



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	The End-time Church (Part 2)	SPEAKER	SP Daniel Foo
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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

Building upon last weekend's sermon, SP teaches us what it means to be a vibrant end-time church. There are two perspectives that this sermon series is built upon:

1. The 7 churches described in Revelation 2 and 3 are reflected in the church worldwide at any one point in time
2. These 7 churches span in time from the early church to the coming Rapture

The Laodicean church reflects the end-time church of today. There is a remnant who is on fire for God, but the vast majority is not. Laodicea means "people ruling" or "justice of the people", which means that the people rule the church and Christ has no part in it.

There are 3 repeated exhortations to all the 7 churches.

1. ... to the churches – referring to many congregations and assemblies, but all receiving the same message
2. ... hear what the Spirit is saying – to be Word-based and Spirit-filled so that you can hear the message which the Spirit is saying
3. To him who overcomes – referring to every single believer in the local church, to be an overcomer believer (Luke 18:8, Jude 1:3, 2 Timothy 4:7)

PURPOSE DRIVEN INSTEAD OF PERSONALITY DRIVEN

A personality-driven church is one that has envy, strife and divisions; where members side with certain leaders (1 Corinthians 3:3-4). Instead, we are reminded of the beauty and glorious wonder of the church in Ephesians 4:3-6, where there is unity and peace. Members are also exhorted to keep in mind the purpose of the church, which is for members to use the five-fold gifts to build up the church and to achieve the unity of the church (Ephesians 4:11-14).

INCREASING BENCH STRENGTH

BBTC necessitates and ensures quality by investing in mentoring and equipping spiritual leaders. This is modelled in Scripture with Moses mentoring Joshua, Jesus Christ mentoring the 12 disciples, Paul mentoring Timothy (2 Timothy 2:2) and so on.

Within BBTC, each body-life member is plugged into a hierarchy spanning from cell group members to assistant cell group leaders or spiritual parent to cell leader to cell supervisor to cell overseer to cell pastor (CP) to senior pastor office (SPO), who then reports to the council of elders. Laterally and vertically, members invest in bonding and building, accountability, prayer and covering.

BBTC also looks into succession planning within the leadership and Senior Pastor (SP) envisions himself coming alongside as a mentor, advisor and coach .

SEVEN ANOINTED PILLARS

These seven pillars encapsulate our strategy in being an intentional disciple-making church that shares Christ as we mature in Him.

Pillar #1 – Anointed Worship

The Lord is seeking true worshippers, who worship in Spirit and in Truth (John 4:23-24).

Pillar #2 – Anointed Word

The purpose of the pulpit and the Word is to bring about edification, exhortation and comfort. At BBTC, we aim to teach the whole counsel of God, which includes teaching doctrine, rebuking, correction and training in righteousness.

Pillar #3 – Anointed Altar

Whenever God speaks to us, we must respond (Hebrews 3:7-8, 15, 4:7).

Pillar #4 – Anointed Leaders

The church is not a democracy; it is a theocracy. BBTC appoints leaders through the due process of getting to know individuals who are FAST (faithful, available, submissive and teachable).

Pillar #5 – Anointed Body-Life

Christ is the Head of the Church. As a body and members of one another (Romans 12:4-5), we are to connect with, accept, love, serve, engage and sharpen one another.

Pillar #6 – Anointed Ministries

We are saved by the grace and mercy of God (Ephesians 2:8-9) to do good works (Ephesians 2:10, Hebrews 10:24).

Pillar #7 – Anointed Works of Faith

From Mark 3:14-15, we learn that works of faith entail being called to be with the Lord, preach the gospel, heal the sick and cast out demons. To do works of faith, we must depend on the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:18). These works of faith are for the purposes of demonstrating the power of God (1 Corinthians 2:4-5).

CONCLUSION

Building and becoming a vibrant end-time church requires us opening our hearts to the Lord. This happens when we acknowledge Jesus and connect our spirit to Him (Revelation 3:20). Whether it is as a church, cell group or an individual believer, we should posture ourselves to hear the Spirit and ready ourselves to open our hearts to God.

QUESTIONS

1. We are to be a purpose driven and not personality driven church. Review the 3 verses shared during the sermon and share what you understand by a purpose driven church.

2. Reflect on your personal commitment to the body-life in BBTC. Elaborate which area you can invest more in – bonding and building, accountability and/or prayer and covering.

3. The 7 anointed pillars are the desired outcomes of BBTC's mission as a purpose driven church. Share your understanding of one of the 7 pillars, as well as its application in your life.