Weekly Cell Guide

Member's Copy

Series - Building The Future Date - 03-May-2020

Topic - It Takes Everyone to Build the Church Speaker - Lam Zhengxin

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. Lord, I Offer My Life
- 2. Saviour King

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. Recognise that we all play a part in building the church.
- 2. Take ownership in the Body of Christ and take our place in building the church.

Sermon Summary

The following are the key points of the sermon:

- 1. It takes everyone to build the church.
- 2. Everyone must know their place in building the church.
- 3. Everyone must take their place in building the church.

Sermon Recap (Full Summary)

Zhengxin preached from Nehemiah 3 and made the following observations and applications:



1. To rebuild the walls in Jerusalem, people from all walks of life were involved – religious leaders, goldsmiths, perfumers, the ruling class, etc. Likewise, it takes everyone to build the church. God's design for the church is the 100/100 principle, i.e., 100% of people should be involved in 100% of the work. Real transformation happens when people intentionally desire each other to grow in holiness and Christlikeness. The work of discipleship is everyone's assignment and not the job of pastors alone. (See Ephesians 4:11-13 and 1 Corinthians 12)

Applications

- Build yourself up, i.e., first feed yourself spiritually.
- Build others up, i.e., encourage a devotional life in your marriage, family and cell.
- Work together to rebuild all the walls in our church today.
- 2. If it takes everyone to build the church, then everyone must know their place on the wall, e.g., the Sheep Gate was repaired by priests as it was closest to the temple. Taking ownership of the city must come before building of the wall. To the Israelites, Jerusalem meant everything to them. In the same way, we cannot help to build the church unless we are first a part of the church. When we are in a cell, it is not about getting our own needs met, but to meet the needs of others. It is being open to know others and choosing to love and encourage each other when we go through difficult times.

<u>Applications</u>

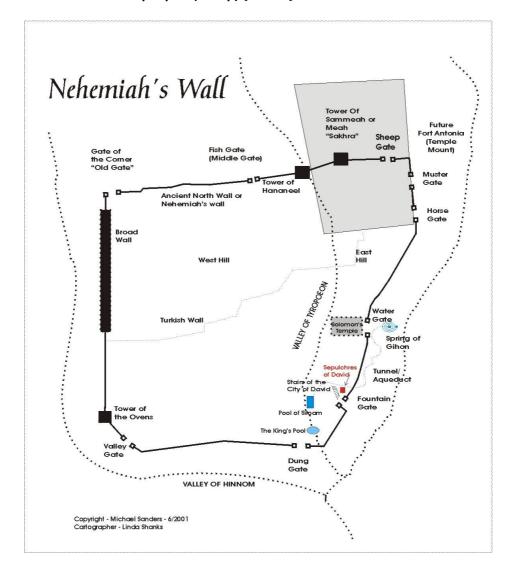
- Join a cell! Get connected to others and build one another up.
- Grow from a disciple to a disciple-maker, for we are all called to be disciple-makers (Matthew 28:19-20).
- 3. If it takes everyone to build the church, then everyone must take their place on the wall. In Nehemiah 3, people were assigned to portions of the wall where they had a vested interest in. Likewise, we are encouraged to join and participate in a church ministry where we can sow into, however big or small our contribution may seem.

Applications

- Be part of a ministry in church.
- Contribute prayerfully, physically or financially to the work of the Lord.

Discussion Questions

1. Look at the text in Nehemiah 3 and the picture of Nehemiah's wall. How many people were involved and what were their occupations (if mentioned)? What else did you notice about these people? (Recap) [10 min]



- 2. What were your experiences working in a team in a church ministry? What helped or hindered its success? (Relate, Reflect) [15 min]
- 3. Cell is a place for us to give and receive. It is also a place for us to know others whom we might not have met and to journey alongside each other in our difficulties. What are some ways you can give to your cell group? (Response) [15 min]

WORKS [10 min]

Let's pray:

- 1. **COVID-19 Situation.** Continue to pray for the COVID-19 situation especially for the foreign workers living in the dormitories. Pray for protection from the virus as well as for their basic necessities to be met during this season.
- 2. **Cell Community**. Pray for your cell community that God will make all of us builders and not spectators that we will strengthen the relationships within the cell and do what we can to strengthen the community life of our cells.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. **RiverLife Bible Reading Plan.** We just ended the second week of our Bible Reading Plan. It's not too late for you to join us. You can access the weekly Bible Reading Plans by visiting our website: https://www.riverlife.org.sg/brp.
- 2. Supporting Our Migrant Workers. Besides providing spiritual support, we can also support our migrant workers financially. This work will be done through our community arm RiverLife Community Services (RCS). As a way of caring for those who have been affected by this pandemic, we have set up the "RiverLife Cares" fund. The money raised from this fund will be channelled to those affected (which include Singaporeans and non-Singaporeans such as migrant workers) by the ongoing pandemic. You may contribute to the "RiverLife Cares" fund via PayNow, and details can be found at www.riverlife.org.sg/rlcares



"HONOUR GOD WITH EVERYTHING YOU OWN; GIVE HIM THE FIRST AND THE BEST." PROVERBS 3:9 (MSG)

Give Digitally

Here are two cashless ways to give your tithes and offering.

l. PayNow

Log in to your bank's existing mobile banking app.
Scan this QR code on the right.

2. Interbank Transfer

RiverLife Church Bank Account: DBS Autosave 029-902431-0



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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.

