

Weekly Cell Guide

Member's Copy

Series - Building The Future
Topic - Private Life Inspection

Date - 26-Apr-2020
Speaker - Ps Ernie Song

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. Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
2. Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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. Commit to rebuild/fortify the walls of their private lives;
2. Honestly evaluate the state of their private lives; and
3. Commit to allow God to be the King of their lives.

Sermon Summary

The following are the key points of the sermon:

1. Before rebuilding/fortifying the walls of our private lives, we need an honest evaluation of the state of our private lives.
2. This evaluation includes examining our motives to see if God is our source, if we are living for the audience of One, and if He is truly Lord over our private lives.

Sermon Recap (Full Summary)

Building the Kingdom of God requires churches to be strong. For churches to be strong, the members need to be strong. A member is only as strong as the state of his/her private world. In this sermon, Ps Ernie continues with the book study of Nehemiah.

Nehemiah 2 describes the start of the rebuilding process (of the wall in Jerusalem). How should we go about rebuilding/fortifying the walls of our private lives? We begin by honestly evaluating the state of our private lives, where only God can see, to examine if we are truly disciples of Christ. In Nehemiah 2:12, we see that Nehemiah surveyed the walls in secret. Some Christians are “approval addicts” and love to publicise in the social media when they do spiritual things. Is the focus of our devotional, cell and church life for the approval of men or do we live for the audience of One? During this COVID-19 season, more than ever, we need to heed the words of Christ in Matthew 6:6 to also carry out our spiritual acts of devotion in the secret place where no one except God can see.

Nehemiah 2:13 mentions the Pool of Siloam – one of the main water sources for the whole city drawn from the Gihon Spring. This water was important especially during a city siege. In order to fortify our private lives, we must first see where our source is from. Where are we drawing our strength and life from? Only God has the living water that can give us abundant and eternal life. We must examine our spiritual walk with God and not crave for second-hand anointing or feed on yesterday’s manna. Do we gauge our spirituality primarily by how we feel after a church service or after we serve? Are we drinking from the source, i.e., the Word of God?

Nehemiah’s last stop (in verse 14) was the King’s Pool. He needed to know if Jerusalem could still house a king. In ancient times, the king is the mediator between the people and God, setting the rules on how the people should live so that God is pleased. In 1 Timothy 2:5, we have one King and His name is Jesus. We are called to allow Jesus to be the King of our private lives, governing all our actions, especially where no one is looking. Ps Ernie used the unique practice in Japan of repairing broken pottery called Kintsugi to illustrate what God can do, if we allow Him, to make something beautiful out of the brokenness in our lives. We have broken walls. We need to surrender our lives completely to God!

Discussion Questions

- 1. At the start of the rebuilding process, Nehemiah evaluated the conditions of the ruined walls in Jerusalem. Ps Ernie encouraged us to do the same for our private lives. Share honestly whether we have sought the approval of people as our primary motivation, rather than God’s and trusted in things for our security, rather than in God. [10 min]**
- 2. In order to fortify our private world, we must first see where we are drawing our strength and life from. Share with one another how you receive spiritual inputs in your life. [15 min]**
- 3. Ephesians 1:20-21 speaks of Jesus being enthroned not only in this age but also in the one to come. Jesus is knocking on the door of your heart today. Is there any aspect of your life that you have not made Jesus the Lord of? Share and commit them to God. [15 min]**

WORKS [10 min]

Let's pray:

1. Pray for Riverlifers to rebuild/ fortify our relationship with God, and to surrender every area of our lives to Him as our King and Lord.
2. Pray for the COVID-19 situation in Singapore with the further extension of the Circuit Breaker.
3. Pray for the many around the world who are suffering due to the COVID-19 situation.

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.