



## CELL GUIDE

**TOPIC** Reaching the Lost  
**THEME** Prepare for the Harvest

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# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## INTRODUCTION

DSP Edric Sng opened with a true story of Fanny Crosby who was a prolific hymnist, writing more than 8,000 hymns and gospel songs, including *Blessed Assurance* and *To God Be the Glory*. These hymns were written despite the difficulties that she went through. She was blind at six weeks old and lost her dad at six months. She said that she could write these hymns because she knew that she had one great gift - the Lord Jesus Christ - and she was contented. That was her story and DSP Edric encouraged us to think about our story so that we can reach out to others about our Lord Jesus Christ.

## KEY HANDLES ABOUT TELLING OUR STORY

Revelation 12:10-11 says that the Word of our testimony is powerful. Several examples from the Bible were cited:

- **Acts 3: 6-8**

First, a man who has been lame his whole life approaches Peter and John to beg from them at the temple. Peter offers something better than money: healing. He provides that healing through the name of Jesus. When Peter heals him in Jesus' name, a crowd gathers around. Peter gives witness to Jesus and tells the crowd that Jesus' authority and power healed this man.

- **Luke 7: 14-17**

Second, the story of Jesus who raises to life the only son of a widow. The people are terrified, but praise God. This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

- **Luke 8: 38-39**

Third, Jesus provides spiritual salvation and told him to "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told his story all over town.

- **Luke 17: 12-17**

Ten lepers maintain a respectful distance while begging Jesus to heal them. He sends them off to the priests. As they go, they realize they are all healed, but only one man, a Samaritan, returns to thank Jesus. Jesus praises his faith.

DSP Edric elaborated on apostle Paul's testimony in 1 Timothy 1. Paul said that the grace of our Lord was poured out on him abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom he was the worst. He had little patience, a "Pharisee of Pharisees", who intensely persecuted the followers of Jesus. However, Jesus Christ showed him mercy and he received eternal life as he believed in Jesus Christ.

With Jesus Christ, our lives are transformed from: Mess (Life without God) to Messiah (when Jesus came into the picture) to Message (How Jesus Saved us).

- God poured out His grace onto our mess, so that we can proclaim His message
- The Messiah saved us from sin so that we can tell others as we serve
- God has given each of us a story to tell, and the commission to share it

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, DSP encouraged us to be still before the Lord. The Holy Spirit will lead us to recall and write our story. It could also be an encounter with God. If one has not encountered the Lord, we can start praying to experience the reality of God. It would be ideal if we have a few versions of our story where we are ready to share.

By sharing authentic stories of faith, individuals can effectively communicate the impact of Christ and His teachings on their lives. When individuals share how their lives have been positively impacted by Christ, it adds a personal touch that resonates with listeners. This process will lead others to take the step of faith to know and eventually accept Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour.

# QUESTIONS

1. Based on the biblical examples quoted by DSP, why is it important to be bold and courageous to share our testimony of God's work in our lives?

2. Revelation 12:10-11 says that the word of our testimony is powerful. Share your story of how Jesus has transformed your life.

3. Consider the oikos whom you are meeting up over this Christmas season. Share their names and pray together with your cell group to seize every opportunity to share your story to them with boldness and courage.