

Weekly Cell Guide

Member's Copy

Series - New Year Message
Topic - Seeing the Invisible (2 Cor 5:6-7)

Date - 05 Jan 2020
Speaker - Elder Andrew Goh

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. Good Good Father
 2. The More I Seek You
 3. Nothing Else
 4. Only Jesus
 5. Here I Bow
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WORD [45 min]

Spiritual Objectives

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

1. Keep their eyes on the unseen – God – and choose His ways over the ways of the world.
2. Focus on building their lives centred around Jesus and His Kingdom.

Sermon Summary

The following are the key points of the sermon:

1. For the Christian, there are two realities – the worldly (temporal) and the spiritual (eternal and permanent).
2. The eyes of faith see the invisible, which is also the permanent and true.
3. Can we see what God intends for us to see in 2020?

Sermon Recap (Full Summary)

In 2 Corinthians 5:6-7, Apostle Paul reminds us that followers of Christ must not build their lives around things that have no eternal significance.

What we see now are of this world, which are temporal and have no eternal value. Rather than pursuing the same things the world pursues, Christians should focus on the unseen realities such as our relationship with Christ, our final destination of eternal life, and the stewardship of the gifts God has given to us for the furtherance of His Kingdom. Lives built around material things and worldly lifestyles that have no eternal significance are wasted.

How do we see the invisible? Walk by faith, not by sight.

Elder Andrew urged us to see what God wants us to see. We must find out what God wants us to do with our lives in 2020. Sometimes, we overlook God's providence and guiding presence in our lives when we are so focused on our "wants". We must not fail to notice these daily showers of blessings in our lives.

The greatness of God is revealed in His creations; in nature and in us. His greatness is also in things that we do not see – His daily providence and guiding hand.

Elder Andrew shared three examples from the Bible on the invisible:

1. Hebrews 11:23-27
By faith, Moses rejected the "treasures of Egypt" and left to save God's people. He was not afraid to anger the Pharaoh for he was looking towards an eternal reward.
2. 2 Kings 6:15-17
Elisha has faith and therefore can see what his servant cannot. Pray for God to increase our faith and open our eyes so that we may see the mountain "full of horses and chariots of fire".
3. Luke 12:16-21
Do not waste your life on things which are not significant. It is futile to store up treasures for yourself on earth because it will not be yours after death.

Conclusion

Keep your eyes and heart on the things unseen as this is where eternal significance is. Find God in the ordinary and choose His ways over the world.

Discussion Questions

1. **Share one incident that turned out not as you wanted but as God intended. Can you see the reason behind God's intention?** [15 min]
2. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:6-7 again. How do you practically exercise faith in dire situations?** [15 min]
3. **Elder Andrew urges us to build our lives around what is truly important. Name one thing you would like to give up in 2020 and replace it with something that helps you focus on that which is invisible.** [15 min]

WORKS [10 min]

Let's pray:

1. RiverLifers to set our affections on God and the things above and to build our lives around it.
 2. RiverLifers to walk by faith and so open our eyes to see the unseen.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

In view of the Lunar New Year, there is only one service at 9am on Sun, 26 Jan.

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