



## CELL GUIDE

<b>TOPIC</b>	Our Call to be an Intentional Disciple-Making Church	<b>SPEAKER</b>	SP Chua Seng Lee
<b>THEME</b>	2023 Vision Series	<b>DATE</b>	4 & 5 Feb 2023

# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## INTRODUCTION

SP Chua Seng Lee kicks off the first sermon of the 2023 Vision series by recapping the BBTC vision: which is the call to be an Intentional Disciple-Making Church. He also highlights the importance of being aligned on what disciple-making is and involves.

## BBTC'S VISION:

**TO BE AN INTENTIONAL *DISCIPLE-MAKING CHURCH* OF EFFECTIVE PRIESTS AND KINGS**

### 1. We need to be aligned on what disciple-making is.

- We are influencing people all the time. This means that we need to be more intentional about influencing them to be effective priests (i.e. to bring the needs of people to God and God's will to the people) and kings (where we are given godly authority in the spheres that God entrusted to us).
- There is an urgency for us to be effective priests and kings because Jesus is coming back and we want to be found faithful doing the will of God when He does.

### 2. Matthew 28:18-20 (*commonly known as the Great Commission*) forms the basis of our vision statement.

- Matthew 28:18-20 is also the final instruction from Jesus to the disciples before He ascended to heaven.
- The main command is to “make disciples”. In 2 Tim 2:2, Paul also says that we are to entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others.
- There's a need for spiritual multiplication. Our calling and vision is to be disciple-makers (not just disciples) and effective priests and kings who can help others to be effective priests and kings as well.
- The main thrust of our mission statement is to be intentional. There are three things we must do to be intentional:
  - Plan: We must plan for it to take place.
  - Prioritise: We need to ensure that we carry out our plan and not to be flippant about it.
  - Protect: It should not be replaced by other activities or last-minute plans.

### 3. What does disciple-making involve? It involves:

- All Authority (source for disciple-making) (v18)
  - Jesus is the head of the Church and has all authority from heaven and earth. **When we are in Christ, the authority of Jesus will flow through us to do what we, in our flesh, cannot do.** When we are in Him, we are able to make disciples, because making disciples is a spiritual commitment. When we are in Him, we can also do signs and wonders (Mark 16:17).
  - We can start by praying for people around us and allowing God to teach us and show us what we can do.
- All Nations (scope for disciple-making) (v19)
  - Nations refer to ethnicity or people groups – there are 51 people groups in Singapore.
  - **Disciple-making involves reaching out to all nations and requires us to do so, whether through overseas missions or locally** (where we are). God's mission is to save souls (Luke 19:10) – It must be our mission and our vision as well.
  - Who are the people or groups that God has placed on your heart?
- All that I commanded you (the scripture for disciple-making) (v20)
  - The emphasis of disciple-making is not on teaching alone, but teaching people to obey and apply what God has commanded us. Instead of focusing on teaching, we need to focus on obeying the Word of God. If we hear the word of God and practise it, we will grow and be able to discern good and evil (Heb 5:14).
  - Disciple-making is a lifestyle. We can always teach what we have heard, but we can only reproduce who we are. **We must obey the Word of God ourselves before we can help others to obey.**
  - Jesus' model in disciple-making: (a) He taught the disciples (b) He modelled his life to the disciples (e.g. how to pray for the sick, how to go away for solitude etc) (c) He coached the disciples (e.g. how to pray, on deliverance when they failed to cast out the demons etc) (d) He delegated (sent them out two by twos) and commissioned them to go and teach others to do likewise.
- All the time (always) (strength for disciple-making) (v20)
  - **The presence of the Lord will strengthen us in disciple-making.** We cannot disciple others in our own strength. Only God can change and influence others, and we need God's strength to do that.
  - The presence of God must be our motivation – it will help us to love others and disciple them.

## CONCLUSION

God promises to be with us always, even to the end of the age. The crux of today's sermon is: Are we willing to be with God in his call to us to make disciples? Are we willing to obey God and give our lives to make disciples?

# QUESTIONS

**1. What is one new perspective about disciple-making that you've learned from SP Seng Lee's sermon today?**

**2. SP reminds us that Jesus has already equipped us with everything we need to make disciples. Together, as a cell, share about fears or obstacles that hinder you from going out to make disciples and pray for one another.**

**3. Think about a specific person or group that God has placed in your heart to reach out to, and how you can start doing so. Share with another cell member and pray for one another.**