



# WEEKLY CELL GUIDE

**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

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## WELCOME

[15 MINS]

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

[Ice Breakers 1](#)

[Ice Breakers 2](#)

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## WORSHIP

[15 MINS]

You may select songs like

1. Consuming Fire
  2. Jesus I Come
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## WORD

[45 MINS]

### 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 [1 Timothy 2:4](#), God reassures us from His Word that He is with us in this journey. We can claim His promise in [Matthew 16:18](#) 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 [Acts 11:19-26](#), Ps Ben exhorted RiverLife to emulate the early church by doing the following acts:

- It started because ordinary disciples witnessed to their neighbours (11:19-21)
- These ordinary 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]

### Leader's Notes

This is an ice-breaker question. Arising from the stoning of Stephen ([Acts 7](#)), a severe persecution began against the church in Jerusalem (verse 19) leading to the scattering of God's people as far away as Antioch. When a crisis happens, as Christ's followers, do we discern what God is doing and how His hand is moving? Through the current pandemic crisis gripping the world over, can we as a spiritual community deliberate, pray and discern how God is at work?

God's Word was spread to Jews and Greeks (verses 19-20) and many heard the good news about the Lord Jesus. We also see from verse 21 that “the Lord's hand was with them.” From this, we can see that virtually every move made by the church at Antioch (and in fact, the early church throughout the book of Acts) is prompted and guided by the Holy Spirit.

Resource: [Commentary on Acts 11:19-27 and 13:1-3 by Ms Elisabeth Johnson from Lutheran Institute of Theology.](#)

### Transition

Like the Antioch church in the Acts 11:19-26, a nameless and faceless generation in RiverLife is poised to have a breakthrough by completely surrendering to Christ and impacting the community by witnessing to our neighbours.

- 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]**

### Leader's Notes

This is a recap and relate question for members to share. Leaders can ask members to trace back their spiritual journeys during their time with RiverLife, perhaps focusing on how the church has helped with their spiritual formation and growth all these years. For those members who are newer to RiverLife, they can share on when and how they first came to the church. For newcomers, leaders can prompt them to share their experiences in RiverLife and what would encourage them in their spiritual journeys.

### Transition

RiverLife is more than just a building or a place to congregate and meet. It is a community of believers who is after God's heart. Let us aspire to be a church that is completely surrendered to Christ!

- 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]**

### Leader's Notes

A reflect and response question for members to think about the gap between the current situation in RiverLife as experienced by ordinary members and what Ps Ben exhorts the church to be. Apart from what the church leadership and other RiverLifers are already doing, leaders can encourage members to think what they can individually do to contribute to spiritual transformation in the church. What can we commit to do to foster greater honour, unity, holiness and love in the church family? How can we encourage one another on this journey?

### Closing

Leaders can invite members/visitors to commit/recommit to the purposes of the RiverLife family and to pray for the Holy Spirit to revive us going forward!



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.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

[5 MINS]

1. **Bible Reading Plan.** You can access our 2-Year Bible Reading Plan 2021-2022 by visiting <https://rlc.sg/brp2021>.
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: [rlc.sg/mfh](http://rlc.sg/mfh). Join a MFH team: [rlc.sg/mfh-serve](http://rlc.sg/mfh-serve)
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. **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](http://rlc.sg/baptism-class) by Sun, 2 Oct. For enquiries, please contact Karen Koh at [karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg](mailto:karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg).

## ONLINE GIVING TO RIVERLIFE CHURCH

Contribute your tithes and offering digitally:

### 1. PayNow

Log in to your bank's existing mobile banking app. Scan this QR code on the right OR enter UEN No. 200100806D.

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Bank Code: 7171 / Branch Code: 029



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