

Weekly Cell Guide

Leader's Copy

Series -
Topic - Saved by Love to Love

Date - 16-August-2020
Speaker - Ps Joachim Tan

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. Hosanna
2. Making A Difference

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. Be reminded that we have been saved by Love to love others.
2. Take steps to show God's Love to those around us.

Sermon Summary

The following are the key points of the sermon:

1. Jesus will return one day, and we will be judged by how we love.
2. We are saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus, and we who are redeemed by God will manifest our faith in love and action.
3. Jesus identifies with the very least and calls us to do the same.

Sermon Recap (Full Summary)

Pastor Joachim shared from Matthew 25:31-46 and spoke about the imminent return of the King (v31) and the eternal, irreversible judgment that we will face (v32-33).

While it writes that we will be judged by how we love, we must be mindful that doing these acts of love is not a way of earning our salvation. We are saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus (John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9) and we who are redeemed by the Father will manifest the Father's characteristics of love. We are saved by Love to love.

Jesus intimately identifies himself with the very least (v40) when he points out that a deed of love to the poor and hurting is a deed to Christ Himself. Jesus expects us to love and care for the least and the poor among us (v34-36; v41-43)

Faith without action is dead and it is important for the Church to care and love the poor and the least significant amongst us.

Pastor Joachim shared about the first steps we can take

- a) Let us serve the poor by giving to the nations
- b) Let us be involved in #RiverLifeCares
- c) Let us ensure no one in our spiritual family is in need.

Discussion Questions

- 1. In the Bible passage (Matthew 25:31-46), Jesus intimately identifies Himself with the very least. What were the ways of love shown in the examples He mentioned? How did Jesus love them and how can we learn from His example? What is the posture of our hearts when we choose to love those around us? [15 min]**

Leaders' Notes

This is a recap and reflect question. Jesus loves the poor, the broken and the very least in society by meeting them at their need. Leaders can take time to ask members to prayerfully seek God to bring to mind a loved one or someone that they have not met for some time whom they can bless. What would it be like to love them and meet them at their need? Leaders can also ask members to examine their heart posture as they love those around them. Members can share about their struggles and joys in expressing love through actions.

Transition (Wrapping Up & Moving to The Next Question)

We have been saved by Love to love. Jesus meets us at our need and grants us the same privilege to love those around us. Though there are times it can be difficult, we can look to God to grant us the grace, strength and love we need to love like Him.

- 2. Share when you were a recipient of someone's love during a time of need, or when you had the opportunity to love someone with God's love. Relate that experience. What were the lessons you learnt from it? [15 min]**

Leaders' Notes

A relate and reflection question for members to reflect and share about a time when they were blessed by or had blessed others. Members can also share about experiences they may have had serving the poor and needy, be it in the local community or in overseas missions. Leaders can encourage members to share more about the experience. How did they feel when they were the recipients of someone's love and faithful acts of service? How did that inspire them in their own walk? When they were the givers, were there times of difficulty to keep loving (e.g., without outward

appreciation or reciprocal returns)? What kept them going? What did the experiences teach them (as givers or recipients) about the love of God?

Transition (Wrapping Up & Moving to The Next Question)

We have been blessed to pour out blessings. Pastor Francis Chan shared that True Faith manifests itself through love and actions. The desire to love others is a natural outflow of our faith in Christ. It is not just a command to obey, but a privilege to serve.

- 3. As a cell, what are some ways we can live out our faith? Also, share some ways we could come together and be involved in the RiverLifeCares initiative. [15 min]**

Leader's Notes

A response question. Leaders can ask members to think of ideas that they could do to bless others. It could be simple things e.g. taking time to pray for the people in the rental flats or other things (e.g. taking time to bless in practical ways and know a family. Leaders can encourage members also to serve the poor by giving to the nations and looking out for one another in our spiritual family).

Closing

This pandemic has affected all of us in different ways. However, we do not need to suffer alone and all of us can be a support and cheer during these difficult times. In these times, may we as a Church rally together, love one another and continue to turn and look to God who is faithful and true, and live out a faith that pleases Him – because He loved us when we were one of the least of these, and gives us the privilege to join in loving others like He did.

Also, invite your cell members to participate in RiverLifeCares in the coming days. You can refer to the attached brochure for more details.

