



## CELL GUIDE

<b>TOPIC</b>	Turning Singapore Godward- The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord	<b>SPEAKER</b>	Pastor Don Wong
<b>THEME</b>	Critical Concerns of our Times	<b>DATE</b>	22 & 23 July 2023

# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## INTRODUCTION

Pastor Don Wong began his message with Isaiah 61:1-3 on the importance of having a relationship with the Holy Spirit. He reminded us that as God's people, His royal priesthood, (1 Peter 2:9) we can be filled, led and empowered by the Holy Spirit to fulfil the commission that has been entrusted to us. To share the good news to the world and to do so by (i) Walking in the Presence of the Holy Spirit as Jesus Christ did (2) Seeing through the Eyes of the Holy Spirit as revealed to us by God (1 Cor 2:9-10 and (iii) Speaking with the Authority of the Holy Spirit as directed by Jesus (Matt 18:18)

## WALKING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Walking in the presence of the Holy Spirit means to be filled, led and be empowered by the Holy Spirit. As disciples of God, we are a new creation (2 Cor 5:17) so when people see us, they must see Jesus in our lives. As we walk, we may grow tired and weary, but know that our hope is in God who will renew our strength (Isaiah 40:30-31). Like the eagle, we are meant to soar above the challenges that we may face. Our love for God, love for His people, our service and commitment must continue to be progressive: we serve with the anointing, minister with power and speak with the authority of the Holy Spirit.

## SEEING THROUGH THE EYES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We are reminded that we have the resurrected power within us. Seeing lives and things around us through spiritual eyes (Ephesians 1:17-23). While the world may see things as hopeless and impossible, we see things as possible through the Spirit of the Sovereign Lord. When we demonstrate that we see things differently, others would also see us differently. Our lives should reflect the Gospel. We look for the blessed hope, deny ungodliness and worldly temptations as bad company corrupts good character.

## SPEAKING WITH THE AUTHORITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Our authority comes from God; our message is the Word of God. As we speak the Word, our tongue has the power of life and death (Proverbs 18:21). By the authority of God, we have the power to bind anything on earth will be bound in heaven (Matthew 18:18). When we speak the word of God, it will not return void. In addition, we are encouraged to offer the "fruit of our lips" (Hebrews 13:15) which includes our prayers, praise, thanks, and worship to our God. As we do this in earnest, it will change the way we speak, change our life and our situation. As we go through challenges, it will

help us understand the purpose (though not all the time) but allows us to go through the situation with the wonderful peace that can only come from God.

## CONCLUSION

Life on earth is not for us to build to stay but for us to prepare for eternity. Walking in the presence of the Holy Spirit, seeing through spiritual eyes, and speaking with the authority of the Holy Spirit helps us to soar above our challenges like the eagle.

# QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Don mentioned some characteristics of eagles that are on another level. In what way can we become more “eagle-like”? Eg. Love for God, love for people, commitment, sacrifice, service etc on another level.

2. In what ways have your hardships shaped you to be a bitter or better person? If you find yourself bordering on bitterness, how can you change your perspective? If you have become better, share what you have learnt and how you have drawn closer to God in the midst of it.

3. There are certain kinds of people that society deems as a burden, but God has called the Church to love, disciple, and to journey with them. Who is God drawing your attention to and how can our cell groups grow to be more welcoming of them?