



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC To Give us Life - 1 John 5:11-13

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THEME Why did the Lord Jesus Come?

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

This week's sermon is the first of a new series that explores reasons why Jesus came to the world and sacrificed Himself for us. In his sermon, Ps Kok Guan examined 1 John and focused on one of these key reasons—to give us Life.

TO GIVE US LIFE

Ps Kok Guan described three kinds of Life Jesus has given us:

1. Eternal life

Apostle John deeply understood the concept of eternal life; after all, he wrote the famous verse about it - John 3:16. In John 17:3 he elaborates that eternal life is about knowing God, as well as Jesus Christ, whom God had sent. Eternal life begins the day we receive God as our saviour.

The Book of 1 John can be divided into two parts: the Light of God, and the Love of God. However, in order to walk in the Light of God with the Love of God, one first needs the Life of God.

Apostle John had the privilege of interacting with the Lord Jesus in person. However, even after Jesus left the earth to join our Father in heaven, John continued to experience a supernatural joy that cannot be found in the world. Ps Kok Guan likens this joy to what King David felt when he wrote Psalm 16:11. If we fellowship with each other and with the Father and the Son, our joy will be complete.

Ps Kok Guan points out that we learn more about God when we read the Scripture and converse with Him. If we are made in God's image and seek to be Christlike, we ought to put in effort to understand who God is.

2. Cleansed life

When we come to God, we can come to Him as we are - like babies in need of a shower. We are all imperfect sinners who cannot cleanse ourselves, and only God can cleanse us spiritually (1 John 1:5-2:2).

God is faithful and just; He will forgive us of our sins because of Jesus' sacrifice. However, this does not mean we can continue to sin knowingly. God wants us to confess our sins (1 John 1:9) and lead a more Christlike life. If we do not change the way we live after reading the Scriptures and confessing our sins, we are deceiving ourselves.

We cannot merely hear God's word; we need to take action and apply it.

3. Victorious life

To live a life of victory is to keep to His commandments (1 John 2:3-6). Jesus humbled himself and obeyed God all the way to the cross. Likewise, the word of God must live in us; that is how we come to know Him.

In church, some may not have the heart for God. Some may misunderstand God's heart, thinking of God as vengeful and unforgiving when He is in fact gentle and humble (Matthew 11:29). Others pick and choose from the Scriptures and follow God's Word only when it is convenient for them.

However, we can only overcome the evil one if we trust in the Lord, listen to Him and follow Him wholeheartedly. We need to search our hearts and ask ourselves if we are truly doing so.

CONCLUSION

Apostle John's message is not just meant for people who have already accepted Jesus. It is a message for the world at large. Ps Kok Guan encouraged us to reach out to our friends, family and acquaintances who have not yet come to Christ, and invite them to watch this year's BBTC Christmas drama, My Sister Kira. KIRA is, in fact, an acronym for Know, Intercede, Reach out and Avail. This is what we are encouraged to do for our pre-believing oikos, and the drama is a chance for us to share the life of Christ with them and make a difference.

QUESTIONS

1. How did you come to know Christ? How has your understanding of Eternal Life changed since then?

2. Pastor Kok Guan shared examples of how Christians can unwittingly lose their way in their journey to know God. Share a behaviour/habit that you want to change/break in the new year ahead.

3. With the upcoming Christmas drama and various gatherings this holiday season, revisit your oikos list and your desire for evangelism. Share with your cell group. Keep one another accountable and pray for opportunities for you to reach out to them.