



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC The Call to Mentor
THEME Mentoring Series

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

In the first of this series on mentoring, SP Chua Seng Lee addresses the critical role of mentorship within the Christian faith and emphasised that every Christian is called to both mentor and be mentored, fostering a culture of continuous spiritual development.

THE CALL AND PRACTICE OF MENTORING

1) What have you heard?

Good mentors know their mentees well – SP opened the sermon with the example of Paul knowing that Timothy was a good student and that Timothy could remember everything that Paul taught. Similar to Timothy, we also need to be a mentee that remembers what has been taught to us.

How can we remember these teachings? We remember them when we **learn it with the intention of passing it on**. Like Ezra (Ezra 7:10), he set his **heart** to study the law of the Lord and **practised** it, and **taught** His statutes and ordinances in Israel.

2) What are you to do?

We need to entrust the Word of God and pass it on to others. The teachings that Paul passed on to Timothy were:

- The Gospel of Jesus that transforms lives
- The understanding of Scripture that is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness
- The Great Commission

SP likened this to a relay race where after the first runner passes the baton on to the second runner, he passes the responsibility of finishing the race on to him. Similarly, we need to pass on the Gospel, which is sacred, over to another faithful man properly, to ensure that the faith does not end with us.

3) Who do you pass on to?

We are to pass it on to faithful and reliable men and women who will teach others. We are all products of faithful men and women who have gone before us and invested in the next generation.

A faithful and reliable person is one who is capable, accepting and willing to pass the faith on to others. They exhibit the character, commitment and conviction to see it through. However, we must make time to know these people and invest in their lives before we pass it on to them.

This principle of selection is also modelled by Jesus (Luke 6:12) where he carefully selected the 12 disciples to follow him. Importantly, these people must be willing to teach others and to continue the legacy of passing it on.

Our vision is to be an intentional disciple making church, and to do so is to help someone know Jesus, love Jesus and to follow Jesus.

CONCLUSION

SP Chua Seng Lee concludes his sermon by highlighting the lasting legacy of mentorship. By investing in others, mentors contribute to the growth and vitality of the church, ensuring that future generations are equipped to carry on the work of the gospel. He encourages all believers to heed the call to mentor, step out in faith to seek out those who need guidance and to pass on the gospel to other faithful men and women.

QUESTIONS

1. Reflect on a time when someone mentored you. How did their guidance impact your personal and spiritual growth?

2. Are you mentoring anyone currently? What are some highlights and challenges you have faced in this mentoring relationship?

If not, who is one person or group that you can pass the Word of God on to?

3. What are key qualities demonstrated by Paul and Timothy as mentor and mentoree? What specific qualities can you develop to become a more effective mentor or mentoree within the Christian community?