



## CELL GUIDE

**TOPIC** Be Salt and Light

**SPEAKER** DSP Edric Sng

**THEME** Redigging the Brethren Well

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# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## INTRODUCTION

The Church is called to be God’s witnesses to the world beyond the Church walls (Matthew 5:16). This involves bringing God into our respective areas of work and to those who do not know God. Just as Jesus did His ministry in public, DSP Edric Sng challenged the Church to level up and take the next step to demonstrate the Christian faith in our marketplace, that all may see God’s glory.

## PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS

We are called to fulfil our purpose as God designed us to, in the areas that God has placed us in. DSP Edric shared with us what it means to be Salt and Light, before bringing us through some steps that we can take to be Salt and Light wherever God has placed us.

### Purposes of Salt and Light

<b>Salt</b> When salt is not salty, it is worthless.	Salt <b>preserves</b> (Luke 14:34-35)	As salt, we should promote the growth of what is good and prevent the spread of what is bad.
	Salt <b>heals</b> (2 Kings 2:20-22)	Elisha healed the water with salt, so that it no longer caused death or the land to be unproductive.
	Salt <b>seasons</b> (Colossians 4:6)	Salt adds flavour so food tastes better.
<b>Light</b> If light is not seen, it is pointless.	To be seen in the dark (Matthew 5:14-15, 2 Corinthians 4:6, Philippians 4:6)	Light shines best in the dark, illuminating and driving out the darkness. We are needed in this dark world, to reflect God’s light and shine wherever God has placed us.

### How can we be Salt and Light?

(i) **PRAY** – Bring healing, bring illumination, drive out darkness.

Pray as a priest	Ushering the Presence of God into your realms.
Pray as a king	Take authority over the environment.
Pray the Word, pray in the Spirit	Wield the Sword! (Ephesians 6:17)
Pray with believers	Come together in agreement.
Pray for pre-believers	Allow them to experience God.

We need to pray over our various circumstances and workplaces. When we start doing so, we will feel a shift, and this is how we can change the places that we are at. We are also encouraged to initiate or join prayer groups in our workplaces.

(ii) **PRESERVE** – Promote what is good, prevent the spread of what is bad.

Identify	What is the injustice, unrighteousness in your realm?
Impact and influence	Be Nehemiah – favoured for a purpose.
Propagate godly values	Righteousness exalts a nation!
Uncompromising faith	Set an example for others, like Daniel.
Find fellowship	Elijah’s 7,000 “whose knees have not bowed”.

Persecution for the sake of righteousness is a spiritual compliment! If anyone is undergoing persecution for God’s sake, take heart! God sees the uncompromising nature of your faith.

(iii) **PERSONIFY** – Reflect Jesus, season the world with grace.

Act like Jesus	Integrity, incorruptibility, humility.
Talk like Jesus	Gracious, encouraging, building others up.
Think like Jesus	Carnal mind (led by selfish ambitions) VS putting on the mind of Christ (driven by purpose).
Love like Jesus	Show care, compassion concern.

Live like Jesus did, and the world will listen. When we live counterculturally with a mission of witness, service, and reconciliation, people can see Jesus reflected through our lives.

(iv) **PROCLAIM** – Spread the light of Jesus.

Heed the call to fish	Embrace the Great Commission.
Consciously look out for pre-believers	Be intentional!
Be a good testimony	Let others see Jesus through our life.
Luke 10	Speak <i>shalom</i> . Meet felt needs. Minister. Love.
Evangelise!	Build bridges – and don’t forget your destination!

The Great Commission is not for someone else, or sometime else. As we mature in Christ, we need to share Christ with others as well. When we build bridges with others, we need to land the bridge by sharing the Gospel and making their salvation our destination.

## CONCLUSION

As a Church, we are called to draw people into God’s light and tell people about God’s goodness. As we see the light of Jesus shining on us, the light of Jesus will start shining out from us. Will we then rise up as Salt and Light to be witnesses beyond the Church walls?

# QUESTIONS

1. What aspect of being Salt and Light stood out most to you in this week's sermon?

2. What are some challenges you face, or may potentially face, when being Salt and Light for God in the world? How can you deal with them?

3. Think about someone or a group of people in your workplace or area of influence that God has placed in your heart to reach out to. What is one thing you can do about that in the coming month? Pray for one another on this.