



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC Who Are We?

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

SP Chua referred to Mark 3 which tells us that Jesus had appointed twelve disciples so that they might “be with Him” (v14) and that “He might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons” (v15).

This scripture passage tells us that as Jesus’ disciples, we are to establish a foundational relationship with Him; and that we have responsibility to God as Priests and Kings.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE PRIESTS AND KINGS?

1) To Be with Him

SP Chua shared that the confidence of Peter and John mentioned in Acts 4:13 did not come from their education or training, but from being with Jesus. Being with God emphasises our relationship with God. Through studying the Word, spending time in prayer and serving in worship, we can develop our relationship with God. We can also develop our relationship with God through surrendering to the Word of God daily and walking by the Spirit – which requires a lot of faith.

2) To Preach, Heal and Cast Out Demons

Being sent out to preach, heal and cast out demons emphasises on our responsibility as Priests and Kings:

The role of a Priest is to minister to God through being with Him and worshipping Him, and to minister to men with our God-given gifts. We need to remember that these gifts are not trophies, but tools from God which we need to continually depend on God to best utilise. One practical way we can minister to men is through praying for others and BBTC’s #CanIPrayForYouMovement encourages us to take the first step to be the bridge between the people around us and our ever-powerful God. Indeed, we need to let God lead us out of our comfort zones to minister to others.

If the role of a Priest is to minister, then the role of the King is to represent and exercise the divine authority of God here on Earth. One way we can do this is by removing “mountains” – the things

that block the will of God in our lives and the lives of others that we are ministering to. These “mountains” include unclean spirits (Proverbs 18:21), strongholds in our minds (2 Corinthians 10:4-5) as well as the Earth and natural elements (Mark 4:39). To remove these mountains (Mark 11:23), we can speak to them (Proverbs 18:21). Through strengthening our faith, we can continue to grow in our Kingly authority.

CONCLUSION

What will come out of us when we are squeezed? When we are stressed or tested, what will come out of us is who we are inside. Hopefully, who we are on the inside is Christlikeness.

Christlikeness is the mark of a Godly man and woman. By knowing God experientially, relationally, and intimately, we will develop Christlikeness. At BBTC, we also believe that as we mature spiritually to be more like Christ, we should also be equipped to be effective Priests and Kings for the Kingdom of God.

QUESTIONS

1. How have you been with Jesus? Share something the Lord has been revealing about Himself in your personal time with Him.

2. Who are some people in your lives whom you've recently offered to pray for? What opportunities will you seek out to pray for someone in the upcoming weeks as part of the #CanIPrayForYou Movement?

3. Is there a "mountain" that you are presently facing in your life? How can you and your cell group members remove your "mountain"?