WORKS [10 min]

Let's pray:

1. Response to Message

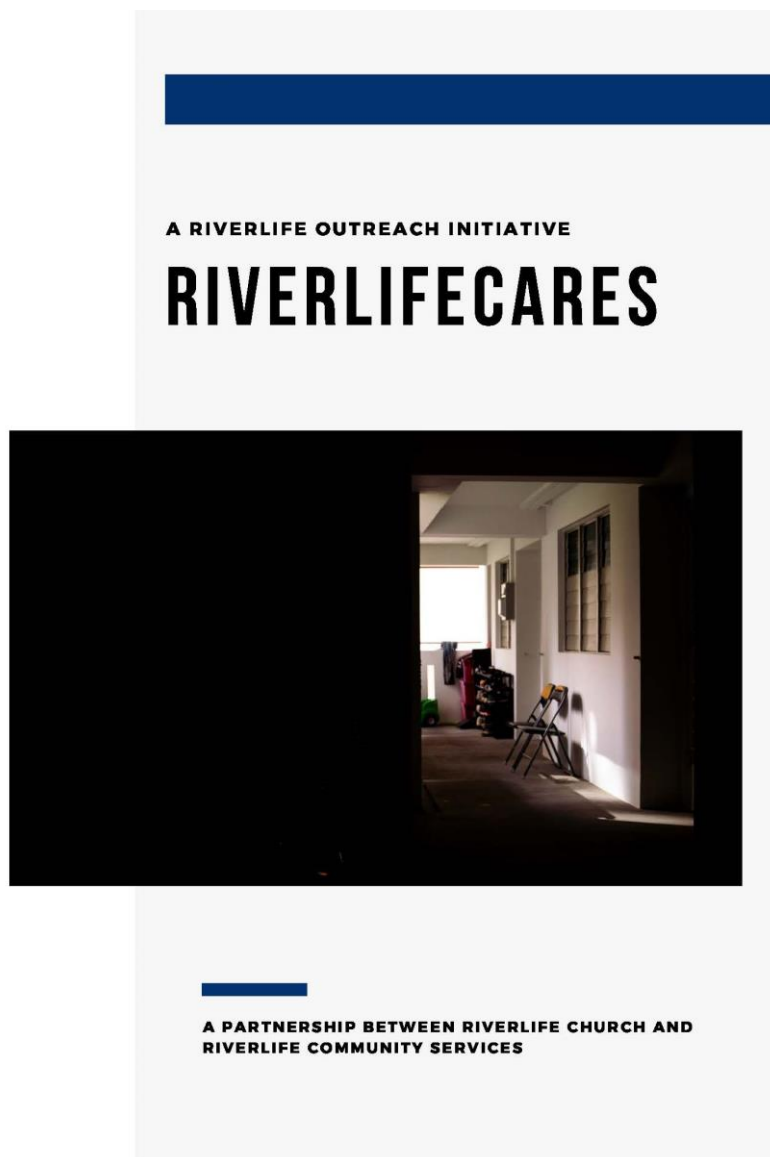
- That we will commit to develop relationships that will build us up.
- That we will embark on a lifestyle of discipleship and devotion that will sustain us throughout our life.

2. COVID-19 – Phase 2

- Pray for Christians to continue to grow and share the good news during this season.
- Pray for the recovery of our economy, locally and globally.
- Pray for the decrease of total number of infections, especially the community cases, as we continue in Phase 2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Bible Reading Plan.** You can access the latest Bible Reading Plan by visiting www.riverlife.org.sg/brp.
2. **Water Baptism Class**
Sat, 5 Sep | 2pm to 5pm | Online via Zoom
Register for this class at rlc.sg/baptism-class by Sun, 30 Aug.
For enquiries, please contact Karen Koh at karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg.
Next baptism service is on Sun, 27 Sep afternoon
3. **RLCares.** You can find out more about RLCares through the attached brochure.



WHAT IS RIVERLIFECARES?



RiverLifeCares (RLCares) is a partnership between RiverLife Church and RiverLife Community Services as an outreach initiative to bridge the church to the community through consistent and intentional engagement platforms. The initiative focuses on supporting low income families living in rental blocks, we seek to journey with these families through befriending and life on life journeying. The families in need will develop positive connections, experience personal change and eventually knowing Christ. These families will be able to develop life skills and experience a healthy community through the various engagement platforms of RiverLifeCares. E.g. Bless Family Programme in RCS.

RLCares seeks to involve cell groups, areas and zones to partner with one another to love the community. We hope to see RiverLife Community Services and RiverLife Church working more interdependently and cohesively together to fulfil the Great Commission as both go about identifying and serving community needs and sustaining the building of genuine relationships with these communities; winning them to Christ and nurturing them as RiverLife's new extension.

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

Give Digitally

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

1. 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
Bank Code: 7171
Branch Code: 029

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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.