative means to look for every opportunity to reach out to the people around us, to do things without being told, and to slow down to notice the people around us who need help. We can even pray for those of different faiths, for by doing so we are planting seeds in their hearts. Our spiritual eyes must be open to see that opportunities are "now here", because God cares for every soul and their salvation.

2) Pray For Them

We are to pray for the people we love. As believers, we have the Holy Spirit who enables us to share and sow the word in the Spirit (Galatians 6:7-8). We can list the people we know by their names and pray specifically for their needs. We can pray with our hearts and cry out to God on these people's behalf.

3) Socialise And Serve

Jesus demonstrated socialisation and even befriended sinners (Luke 15:2). Although we are not of the world, we are in this world to interact and socialise with pre-believers. We can look for opportunities to socialise with pre-believers (e.g. sharing a meal, going on a holiday tour group, playing sports together, and inviting pre-believers to our homes or church).

4) Converse The Faith

Oftentimes, we enthusiastically share about our life milestones and hobbies, but are shy about sharing our faith. We need to converse our faith, and to do so we must first open our mouths. We are to converse our faith with grace and gentleness (Colossians 4:5-6). There are many ways to converse our faith by noticing details in pre-believers' lives and linking them back to God's Word (e.g.: "Do you know the meaning of the pendant cross that you are wearing?").

5) Partner With Others

We cannot do things by ourselves and therefore we partner each other to serve (Mark 6:6b-7). All of us have spiritual gifts that we can exercise collectively as we serve as a team. For example, a cell group running Alpha can have members making food and striking up conversations, each to their own gifting.

6) Facilitate Conversion

We can undertake steps 1 to 5 above but the Holy Spirit must ultimately close the deal with the pre-believer. While we first need to connect with pre-believers, we allow the Holy Spirit to do the conversion (Mark 4:26-29). We can all be labourers for the Lord, whether in sowing the Word, watering the seed, or in reaping the harvest.

7) List The People In Your Network

All of us have networks (e.g. old schoolmates, colleagues, close friends, family). Our networks are souls to save. We can list our networks down and pray continually for their salvation.

CONCLUSION

The opportunity is "now here". Will we commit this day to open our mouths and share our faith? As we do so, God's Holy Spirit will empower us and give us strength.

QUESTIONS

1. Brother Jeffrey encouraged BBTicians to be contagious Christians, i.e. to go out and infect people with the love of God. He has identified seven actions of a contagious Christian. What are they and have you successfully tried any?

2. Which of the seven actions might be the most challenging for you? What could be done to help you to grow in that area?

3. List down the people in your network (family, relatives, friends, school mates, colleagues) who God has placed a burden in your heart to reach out to. What changes are you willing to make in your own life so that they would have a chance to hear about God through you?