



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	BBTC 36 TH Anniversary: What Makes a Great Local Church?	SPEAKER	SP Daniel Foo
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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

This week's sermon is the first of a 2-part series on the Glorious Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. This Anniversary Sunday, SP Daniel Foo shares what makes a great local church and exhorts us to think about our purpose and our part in BBTC.

WHAT MAKES BBTC A GREAT LOCAL CHURCH?

There are 5 key factors that make BBTC a great local church.

1. Strong Spiritual Leadership

- People that are appointed into leadership must be spiritual. They must be conscious of living the Christ-life vs Carnality & Worldliness (1 Corinthians 3:1-5), living out of the Spirit of Sonship vs an Orphan Spirit (Romans 8:14), and serving from the overflow of their walk with God (Acts 3:6) (We serve because we walk with God, love God, and are grateful for what God has done for us.)
- Leaders must strive for unity in the spirit and love with the love of the Holy Father poured into their hearts by the Holy Spirit, allowing love to cover a multitude of sins (1 Pet 4:8, Rom 5:5). For every situation and decision, their first reference must be from the Word as revealed by the Holy Spirit (Jn 16:13, 17:17).
- There must be a leadership structure that best facilitates people belonging and serving. Otherwise, ppl will be distracted and dispersed and we will lose the vision. The structure should be clear about (A) Roles and Responsibilities; that leaders serve according to their (B) Calling, Gifting, and Portion; that there needs to be (C) Effective Communication across all levels of leadership; that there should be (D) Clarity of Direction communicated to all in the church; and that there should always be a system and process of (E) Leadership Renewal and the Bench Strength to support this process.

2. Purpose and Direction

- BBTC's Purpose is for us To glorify God the Father, with the Lord Jesus Christ as our Head, the Holy Spirit as our Help, and the Great Commission at our Heart.
- BBTC's Vision is for us To be an Intentional Disciple-Making Church of Effective Priests and Kings.
- BBTC's Mission is for us To Share Christ as we Mature in Him.
- Everything is about Discipleship and Evangelism. Developing Disciple-Makers to make Disciples.

- The 2 principles of evangelism are found in Matt 28:18-20 and Col 1:28. We are called to continually reach out to the lost and share the gospel with them (Mk 16:15)
- We are to be Priest and Kings - (a) Grow in spiritual intimacy with Jesus; (b) Preach the Gospel (c) Heal the sick and (d) Cast out demons (Mk 3:14-15)

3. Strategy to Achieve Our Vision - The Seven-Anointed

- BBTC has a strategy to achieve our vision and this is through the Seven Anointed:
 - Anointed Worship – A Vibrant worship life with Jesus at the center.
 - Anointed Word – Word-based, spirit-led teaching and training of the Word of God.
 - Anointed Altar – Daily Prayer, Corporate Worship & Prayer Time.
 - Anointed Leaders – God-Fearing leaders who walk the talk and are authentic & transparent.
 - Anointed Body-Life – Accountability & Fellowship. Brothers & sisters journeying together.
 - Anointed Ministries – Diversity of ministries reaching out to the community.
 - Anointed Works of Faith – Outreach to those in need.

4. Multi-Generational Family Church – for ALL

- We are a church of all age groups, with a relational covering structure & strong family dynamics:
 - Bonding and Building
 - Accountability and Covering
 - Praying and Communication

5. Core-Values to Shape our Particular DNA- Culture

BBTC has 34 core values. As part of their Staff Retreat, 5-Top Values were selected:

- Keep the main thing, the main thing. We do not get stuck on methodologies but focus on the principles.
- We strive for unity in the Spirit, not uniformity.
- People are more important than programs. We bond first before serving together to build.
- No condemnation, comparison nor competition but encouragement always.
- We hold loosely everything, holding tightly always to His Word and our relationship with the Holy Spirit.

WHY AM I IN BBTC?

The goal for us is to be an **ACE** BBTC-ian - somebody who is **Aligned, Committed and Engaged**:

- with God,
- with one another in BBTC,
- with the Vision of BBTC, and
- with the larger Kingdom of God in Singapore and beyond.

The Lord has called us to be in BBTC and He wants us to make BBTC a great church, so we need to examine ourselves on our purpose and discover why we are in BBTC.

QUESTIONS

1. Recall the 5 factors that SP mentioned that make up a great local church. Which of these do you most agree with, and why?

2. Think about why God has called you to BBTC and your purpose in BBTC. Of the 5 factors, which do you feel God calling to you the most? Why?

3. What are some things you can start doing to take the next step in answering this call from God? Pray for one another on this.