CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	There is More	SPEAKER	SP Chua Seng Lee
THEME	The Righteousness of God	DATE	31 Oct & 1 Nov 26

MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

In the bible, the number 40 often marks the end of a season. However, the end of a season does not mean the work is done and finished. As one season closes, a new season begins. As BBTC approaches the end of its 40th year, the question before us is: What does God have for us in the new season?

As SP Seng Lee prayed about God's direction for the church, God impressed upon him a three-word phrase: "There is More". There is more of God for us to discover and experience. In the sermon, he unpacked what this means for the church and for each of us.

THREE MENTIONS OF MORE IN THE BIBLE

1. More Abundant Life

In John 10:10, Jesus proclaimed that He came so we may have life and have it more abundantly.

To understand this abundant life, it is helpful to consider two Greek words for life: Bios which refers to ordinary, everyday earthly life; and Zoe, which refers to a fuller, richer life from God. God wants us to live a Zoe life, which means more of a life that comes from God.

2. Do Far More Abundantly

Ephesians 3:20 describes what God can do as "far more abundantly beyond.." This emphasises the operational scale of "more abundant life."

The expressions "far more", "abundantly", and "beyond" all carry the meaning of "more". They emphasise the immeasurable extent of God's power and ability. What God can do is far beyond our human understanding, expectations or limitations.

SP Seng Lee reminded the congregation that the scale of more and the power of God is beyond anything on this earth, and remember that our God is bigger than all our problems.

3. How Much More

In both Matthew 7:11 and Luke 11:13, the authors wrote about how human parents give good gifts to their children and therefore, how much more our perfect Father will give to his children. While Matthew refers to God giving good gifts, Luke specifically identifies the Holy Spirit as God's gift to those who ask Him.

It reveals that the ultimate good gift that God gives us is God himself in the form of the Holy Spirit. That means more of God himself: a deeper and more personal relationship with God by walking closely with him and truly knowing God.

To start the new season well and to receive what is more, we should return to God, hold tightly to his words and seek more of Him.

CONCLUSION

SP Seng Lee called the church to respond to God's abundant gift of life with gratitude and worship, including the giving of our offerings as we enter a new season.

How we manage our finances reflects where our allegiance lies. Jesus reminds us that we cannot serve two masters — both God and money. Our giving, therefore, is an expression of our worship, gratitude and trust in God.

In 2 Samuel 24:24 and 1 Chronicles 29:14, we see David's posture of offering. David insisted on giving something that cost him, recognising that an offering to God should not simply be what is left over. At the same time, he acknowledged that everything he had ultimately came from God.

In response to God's abundant "more" in our lives, SP Seng Lee invited the church to give intentionally, sacrificially and prayerfully through our 40th Anniversary Thanksgiving Offering. This was not merely an expression of gratitude for God's faithfulness over the past 40 years, but also an opportunity to sow into the future work of BBTC as we enter a new season.

This includes making Jesus known in Bedok through initiatives such as the Carnival, as well as reaching the community in Tampines through the Love Tampines initiatives.

The funds collected will go into BBTC's General Fund for disbursement towards the church's work and ministry. Ultimately, we give not out of obligation, but because we have experienced God's abundant "more". Giving is a privilege — an act of worship through which we express our gratitude for what God has done and our faith in what He will continue to do.

QUESTIONS

1. **God promised we will have life (zoe) more abundantly. In what ways have you observed and experienced God's abundance in your own life?**

2. **The ultimate gift from God is God himself in the form of the Holy Spirit. Share a recent time where you have heard the Holy Spirit or experienced the Holy Spirit working in your life.**

3. **In what areas of our lives do we tend to give God our leftovers rather than what costs us? What barriers hold us back? What is one step of faith we can take to grow in giving as an act of worship?**