



29 AUG 2021 | POSSESSING YOUR SPIRITUAL INHERITANCE | JOHN 15:16, GENESIS 26:18-22

Series: Keep Us Burning | Speaker: Elder Lee Ee Yang



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 the importance of possessing our spiritual inheritance
- 2. Take practical action steps to walk in step with Christ and with our faith community

SERMON RECAP

We live in times where there are many rapid developments and changes. A post Covid world would present itself with 3 megatrends:

- 1) Truth is eroding we see fake news and deception
- 2) People are becoming increasingly polarized relationships are breaking down
- 3) People are going to be left behind people experiencing displacement in their work due to technology advancements.

Elder Ee Yang shared that it is important for us to be certain of our spiritual inheritance and possess it (John 15:16).

Let us consider what Isaac did to fully possess his spiritual inheritance:

- 1. Isaac had a holy discontentment (v 18)
 - Isaac dug again the wells that Abraham had dug and gave them the same names. The wells had been stopped by the Philistines with earth.
 - Isaac was already wealthy at that time and had a great household (v 14). He was not looking at something material but had a holy discontent.
 - Wells represent access to water, spiritual life and outpouring of God's presence Isaac wanted possession of the presence of God.
 - In the same way, RiverLife has been blessed with God's outpouring and there is a spiritual inheritance for the next generation to possess. Let us be focused on living the life God has for us one of purpose, fruitfulness, purity and obedience to God.
- 2. Isaac persevered in the midst of unholy oppression (v 19-21)
 - Isaac's servants dug up wells twice, but the Philistines disputed and took over the first two wells.
 - The enemy comes to steal and destroy and has an agenda to take away our destiny in Christ.
 - When Isaac faced unholy oppression, he took time to focus on the deeper issues and sought the presence of God.
 - We need to allow God to work through the deeper issues in our life. It will take courage and perseverance but it is worth the reward.
- 3. Isaac enjoyed a God given victory (v 22)
 - Isaac managed to dig the last well and named it Rehoboth God had given them room and they would flourish in the land.
 - As we have our holy discontentment and persevere with God through the spiritual issues in our lives, we will find that we are able to access the spiritual waters deposited by God and He will give us room to flourish
 - Like the imagery of the tent in <u>Isaiah 54:2</u>, we build secure foundations by 1) managing an intimate relationship with God and 2) Anchoring ourselves in godly community.

Elder Ee Yang also shared about his own personal experiences and exhorted the Church to be consecrated, to come before God in reverence and honesty, to make our lives right before Him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Elder Ee Yang shared about the importance of believers owning and possessing their spiritual inheritance. What is the difference between the two? As a cell, take time to consider if you are possessing your spiritual inheritance.

Leader's Notes

This is a recap and reflect question. The purpose of this question is to examine the attitudes and beliefs we carry as we journey towards possessing our spiritual inheritance in Christ. How would it look like? Is it similar / different from our current lifestyle? If we are possessing our spiritual inheritance, how can we continue to sustain it? Leaders can also mention the https://distriction.org/ presented in the post COVID world and ask members to reflect its impacts on us, and to also consider how we can continue to journey towards possessing our spiritual inheritance in the midst of these trends.

Transition

We often live life knowing that we are Christians, but struggle to remember and possess the spiritual inheritance we have in Christ.

2. In <u>Genesis 26</u>, Elder Ee Yang shared about 3 pointers about Isaac went through to repossess his inheritance. Is there any pointer where you currently find yourself in a similar situation where Isaac was? Share your experience with the cell.

Leader's Notes

This is a recap and relate question for members to consider. Leaders can ask members to identify where they are at and to share with the cell their struggles and/or any encouragements that have kept them going. Leaders can encourage members that whichever stage members are in, it is a place for them to grow deeper in intimacy with God.

- Isaac had a holy discontent For us as a Church to be single minded in our pursuit of God
- Isaac faced unholy opposition For us as a church to allow God to do His refining work in us when we go through difficult times
- Isaac enjoyed a God given victory For us as a church to build secure foundations to hold what He has blessed us with.

Transition

God was with Isaac every step of the way and Isaac was also open to God's leading and moulding.

3. As God enlarges our tents, it is important to keep our foundations secure by maintaining our intimacy with God and anchoring ourselves in godly community. How can we as individuals continue to grow in this aspect? How can we as a cell support one another?

Leader's Notes

A response question for members to reflect on their walk with Christ and the Church. If leaders wish, they can also ask members to share experiences of how they regained their intimacy with Christ or a time they were struggling with community but managed to be rooted in one again. Members can also take time to consider how they can support other members in their walk with God and community.

Closing

Through the lesson of Isaac, we are reminded to take hold of the spiritual inheritance God has for us. There will be difficulties in the process, but let us take heart that God will never leave us and He will also continue His good work in us as we seek Him and journey with godly community.



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 God to reignite our hearts with a holy discontentment for Him.
- For us to persevere on through the tough times and allow God to do his refining work in us, for His glory
- To thank God for the God given victories in our lives.
- For strength and love to grow in intimacy with Him and to love His Church

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 https://rlc.sg/brp2021.
- 2. **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: rlc.sg/mfh-serve
- 3. **RCS.** Our RiverLife Cares initiative will continue with food distribution on the following dates: 11 Sep (Tampines Street 45, Blk 492E and 492F), 26 Sep, Sun (Tampines Street 44, Blk 466). If you are interested in joining the team to distribute food, do email the RCS team at rlcares@rcs.org.sg.
- 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: https://bit.ly/rlcrtf
- 5. **Alpha Online**. 2 Sep to 20 Nov. 12 Sessions. Thursday zoom sessions (8.00pm 9.30pm): 2, 9, 16, 23 Sep | 7, 14, 28 Oct | 11 Nov Sunday in-person sessions: 2, 23 Oct | 20 Nov. Sign up online at rlc.sg/ao-reg by Tues, 17 Aug. For more information, please contact Karen Koh at karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg.
- 6. **The Behold Album.** The RiverLife Worship team has launched a new album titled 'Behold'. Listen to the album and access chords and lyrics for the songs: rlc.sg/thebeholdalbum
- 7. **Water Baptism Class**. Sat, 9 Oct | 9am to 3.30pm. In-person Session @ Faith Chapel. Our next baptism service is on Sat, 28 Oct. 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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