



## CELL GUIDE

TOPIC The Heart of Discipleship

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# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## INTRODUCTION

Do you believe God can turn Singapore Godward?

Do you believe God **can use you** to turn Singapore Godward?

In this week's sermon, SP Chua Seng Lee revisited BBTC's vision of being an intentional Disciple-Making church of Effective Priests and Kings. He unpacked with us the Heart of Discipleship which pleases God, and on the Posture and Practice of Obedience through which we live out our Discipleship, by Faith.

## THE HEART OF DISCIPLESHIP – Teaching them to observe

To fulfil the vision of developing intentional discipleship, we need to be deliberate and purposeful. Matthew 28:18-20 tells us that it takes faith to make disciples.

It takes faith to fulfil the vision of BBTC. The righteous will live by faith.

We need to go beyond studying the bible to obeying the word of God. It is not about how much we know but how much we apply so that our lives are aligned to His word. If we want a relationship with God that is intimate and joyful, we must live by faith, to be good stewards of God's Word in our lives. We can achieve that through developing a posture and practice of obedience.

### 1) Posture of Obedience (Matthew 15:7-8)

The heart of discipleship is obedience. We must be willing to obey. Our willingness to obey will please the Lord as it is about the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God is worth it and this far outweighs everything in our lives. We need to rekindle the faith in the Lord (Romans 10:17). We need to come back to the Word and allow the Word to excite us again.

Here are three ways that can help to rekindle the fire:

- Find a community that is on fire. Listening to stories from role models of faith will challenge and inspire us to live by faith.
- Listen to encouraging and uplifting testimonies. Let us be reminded that God is at work even when we do not see it.
- Spend time with the Lord in reading His Word. Let the Holy Spirit tutor and fire us up again to be men and women of faith.

We need to be intentional about who we spend our time with so that our hearts can be shaped to have a right posture towards the Word of God.

## 2) Practice of Obedience

God appreciates our willing hearts more than empty words (Matthew 15: 7-8). God is interested in where our heart is. The heart of God for us is to obey Him.

Here are three reasons why we should practice obedience:

- To gain wisdom. In Matthew 7: 24-27, there is a contrast between wise and foolish man. When we do not obey the word, our lives will be like the foolish man, shaken by the storms of lives but if we hear and obey God like the wise man, our lives can stand through the storms. When we obey God, we will see that there is wisdom in His word.
- To experience true learning (Hebrews 5:8-10). It is only in hearing and obeying can we fully experience the word of God. If we read the bible and not obey, it is equivalent to having the knowledge but not a transformed life. If we obey the word of God, we can experience the reality of the word of God.
- Our love for God (John 14:15). If we truly love God, if we are true disciples, we will obey His Word. We will yield to His Word.

## CONCLUSION

If every one of us obeys the Word of God and disciple somebody, we can turn Singapore Godward. It is a pleasurable experience when we get involved in helping people to know God, love God and follow God. When we obey God and let God guide us, we experience the truth of God. Making disciples is a lifestyle. Let us avail ourselves and rise up in faith to allow God to use us.

# QUESTIONS

1. Do you believe God *can use you* to turn Singapore Godward? What are some areas right now in which you believe God is using you in this way?

2. SP mentioned 3 ways in which we can rekindle the fire to lead us into a posture of obedience. Which of these 3 ways have been most impactful for you? Share an experience that one of these ways have re-ignited your fire for God.

3. SP challenged us to think about whether or not our obedience to God's call has enabled us to live a transformed life. What is an area that God is calling you to obedience right now? How will you step out in faith?