



21 March 2021 | THE NATIONS MUST HEAR | ROMANS 10:10-15

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

Ice Breakers 1
Ice Breakers 2



You may select songs like

- 1. Saviour King
 - 2. Hosanna



SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

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

- 1. Commit to fulfilling the role believers play in the Great Commission to love and reach the nations for Christ
- 2. Respond in ways to sow into Kingdom work for the missions field.

SERMON SUMMARY

This message aims to highlight the importance of the role believers play in the fulfilment of the Great Commission. We live in a culture and society that does not think much about the last days. However, as believers we know that there is a final day when Jesus will come back as King and will judge the world. Are we ready when that happens?

SERMON RECAP

1. The Eternal Reality (Matthew 25:31 – 46)

- We live in a culture and society that does not think much about the last days. However, as believers we know that there is a final day when Jesus will come back as King and will judge the world. Are we ready when that happens?
- Matthew 25:31-46: "He will separate the people one from another, the sheep and the goats.."
- Pastor Joachim had a dream when he was 6 or 7, he dreamt of the judgement day. He could see familiar faces, and the silence as people awaited their turn to be judged. Despite it just being a dream, he can remember it very vividly till today.
- The main text in <u>Romans 10:10-15</u> becomes significant and urgent in the light of the eternal reality that we will all face one day. The Good News is only the Good News when it is heard on time.

2. The Unavoidable Truths

- In Romans 10:10-15, we are confronted with two absolute and unavoidable truths.
 - A: How does a person get saved?
 - B: Who is responsible to spread the good news?

A. How Does A Person Get Saved?

- For this first unavoidable but absolute truth, Paul makes it clear that there is no other way to be saved
 —to hear the Good News about Jesus Christ, to believe in the message, and to confess with your mouth
 (call on the Lord).
- "People can't be saved from their sins if they don't believe in Jesus." David Platt.
- <u>Conclusion</u>: People MUST HEAR the Good News. When unbelievers hear the Good News and believe the Good News, they will then call upon the name of the Lord.

B. Who Is Responsible To Spread The Good News?

- We (believers) are responsible to spread the Good News! We are the only ones who can preach the Gospel and spread the message about Christ. If we will not speak, go or share, they will not hear.
- In fact, if we were to look through the entire NT, we will find that the Gospel is only preached through
 us humans; we will not find any other ways! (More examples: <u>Acts 9</u> on the conversion of Saul and <u>Acts</u>
 <u>10</u>, the conversion of Cornelius God used believers to share the Good News, not angels nor any other
 means).
- "God has confined Himself to have His people to reach people." David Platt
- Believing the Gospel comes with an obligation to share the Gospel.

3. Our Heartfelt Response

A. Our Hearts Must Love The Nations.

- In <u>Romans 10:1</u>, we can see how Paul loved his fellow Jews. In <u>Romans 9:2-4</u>, Paul even hoped in anguish that he be cut off from Christ, if it meant the Jews would turn to Christ.
- Paul loved the Jews and Gentiles, to all those whom he was writing to. He loved the nations with such a
 passion.
- Do we love the nations?
 - Pastor Joachim shared his testimony about RiverLife's Burmese church partner in Hlaing Thar Yar, whose members were in dire need of emergency supplies and food during the COVID crisis in October 2020. By divine appointment, Pastor Joachim got connected with a Burmese petrol company, who partnered RiverLife to send a food truck with essential items to the Burmese church members. Even during the pandemic times, we must still love the nations.

B. Our Hearts Must Long For The Gospel to Be Preached In All Nations.

- If there is only one way to be saved, and we are the only ones who could do it, how could we do anything less?
- The Gospel to the nations, it is us or nothing. Do our hearts long for the nations to be saved?

4. Conclusion

A. Give So That The Poor Will Live.

- Give to missions as we seek to serve the poor and underprivileged through a turbulent time (pandemic and economic crisis).
- Missions QR code can be found on the E-bulletin.

B. Give So That The Lost Will Hear.

- By giving to missions, we will ensure that the Gospel message continues to reach the lost even in COVID times.
- The Gospel message continues to be shared through local outreaches (in the mission fields) and mass media (youtube, live-stream services, Facebook, etc).

C. Sign Up For #Mfh (Missions From Home).

- A brand new Missions initiative.
- The commitment period for participants will be from Jun to Dec 2021.
- If you are passionate about missions work and social issues, and desire to sow your gifts and talents into
 Kingdom work join us as a #MFH participant! You will work with like-minded RiverLifers and our mission
 partners in various nations to develop this project that will help strengthen local churches and sow seeds
 of the Gospel.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In Romans 10:10-15, we are reminded of the truths that people must hear the Good News, and believers are the only ones who can preach the Gospel to spread the message about Christ. Thinking back on your life, can you name a few people who exercised "their beautiful feet" to share the Good News of the Gospel with you? How have their obedience to God help your journey to Christ? [10 mins]

- 2. Pastor Joachim shared that the starting point for missions, is a heart that loves the nations, and a heart that longs for the Gospel to be preached to the nations. What do you think are some ways that we can grow such a heart for the nations? [15 mins]
- 3. In this season, how does missions look like when we are unable to travel? How can we still continue to go and make disciple of all nations? [15 mins]



Consider dividing the group into micro-groups for a deeper time of sharing as well as praying for the following items:

1. Sermon Application

- Pray that we will not forget our call to the mission fields during this season of COVID-19.
- Pray that God will stir within our hearts to continually support our mission partners through prayer, finances, and if possible, interactions (through Zoom, etc).

2. COVID-19

- Pray for the recovery of our country's economy during this season.
- Pray that the vaccination strategy will help eradicate the spread of the virus.



1. Bible Reading Plan. You can access our 2-Year Bible Reading Plan 2021-2022 by visiting https://rlc.sg/brp2021.

2. Alpha Online

Upcoming run starting, 15 Apr, Thursday (12 Sessions)
Register at rlc.sg/ao-reg by 5 Apr. For more information, please contact Karen Koh at karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg.

3. Joining The Family

Sat, 24 Apr | 10.30am-12.30pm | In-person at Faith Chapel (Level 2)
Sign up online at rlc.sg/jointhefam by Sun, 11 Apr. For more information, please contact Karen Koh at karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg.

4. **Missions From Home (#MFH) – A Brand New Missions Initiative.** The commitment period for participants will be from Jun to Dec 2021. In this season, how does Missions look like when we are unable to travel? How can we still continue to go and make disciple of all nations? We believe God is calling RiverLifers to sow continually and faithfully into the nations by partnering Him and adapting in the way we approach Missions.

Come discover how you can make a difference in the nations from home!

If you are passionate about missions work and social issues, and desire to sow your gifts and talents into Kingdom work – join us as a #MFH participant! You will work with like-minded RiverLifers and our mission partners in various nations to develop a project that will help strengthen local churches and sow seeds of the Gospel.

#MFH Orientation Session | Sat, 22 May | 9.30am to 11am

The session will be held online via Zoom.

Attendees will find out more about:

- The heart behind #MFH, and an overview of the initiative before signing up as a participant
- RiverLife's mission partners, their ministries and the countries that they serve

Registration for the Orientation Session is now open at rlc.sg/mfh until 30 Apr.



CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE

We are targeting to raise \$585,000 for our Missions Fund in 2021. You may continue to sow financially towards the nations through the QR code or via <u>rlc.sg/givetomissions</u>.



