



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	Relational Evangelism & Strategic Prayers: Luke 10:5-9	SPEAKER	Brother Jeffrey Goh
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MESSAGE SUMMARY

Be an evangelist; Show your faith

Billy Graham and Reinhard Bonnke were world-renowned evangelists who spoke in front of millions. We, too, are called to be evangelists. We may not address millions of people, but we are called to share the Gospel with people within our circles of influence: our family, friends, neighbours and even colleagues. God has given us the same mission as these men! And we must not remain secretive about our Lord Jesus Christ. Brother Jeffrey shared how Jesus modelled evangelism for us in Luke 10:5-9 through the four steps: to bless people, build relationships with them, bear their burdens and, finally, to broadcast the Gospel.

It is a model that we can learn from and use.

JESUS' MODEL OF EVANGELISM

1. BLESS PEOPLE

Luke 10:5 instructs us to say: "Peace to this house" when we first enter someone's house. We are to be a blessing to people. In life, there is always opportunity for us to bless others and for them to bless us. When we bless people, they respond and warm up in their relationship with us.

2. BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

Instead of moving from house to house, we are told to stay, eat and drink whatever we are offered there (Luke 10:7). We should always share the fruit of love by demonstrating the fruits of the Spirit by showing love, care and concern for the people around us. If we desire to reach out to our *oikos*, part of relationship-building also requires us to invest time to do what they like to do (1 Cor 9:22).

3. BEAR THE BURDEN OF OTHERS

In order to win hearts for Christ, we should be there with our pre-believing loved ones, through their ups and downs in life. Luke 10:9 instructs us to be there to help them in their hour of need.

4. BROADCAST THE GOSPEL

It is only when we have blessed others, built relationships with them and borne their burdens, that we are in the position to share the Gospel to them when the opportunity presents itself. Even then, having done the above, we must still "be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." 1 Pet 3:15.

Jesus understood that in order to reach out to our relatives and friends, they must trust in us, the Messenger, before they will ever give serious hearing to the Message of the Gospel.

CONCLUSION

As we reach out and sow richly into the lives of our pre-believing neighbours, God will provide the harvest (2 Cor 9:10-14). "Faith is most often caught before it is taught" is often mentioned in the context of discipleship but Brother Jeffrey exhorts us to exercise our faith so that people around us can see and catch it. In relational evangelism, we follow Jesus' model by blessing them, building relationships with them, bearing their burdens and then finally, broadcasting the Gospel to them.

QUESTIONS

1. What does evangelism mean to you? Why do we need to evangelise?

2. Out of the four steps in Jesus' model of evangelism mentioned, identify your strengths and weakness. Share why you think this way.

3. Think of ONE person in your circle of influence whom you have been reaching out to or intending to reach out to. How can you apply the 4 steps mentioned to reach out to the person? Share ONE step that you will take this week.