



CELL GUIDE

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| TOPIC | Vision Revisited | SPEAKER | SP Chua Seng Lee |
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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

BBTC's vision is to be an intentional disciple-making Church of effective priests and kings. SP Chua Seng Lee shared that a vision gives us meaning and purpose. He preached that the Church's vision is not derived from man's wisdom, but from the Word of God.

VISION REVISTED

BBTC's vision has been adapted from Matthew 28:18-20, where God has called his people to "*make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and to teach them to observe all that God has commanded us*". It follows that BBTC's vision is rooted in having its **members obey God** (the calls to worship, fish, pray, surrender, grow, serve, and abide), and **to teach others to do the same** – the latter being a call to intentionally mentor someone (this is reinforced in 2 Timothy 2:2).

SP shared that BBTC has decided to use the words "disciple" and "mentor" interchangeably and that to be a mentor, we need to be grounded in God's mission and mandate.

1) The Mission of God

God has called us to "baptise" our disciples. SP Chua shared that as fishers of men, Christians should not delay evangelism for discipleship, but should learn to do both together.

God has also called us to "disciple". To disciple, we need to be guided by Jesus' model of disciple-making: to model, teach, then delegate, and finally to coach. The first step of "modelling" is crucial, and SP cautioned that we must make sure to practise what we preach, lest we disqualify ourselves (1 Corinthians 9:27). As we discipline ourselves to engage and grow by the Word, we can share with our disciples how we have experienced the power of God through our obedience.

2) The Mandate of God

The first call of the Kingdom is not the call to advance the Kingdom, but to abide in the King so that the Kingdom might advance. To abide in God means to develop intimacy with Him, obey Him, develop our passion for God, grow in our discernment and continually follow the word. It is very important that we are aligned to God, without which we may produce the wrong kinds of

disciples. We need to come under God's authority (Matthew 28:18) before anything else, otherwise we are not advancing God's Kingdom.

SP shared that we need to connect with God intimately before we can commit to carrying out his mission. The mandate fuels the mission, and thus abiding in Christ is crucial for the whole Great Commission of discipling the nations.

CONCLUSION

Understanding BBTC's vision in terms of what it means for each one of us as individuals can help us work towards being effective priests and kings in our personal lives. As effective priests and kings, we can connect with God through praise and worship, change the spiritual climate in our homes and offices, influence the spiritual destiny of people through prayer, make maximum impact before the second coming, do greater things and bring Heaven to Earth. As we continue to live by the Word of God and disciple others to do the same, more can become effective witnesses for God.

QUESTIONS

1. Which of the seven calls (to worship, fish, pray, surrender, grow, serve and abide) do you find yourself struggling with? How can your cell members help you in your walk?

2. SP shared that to be a mentor, we need to be grounded in God's mission and mandate. We are called to be disciple-makers, and at the same time, we need to abide in Christ in order to be effective. Have you been obeying the word of God in your own life?

3. Who is someone you would like to disciple? What are some potential challenges you can think of in a mentor-disciple relationship?