





# 5 SEP 2021 | BECOMING 30 | 1 CORINTHIANS 3:10-15, MATTHEW 16:18, ACTS 11:19-26

Series: Keep Us Burning | Speaker: Pastor Ben KC Lee



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

<u>Ice Breakers 1</u> <u>Ice Breakers 2</u>



You may select songs like

- 1. Consuming Fire
  - 2. Jesus I Come



## **SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES**

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

- 1. Reflect on their (past, present and future) spiritual walk with God in RiverLife
- 2. Commit/recommit to the purposes of the RiverLife family going forward!

## **SERMON RECAP**

Ps Ben recounted that as a church, RiverLife has been building foundations for the last 30 years.

God began a shift three years ago by building and strengthening our cell groups for making disciples. When COVID-19 hit, RiverLife held strong in the cells. The pandemic has tested and revealed these foundations. Ps Ben also shared that the pandemic has also given him much time to pause and reflect, and he has learnt from God about turning his own nervous energy into prayer. His prayer was for God to close the gaps between church and community that have prevented people from drawing near to God. We are not going backward but forward to be the Church for this generation, as God's Spirit is reviving us. We need to draw our inspiration from above by looking at Jesus. 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 tells of such a spiritual foundation that we already have!

Ps Ben shared some prophetic words that were given to RiverLife in the past, giving God's assurance that He is in this with us.

- We are a family where honour, unity, holiness and love prevail.
- We are a pillar of light and fire in the eastern part of Singapore
- We are a river flowing into our nation and out into the world.

From <u>1 Timothy 2:4</u>, God reassures us from His Word that He is with us in this journey. We can claim His promise in <u>Matthew 16:18</u> that darkness will not overpower His church. We do not want to go back to the church we used to be, and we want to be the Body of Christ for this generation. Inspired by the Antioch Church in the book of <u>Acts 11:19-26</u>, Ps Ben exhorted RiverLife to emulate the early church by doing the following acts:

- It started because <u>ordinary</u> disciples witnessed to their neighbours (11:19-21)
- These <u>ordinary</u> disciples came to a complete surrender to Christ (11:23)

The breakthrough was of such a magnitude that unbelievers coined a new term for these believers – "Little Christs" or Christians (11:26). Ps Ben encouraged RiverLife to act like the Antioch Church as a "Forward Base." He shared his "Becoming 30" Prayer that "The foundation of the Antioch Church (RiverLife) has to do with the quality of Christianity experienced by ordinary members of the church."

What is our response on a personal level? Ps Ben exhorts us that going forward, down to each person, we do not want to go back to the person we used to be, but instead we want to be a better version of ourselves. Let's be the Church for this generation. In a passionate call to action, Ps Ben urged members to recommit to the purposes of our church family, and for visitors to commit to the same!

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. Read Acts 11:19-26. What do you observe about the early church in Antioch? [10 min]
- 2. When did you start coming to RiverLife? What significant moments do you recall on a personal level in your journey in RiverLife? [15 min]
- 3. Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-15. God wants RiverLife to be a family where honour, unity, holiness and love prevail. Can you think of anything that may stop you from being this kind of church? What can you do over the next month to prepare yourself to overcome such an obstacle? [15 min]



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

#### 1. Sermon Application

- For members of RiverLife to invite Lord God to renew our love afresh reaffirming our commitment, our purpose, and our calling for the church family.
- For visitors who have yet to be rooted to a spiritual family or become a member to a local church (if not RiverLife), to be firmly rooted in faith, in a cell community and in a worship congregation.
- Arise as a church family and as followers of Christ to impact the community at home, in school, at work, and in the neighbourhood.

#### 2. COVID-19 in Singapore

- The COVID-19 situation in the surrounding countries in South-East Asia and beyond to turn for the better.
- God's hand to alleviate the sufferings, and for practical help to arise and be rendered to these suffering communities.

#### 3. COVID-19 in the World

- A swift end to the COVID-19 crisis globally, especially in India and the rest of South Asia.
- Healing and comfort for those who are sick and suffering.
- Protection and guidance for healthcare professionals at the frontline, giving them wisdom, courage, and strength to confront this crisis.



- 1. Bible Reading Plan. You can access our 2-Year Bible Reading Plan 2021-2022 by visiting <a href="https://rlc.sg/brp2021">https://rlc.sg/brp2021</a>.
- 2. **Upcoming Pulpit Series Reset The Table**. 12 Sep 26 Sep. In this series, we will focus on core commitments that assist Christian families in developing healthy processes of spiritual formation and encourage them to strengthen their relational ties with one another. Sep 12 Marks of Maturity, Sep 19 Church at Home, Sep 26 Generations.
- 3. **Missions from Home**. What does Missions look like when we're unable to travel? 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. We have 104 RiverLifers who have signed up for 9 MFH teams, reaching out to India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Philippines, and Thailand. Over the next few months, they will be collaborating with our Missions Partners to develop missions projects that provide prayer support, resources and raise awareness for their ministries. We encourage all to get involved by praying, giving, or serving. Find out more about the different countries we're working with: <a href="rec.sg/mfh-serve">rlc.sg/mfh-serve</a>
- 4. **Prayer Ministry**. If you require prayer ministry for any issues you face (eg. unforgiveness, demonic oppression, etc), you can sign up for RLC's RTF ministry: <a href="https://bit.ly/rlcrtf">https://bit.ly/rlcrtf</a>
- 5. **The Behold Devotional.** As part of our anniversary celebrations, we have produced a devotional in conjunction with our recently released RiverLife album, Behold. This devotional contains stories, poems and photographs

written and taken by RiverLifers from different congregations and walks of life. We hope that this devotional will inspire you to greater intimacy with Him. The devotional is available for collection over the next few weeks at our in-person services. If you'd like to have a copy of this devotional, simply join us at our in-person services.

6. Water Baptism Class. Sat, 9 Oct | 9am to 3.30pm. In-person Session @ Faith Chapel. Our next baptism service is on Sun, 28 Nov. Register for this class at rlc.sg/baptism-class by Sun, 2 Oct. For enquiries, please contact Karen Koh at karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg.

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