Weekly Cell Guide

Member's Copy

Series-Date-16-August-2020Topic-Saved by Love to LoveSpeaker-Ps Joachim Tan

WELCOME [15 min]

You may want to look up the following websites for icebreakers suitable for your cell.

Ice Breakers 1
Ice Breakers 2

WORSHIP [15 min]

You may select songs like

- 1. Hosanna
- 2. Making A Difference

BIBLE READING PLAN [10 min]

Take some time to talk about the Bible Reading Plan. The time of sharing can include the following:

- a) How's everyone's progress so far?
- b) What are some things that God has spoken to you through the various readings?

WORD [45 min]

Spiritual Objectives

At the end of the sermon discussion, cell members will:

- 1. Be reminded that we have been saved by Love to love others.
- 2. Take steps to show God's Love to those around us.

Sermon Summary

The following are the key points of the sermon:

- 1. Jesus will return one day, and we will be judged by how we love.
- 2. We are saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus, and we who are redeemed by God will manifest our faith in love and action.
- 3. Jesus identifies with the very least and calls us to do the same.

Sermon Recap (Full Summary)

Pastor Joachim shared from Matthew 25:31-46 and spoke about the imminent return of the King (v31) and the eternal, irreversible judgment that we will face (v32-33).



While it writes that we will be judged by how we love, we must be mindful that doing these acts of love is not a way of earning our salvation. We are saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus (John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9) and we who are redeemed by the Father will manifest the Father's characteristics of love. We are saved by Love to love.

Jesus intimately identifies himself with the very least (v40) when he points out that a deed of love to the poor and hurting is a deed to Christ Himself. Jesus expects us to love and care for the least and the poor among us (v34-36; v41-43)

Faith without action is dead and it is important for the Church to care and love the poor and the least significant amongst us.

Pastor Joachim shared about the first steps we can take

- a) Let us serve the poor by giving to the nations
- b) Let us be involved in #RiverLifeCares
- c) Let us ensure no one in our spiritual family is in need.

Discussion Questions

- 1. In the Bible passage (Matthew 25:31-46), Jesus intimately identifies Himself with the very least. What were the ways of love shown in the examples He mentioned? How did Jesus love them and how can we learn from His example? What is the posture of our hearts when we choose to love those around us? [15 min]
- 2. Share when you were a recipient of someone's love during a time of need, or when you had the opportunity to love someone with God's love. Relate that experience. What were the lessons you learnt from it? [15 min]
- 3. As a cell, what are some ways we can live out our faith? Also, share some ways we could come together and be involved in the RiverLifeCares initiative. [15 min]



Let's pray:

1. Response to Message

- That we will commit to develop relationships that will build us up.
- That we will embark on a lifestyle of discipleship and devotion that will sustain us throughout our life.

2. COVID-19 - Phase 2

- Pray for Christians to continue to grow and share the good news during this season.
- Pray for the recovery of our economy, locally and globally.
- Pray for the decrease of total number of infections, especially the community cases, as we continue in Phase 2.

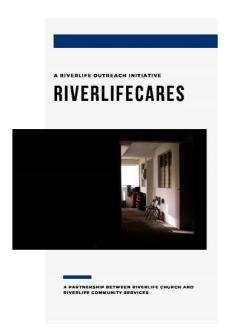
ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading Plan. You can access the latest Bible Reading Plan by visiting www.riverlifeorg.sg/brp.

2. Water Baptism Class

Sat, 5 Sep | 2pm to 5pm | Online via Zoom Register for this class at rlc.sg/baptism-class by Sun, 30 Aug. For enquiries, please contact Karen Koh at karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg. Next baptism service is on Sun, 27 Sep afternoon

3. RLCares. You can find out more about RLCares through the attached brochure.





WHAT IS RIVERLIFECARES?



RiverLifeCares (RLCares) is a partnership between RiverLife Church and RiverLife Community Services as an outreach initiative to bridge the church to the community through consistent and intentional engagement platforms. The initiative focuses on supporting low income families living in rental blocks, we seek to journey with these families through befriending and life on life journeying. The families in need will develop positive connections, experience personal change and eventually knowing Christ. These families will be able to develop life skills and experience a healthy community through the various engagement platforms of RiverLifeCares. E.g. Bless Family Programme in RCS.

RLCares seeks to involve cell groups, areas and zones to partner with one another to love the community. We hope to see RiverLife Community Services and RiverLife Church working more interdependently and cohesively together to fulfil the Great Commission as both go about identifying and serving community needs and sustaining the building of genuine relationships with these communities; winning them to Christ and nurturing them as RiverLife's new extension.



Church Vision

"A radiant disciple-making church catalysing Kingdom transformation in our communities and the nations."

Mission

We exist to make disciples who behold Christ and reveal Him.

