



## CELL GUIDE

**TOPIC** The Call to Serve

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# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## INTRODUCTION

BBTC has been built over many years through the hard work and sacrifice of many, from the early foundational years till today. The church would not be what it is today if not for those who devoted themselves in unwavering service. In this sermon, DSP Edric Sng exhorts us to continue the legacy of answering the call to serve God in His church, according to our calling, gifting and portion.

## THE CALL TO SERVE

### 1. If not NOW, then WHEN?

Most of us might feel that we need to wait for the “right” time to serve, based on our convenience and schedule. However, the fact is that there is never an ideal time to serve. That being said, there is a need to serve because there are always people in need of service. As we serve God, there is always something that we give up in return for this privilege to serve Him. (Luke 14:28 & 33).

### 2. If not YOU, then WHO?

In Nehemiah, people of varying backgrounds were involved in the rebuilding of the city (Nehemiah 3). Everyone can serve (each with their own gifting to offer), everyone should serve (no one is above or beneath serving), and everyone must find their right fit to serve (we cannot do all things, but we can do the things God has called us to do).

1. We can serve in the area of our calling, gifting and portion (1 Cor 12, Rom 12:3-8), in the way that we should, could and would serve others in to produce fruit.
2. We serve from the overflow of our walk with God (1 Thess 3:12). A BBTCian should be faithful, available, submissive and teachable to serve God well.
3. We serve with skilful hands and integrity of heart (Psalm 78:72). A servant must have Christlike character, competence in their skill and chemistry with those they work with.

### 3. If don't DO, then HOW?

God's plan will come to pass one way or another even if we do not serve, but it is ultimately a privilege to be part of that plan, and we lose the opportunity to serve God (Nehemiah 2:20, Esther 4:14).

## CONCLUSION

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few (Matt 9:37). The needs of the people around us are endless, and there is always a calling for us to serve our God. Therefore, the question lies, will we answer the call to serve?

# QUESTIONS

1. Reflect about a time or an occasion where you served in your cell group/the church. How was it a privilege to serve our Lord?

2. What concerns might you (or a new Christian) have about serving in church?

3. For those who are not currently serving, what area would you consider serving in? For those currently serving, is there an area/s in your service that you could improve on?