



## 18 SEP 2022 | PASTOR LIONEL GOH LET'S BE GENEROUS PEOPLE | VARIOUS PASSAGES

### SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

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

- Desire to be generous individuals
- Step out in faith to be the church in these times by helping to meet the need of those going through the global hunger crisis and recession

### SERMON SUMMARY

God has been so generous to us by giving us abundant resources in life and sacrificing His Son for our redemption. He expects us to be generous to others too. As we are generous to others, God promises to bless us abundantly.

1. God is So Generous to Us ([Psalms 104:13-14, John 3:16](#))
2. God Desires that We be Generous Too ([Proverbs 19:17](#))
3. The Blessings of Generosity
  - a) Generosity Makes God Smile ([2 Corinthians 9:6-7](#))
  - b) Generosity Draws Us Closer to God ([Matthew 6:19-21](#))
  - c) Generosity Stretches Our Faith ([Mark 12:41-44, Malachi 3:10-11](#))
  - d) Generosity Attracts God's Favour ([Proverbs 3:9-10, Psalm 41:1-3](#))
  - e) Generosity Stores Up Our Eternal Treasures ([Luke 12:23, 1 Timothy 6:17-19](#))
4. We need to step out in faith and into a journey of generosity so that the church can play a role in today's global hunger crisis and recession. ([Acts 11:27-30, Matthew 10:42, 1 John 3:16-18](#))


### SERMON RECAP

Ps. Lionel began by speaking on how God has been so generous to us. God has blessed us abundantly by providing for our daily needs. He has also taken the ultimate step of generosity by sending His Son to die on the cross for our sins.

As such, God desires us to be like Him. He desires us to imitate His generosity in how we live our lives each day in this world.

As we step out to be generous individuals in this world, God's blessings will follow after us. His blessings is not the motivation for us to be generous. However, His blessings are benefits that we inevitably will inherit when choose to be generous.

These blessings include:

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- a) Generosity Makes God Smile ([2 Corinthians 9:6-7](#))
  - b) Generosity Draws Us Closer to God ([Matthew 6:19-21](#))
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The world today is going through recession and many countries are encountering recession. As a church, what should our response toward this situation be? The church should step out to be generous giver so that those in these nations, especially our brothers and sisters in Christ, will be taken care of in these times. We must not be a reservoir that hoards the blessings God has poured out on us as a nation. We must be a river that allows God's blessings to flow through us into the nations.

Ps. Lionel ended his message by challenging us to give to the fund RLC has set up to help those impacted by global hunger.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Christians are able to be generous because God is first generous to us. How has God been generous to you in your life? Share with the cell your experience of God's generosity.**

### Leader's Notes

This is a reflect question. Encourage your members to recall and share their experience of God's generosity in their lives. This can include God's financial providence, God's provision for your children, etc.

*Resource: [How Generous Is Your God](#) by Paul David Tripp*

### Transition

Remembering how God has been generous to us enables us to be generous to those around us.


2. **Hypothetically, what do you think will happen in the world today if Christians become hoarders of God's blessings?**

### Leader's Notes

This is a reflect question. The point of this question is to help the church to see the impact of our generosity. Without our generosity, the poor and needy will suffer. Children, will grow up in a cycle of poverty and debt. Worse of all, the church will be no different from the world – hoarders of wealth.

### Transition

Therefore, it is critical that every Christian be generous givers and not hoarders of God's blessings.

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3. **Being generous is something that we need to intentionally incorporate into the way we live. Therefore:**
- How can you intentionally incorporate generosity into your weekly/monthly/yearly spending habits?**
  - How can you as a cell be intentionally generous to the community and to the nations?**

#### Leader's Notes

This is a response question.

Part A is a response question for individuals to intentionally incorporate generosity in their spending habits. This can include setting aside an amount each month to give to the poor/need, to donate a sum of money to an organisation/missionary in need, to devote some time and resources each month to serve the poor and needy, etc.

