



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	Chosen and Appointed to be Fruitful	SPEAKER	Ps Samuel Phun
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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

Jesus tells His disciples in *John 15:16*: *“You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.”*

Ps Samuel highlights that this appointment is for every believer, as the spirit of God will be poured on all people - sons, daughters, old and young, male and female servants (Joel 2:28-29). God is raising a generation of fruitfulness that extends to the next generation: the church children (Deut 6:6-7, Deut 6:24-25) and the community children (Matt 19:14, Luke 18:16, Mark 10:14).

As a church, we are called to celebrate and nurture the children in our midst. All God’s people are called to live purposeful lives and bear lasting fruit that reflects His work through us.

PERSPECTIVES FROM SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Ps Samuel emphasised practical ways to intentionally live out the calling to be fruitful, drawn from his personal encounters and teaching.

1) Honour and worship God

Every believer must first have a personal relationship with God and align with His purpose. We are called to fear the Lord, walk in all His ways, love Him, and serve Him with all our heart and soul (Deut 10:12).

2) Cultivate a heart of gratitude

A grateful heart opens the door from the physical realm to the spiritual realm. Give thanks to God, appreciate people, and be gracious to one another. Gratitude unlocks breakthroughs and strengthens our faith.

3) Live out holiness through speech and conduct

Jesus taught that it is not what enters the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out (Matt 12:33-37). Every careless word carries accountability. Believers are also called not to take the Lord’s name in vain (Exo 20:2-7) and consecrate themselves, living holy lives as God is holy (Lev 11:44).

4) Sow seeds of the gospel in the community

God has chosen us before birth to be set apart and appointed for His purposes (Jer 1:5). Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would convict the world concerning sin, righteousness and judgement (John 16:8). In Mark 4, Jesus explained that the sower sows seeds which grow in stages - the blade, the head, and the mature head. We can sow seeds by befriending people, inviting them to church and activities, demonstrating God's love. The Holy Spirit will work in their hearts at the right time. Ps Samuel encouraged perseverance in sharing the gospel, trusting God to produce the harvest.

CONCLUSION

No one can love us like God does. Our past and our circumstances do not define us. From the beginning, God has chosen and appointed us to bear lasting fruit - to share the gospel and win souls (Pro 11:30). Though there will be persecution and challenges (Mark 10:28-31), Jesus makes us more than conquerors. We are called to rise up, fulfill God's purpose, lead others to Him, and glorify Jesus in all we do.

QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to be “chosen and appointed to bear fruit” in your life today?

2. What barriers might prevent us from living a fruitful life, and how can we overcome them?

3. What does “sowing seeds” look like in your context—befriending, inviting, listening, serving?
Who in your life is God calling you to reach (family, neighbourhood, colleagues etc)?