



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC Priests & Kings (Part 3)

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THEME Reaching Out to the Lost

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

In Mark 3:14-15, Senior Pastor reminded us that as disciples as well as priests and kings, we are called to be with Him, share the Gospel and have the power to heal and cast out demons.

In the third part of his series, SP shared about the two keys that the Lord has given to us in sharing the Gospel with the “lost” (i.e. pre-believers and Christians who have backslidden).

REACHING OUT TO THE LOST

The two keys in which we can reach out to the lost are through relational evangelism and by praying strategic prayers.

1. Relational Evangelism (Luke 10:5-9)

- i) Luke 10:6 tells us that we begin in reaching out to the lost by first finding a Man of Peace and then blessing him with the Peace of God. A Man of Peace is simply someone who is receptive towards you, a person whom you have built a relationship with or someone who crosses your path regularly. We should thus channel our energies and efforts toward the person.
- ii) Once we have determined who the Man of Peace is, we should fellowship with him by eating and drinking with him (Luke 10:7). This helps to further deepen the relationship forged.
- iii) We then continue to build the relationship by meeting the person's felt needs and ministering to him when he is faced with difficult situations (e.g. family member hospitalised, financial issues, work difficulties etc.) as called to in Luke 10:9.
- iv) Finally, we are to share the Gospel of the Kingdom of God with him (Luke 10:9b). Reaching out to the lost involves building relationships with them over time and waiting for the divine opportunity to share the Gospel in order to usher them into the Kingdom of God.

In order to ensure that these interventions are effective, we need to pray strategic prayers before, during and after every meeting/engagement.

2) Praying Strategic Prayers

- i) There are four steps to praying strategic prayers. The first is to know and understand what are some of the barriers and objections that prevent the lost from coming to know Christ (2 Corinthians 4:3-4). These barriers could be due to ungodly beliefs that have caused the lost to become spiritually blinded to the truth.
- ii) Next, we need to dismantle these ungodly thoughts and feelings by helping our family/friends to know the truth through understanding God's Word (John 8:32).
- iii) There is a need for us to hold on to the scriptures as revealed by the Holy Spirit and not hold on to the opinions of men or the doctrines of theologians. In doing so, we need to pray as Priests. By praying as Priests, we will be able to help the lost to "open their eyes" and "turn them from darkness to light" (Acts 26:18).
- iv) Lastly, as Kings, we need to rebuke the specific lies and the deceiving demonic spirits. In 2 Corinthians 10:4-5, we learn that we are to pull down the strongholds such as casting down arguments (from human origin) and every high thing (of demonic origin) that block us from the knowledge of God. We can do so through the weapons of warfare (i.e. declaring the name of Jesus, the blood of Jesus and the sword of the Spirit).

CONCLUSION

To be effective in reaching out to the lost, we need to:

- i) Reach out to pre-believers and backslidden Christians who are receptive towards you
→ continue to build relationships and fellowship with them → share the Gospel.
- ii) Pray prayers that are strategic in order to break down the ungodly beliefs that they may have and help the lost understand who Christ is.

In closing, SP highlighted that the Lord is not willing that any should perish and despite us living in the end times, no one should have fears about it. There are three phases for the end time harvest of souls – before the rapture (Mark 16:15, Romans 11), the first 3.5 years of the great tribulation and the last 3.5 years (Revelation 14:6). Throughout these three phases, we have and will continue to see many souls saved.

QUESTIONS

1. What are the two keys of evangelism? How have you witnessed or experienced that in your lives or of those around you?

2. What are the differences in praying strategic prayers as a Priest and as a King? Why do we need to do both?

3. Who are the oikos that God has convicted you to reach out to? Which aspects of relational evangelism and strategic prayers are you confident in applying now?