



## CELL GUIDE

<b>TOPIC</b>	Their Finest Hour	<b>SPEAKER</b>	Rev Daniel Wee
<b>THEME</b>	Prepare for the Harvest	<b>DATE</b>	18 & 19 November 2023

# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## INTRODUCTION

To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Rev Wee revealed that in this season, Singapore churches are seeing a decline in the overall number of churchgoers. He then preached that in this season, we as Christians are therefore charged with the responsibility to reach the lost.

## FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

Rev Wee recalled that in the late 1970s to the early 1990s, there was a charismatic renewal in Singapore, and many came to know God. The people who had then found God are now mostly over 50 years' old and they make up the largest demographic in Singapore churches. The number of younger churchgoers, however, are much fewer in number.

### 1) What is the urgency of reaching the lost?

With an overall decrease in the number of churchgoers, Rev Wee cautioned that if we fail to evangelise, the church will go into decline. We need to maximise and make good use of the limited time that we have been given on earth to reach the lost. There is an urgency because we don't know how much time we actually have on earth; it is entirely out of our control.

In any event, Jesus, the son of God, also had to make good use of his time on earth, and this is told to us in John 9:4 which says, "We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work." There is therefore an expectation that we do the same.

### 2) How do we reach the lost?

Many people are hesitant to take their first step into church because they face a social and cultural barrier. Some may feel uncomfortable because they do not know anyone, others may feel that the church in Singapore is largely a place that is for the educated and English-speaking. Rev Wee said that we therefore need to proactively reach out to these people to let them know that they will have a community that cares for them in the House of God and that everyone belongs.

Even if we are 50 years' old and beyond, we need to be activated and reach out to pre-believers in our age group. This is because different generations and demographics experience God differently, and we need to reach out to those in our group because we understand them best.

### 3) The importance of reaching out to young people

Rev Wee revealed that most churchgoers had come to know God when they were in their youth. He shared that unlike youths of the previous generation, young people today are characterised by anxiety, alienation and angst. They feel lost and are searching for answers. They cannot understand the world as it is, leading to much anxiety. While they are the most connected digitally. They experience great alienation because they are unable to form stable communities and relationships. Their world feels like a lonely place and they have much angst because they are unable to achieve what they aspire towards despite trying their hardest. What worked for the previous generation did not work for them. The church therefore needs to conceive a movement to reach these youths and lead them to the ultimate answer – that is Jesus.

Rev Wee acknowledges that this is not an easy task given the distractions that exist in this day and age, such as the internet. Given this, Rev Wee emphasised the importance of an approach that speaks to the youths of our times.

## CONCLUSION

This is a season that we cannot miss. We are writing the next page of history in our church history now. We are being presented with a line and a choice to give yet another burst for the cause is too great for us to drop the baton. In the short window that we call our lives, we should touch as many lives and turn as many lives to God as we can. It is indeed in those precious moments that we live out our finest hours.

Will you be willing to cross the line?

# QUESTIONS

1. How and by whom have you been reached before? Whether it was a seed that was planted, something that led to your conversion, or that led to a renewal of your faith. Share your experience and the importance of it in your life.

2. Who have you been led to reach out to? Who has God planted in your life, in your mind, and in your heart who calls out to you such that you know that they need a fresh taste of the goodness of God?

3. Share 1 thing you will do in the next month to be obedient to God's prompting and reach out to those He has led you to. Pray for one another about this and commit it to God.