

Weekly Cell Guide

Member's Copy

Series - Vision Week 2020 Part 2
Topic - The Church: Gathered and Scattered
(2 Corinthians 5:18-21 and John 20:21)

Date - 19-01-2020
Speaker - Pastor Ben KC Lee

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. God Is Here
2. Come Lord Jesus
3. Highest Praise

WORD [45 min]

Spiritual Objectives

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

1. Recognise that both the Sunday worship and the cell group are critical to discipleship.
2. Step up to serve in the various ministries especially the Filipino ministry, Youth congregation, Dialect congregation and Seniors ministries.

Sermon Summary

The following are the key points of the sermon:

1. RiverLife exists in two modes: We gather for worship and we scatter for mission.
3. We are to embrace the RiverLife 2020 Goal: "Every cell member a sent one."

Sermon Recap (Full Summary)

Pastor Ben reiterated the Scripture from last week's message (2 Corinthians 5:18-21) and reminded RiverLifers *who we are*: We are the called out ones; a body of believers; and a unique local expression of the larger body of Christ. Our core mandate is to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:18-20). Therefore, our church should not be measured by its seating capacity, but by its sending capacity.

He then explained *how we do that* based on Acts 2:42-47, where the early church gathered in the temple courts, as well as scattered house-to-house. The divine design of the church therefore is to - Gather for worship, and scatter for mission.

1. Gather for worship

This is where biblical instructions and impartations are given to build up the church. Examples are worship gatherings, prayer nights, church conference, equipping courses, retreats, etc. We need to see that even before God made the world, He has chosen us, and has reconciled us through Calvary, and He has always wanted to be with His people (Ephesians 1:3-5). We also need to recognise that we gather for and around Jesus Christ, and our being together is all about Him.

In light of this exaltation, Pastor Ben cautioned us against two spiritual dysfunctions:

- a. Going wherever we want, which results in little depth in our shared spiritual journey.
- b. Allowing other work to take over discipleship, which results in the lack of shepherding, nurturing and equipping of saints. We must focus on the essentials (eg. Raising disciples through cells, strengthening of community ties, teaching and equipping members, etc), and not the non-essentials (eg. Running worship concerts, participating in initiatives of other churches without evaluation, etc)

2. Scatter for mission

The basis for a church scattered is that we worship a missionary God (John 1:14) and that we are the sent ones (John 20:21). The natural outcome of a disciple-making church is seeing its members scatter for mission – locally or overseas. This is what it means to be a “sent one”.

Pastor Ben outlined the corporate goal for RiverLife in 2020: “Every cell member a sent one.”

He then challenged RiverLifers to consider stepping up to serve in the church through the various ministries, especially in these four ministries: Filipino, Youth, Dialect and Seniors Ministries. The link to sign up is <http://bit.ly/shepherdingRLC>



In conclusion, we need to know that worship without service is empty, and mission without worship is joyless. If we do not gather to worship or do not live in mission, we are not being who we truly are.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What is your personal takeaway regarding the RiverLife 2020 Goal: “Every cell member a sent one”?** [15 min]

2. **Read Acts 2:46-47. Do you find yourself emphasising Sunday morning over cell group or cell group over Sunday morning? If so, why do you find yourself emphasising one over the other?** [15 min]
3. **Pastor Ben is calling** for individuals to serve in the various ministries in the church especially in the **Filipino, Youth, Dialect and Seniors** ministries. Are you currently living as a sent one? Are you serving in any capacity in the body of Christ? Do you see yourself drawn to any of the ministries Pastor Ben mentioned? [15 min]

WORKS [10 min]

Let's pray:

For Ourselves: That we will take the RiverLife 2020 Goal seriously and grow towards being a sent one, not just for this year but always.

For Our Cell: That we will encourage one another to behold Jesus in all His glory, beauty and power, and to reveal Him to the world by our words and deeds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **In view of the Lunar New Year, there is only one service at 9am this Sun, 26 Jan.**
2. **Water Baptism Class**
Sat, 8 Feb | 9am-3pm | Faith Chapel
Register for this class at the Information Counter by Sun, 2 Feb. For enquiries, please contact Karen Koh at 6511 4139 or email her at karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg. Our next baptism service is on Sun, 29 Mar
3. **Alpha Course**
Sun, 23 Feb to 29 Mar | 2pm-4pm
The full Alpha course comprises 8 sessions. This introductory run will only have 4 sessions. Participants will be able to join in the remaining 4 sessions in May. Register online at bit.ly/rlcalpha by Sun, 9 Feb. For enquiries, please contact Karen Koh at 65114139, email her at karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg or visit our Guest Welcome Lounge on Sundays.

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.