



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	BBTC 37 th Anniversary	SPEAKER	SP Chua Seng Lee
THEME	BBTC, Our Home Church	DATE	4 & 5 November 2023

MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

In his BBTC's 37th anniversary message, SP challenged us to reflect on whether we are living lives worthy of the sacrifice Jesus made. He suggested that in order for us to live lives that are worthy, we should begin with being faithful to our ever faithful God. To do so, we should focus on three specific areas that is, how to: (i) Do the **Purpose** of God (ii) Rely on the **Power** of God and Seek the **Presence** of God.

How can we be faithful?

(1) Do the Purpose of God

To consider the Purpose of God, we should start with God's Purpose for our church. The purpose is laid out in Matt 28:18-20 where we are commanded to be faithful to His Commission. In alignment with His Commission, it is BBTC's vision as a church to be an intentional disciple-making church of priest and kings. In this regard, every BBTCian can play a part in fulfilling this commission; in helping someone to know, love and follow Jesus. This is a process that should be repeated over and over again. He shared the testimonies of two brothers who after being saved by Jesus Christ, underwent training and have gone on to serve in church.

(2) Rely on the Power of God

He reminded us that if we do the purpose of God, the Grace of God will be there. His Power will be manifested through us because God does not send us to do something without first empowering us (Matt 28:18). Start relying on God instead of our own self and we will see his Power working with us and through us. God is ready to work with us, the question that we should ask ourselves is: Are we ready? If we are, then, we should do what we need to prepare and equip ourselves and trust the results to God. SP introduced a new initiative "Can I pray for you?" to encourage us through the power of prayer, to rely on God by taking the first step to pray for others. He shared a few examples on how the power of prayer has encouraged individuals to accept the Lord as their Saviour and are now a part of God's family in BBTC. We want to make BBTC a home for the lost, lonely and least among us.

(3) Seek the Presence of God

SP also requested us to continue to press on in doing God's purpose and as we do more of that, we will see more of His manifested presence in our lives. Jesus had told us in Matt 28:20 that He will be with us always. As God's presence is manifested in our lives and in BBTC in a tangible way, even the unsaved will sense His Presence and be drawn to Him. In BBTC, we should continue to seek and host God's presence always.

CONCLUSION

As God has been faithful to BBTC for 37 years, we want to encourage one another to live lives worthy of God's calling in response to His faithfulness to us. As such, we commit our lives to **Faithfully accomplish God's Purpose, Faithfully rely on God's Power and Faithfully seek God's presence**. In all that we do, we aim to please God and build a United Home for His Glory until He comes again.

QUESTIONS

1. How did you first come to BBTC? Share your thanksgivings and how have you grown in your time at BBTC.

2. The purpose of the Church is clear in Mat 28:18-20. How have we been able to do our part in fulfilling the great commission in our lives? What are the barriers that stop us from taking the first step towards bringing someone into God's family?

3. What would relying on God's power and seeking God's presence look like personally in your life? How is God leading you to reach the lost, lonely and least in your community?