Part B is a response question for the cell as a whole. Ps. Lionel shared about the global hunger and recession crisis in the world today. Challenge your cell to do something together to help those who are in need in other nations. Specifically, as a cell, you can choose to participate in giving to our mission partners who are in need.

#### Closing

More often than not, God uses us to be His hands and feet to love and care for those who are in need. While the world teaches us to live for ourselves (YOLO), Scripture challenges us to be others-centred through our generosity. May we as a church always be generous in the way we live so that those who are in need will be able to receive God's love through our acts of generosity.

## **PRAYER**

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 for us to deny ourselves and take up our crosses to be generous to those around us, especially those who are poor and needy.
- Pray for us as a church to go against the spirit of the age (YOLO – You only live once), and to shine our light as generous givers.

### **2. COVID-19 in Singapore**

- Pray for God's protection especially from the Omicron variant.
- Pray that the community cases will be low.

### **3. World**

- A swift end to the COVID-19 crisis globally, if not a reduction in cases in third world nations, and a stable environment where humans and virus coexist.
- Pray for peace especially in areas of conflict (Ukraine) and potential conflict – China & Taiwan.




#### 4. Opportunities for Outreach

- Ask the Lord to grant you opportunities to reach out to a non-believing loved one, friend, or colleague this week as we seek to mature in Christlikeness.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Digital Bulletin: [rlc.sg/bulletin](http://rlc.sg/bulletin)

1. **Updated Safe Management Measure.** Mask wearing for indoor worship services and religious classes is now optional. All worshippers and performers can sing and play instruments without wearing masks. For services involving more than 500 persons (excluding religious workers, performers and supporting workers), worshippers must be fully vaccinated (present vaccination status upon entry).
2. **Water Baptism Class. 1 Oct, 9am – 3.30pm. Faith Chapel.** Registration: [rlc.sg/baptism-class](http://rlc.sg/baptism-class) (Closing Date: 25 Sep)
3. **Alpha @ RiverLife. 20 Aug – 29 Oct.** Alpha is a series of interactive sessions to explore the basics of the Christian faith. Each session includes a short video and a discussion at the end where you can ask anything or share your thoughts. Sign up online: [rlc.sg/join-alpha](http://rlc.sg/join-alpha).
4. **RiverLife Missions Upcoming Trips.** Signup: [rlc.sg/signupformissions](http://rlc.sg/signupformissions).
  - Arise and Shine Church Pastors & Leaders Conference. Pangasinan, North Philippines. 9-14 November. Cost: \$800.
  - Encounter Camp & Revival Rallies, Asansol, India. 30 Sep – 6 Oct. \$1200.
5. **Call for Musicians and Vocalists.** The Worship & Music ministry is on the lookout for musicians and vocalists – keyboardist, electric guitarist, bassist, drummer and singers. If you are interested, you can sign up at [rlc.sg/serve](http://rlc.sg/serve). Do note that an audition will be required before joining the ministry.
6. **Call for SuperLife Volunteers.** If you have a heart for children and a desire to disciple them in their spiritual journey, come be a part of the SuperLife team. Sign up at [rlc.sg/serve](http://rlc.sg/serve). Immediate needs:
  - *SuperLife Primary Teacher* (Serve twice a month. Facilitate small group discussions after each Bible lesson, connect and pray with the children, be involved in SuperLife Ministry events, etc.)
  - *Special Needs Chaperone.* (Serve twice a month. Provided 1-1 support to children with special needs and help facilitate an inclusive environment between children with and without special needs.)
7. **F&B Related Ministries Recruitment.** We're looking for RiverLifers who love connecting with new people and enjoy cooking and serving. Team members will serve once a month. For more details Karen Koh (Welcome Lounge) at [karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg](mailto:karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg) and Jonathan Cho (The Café and Volunteers Corner) at [jonathancho@riverlife.org.sg](mailto:jonathancho@riverlife.org.sg).
8. **Technical & Production (TAP) Ministry Recruitment.** The TAP ministry comprises five teams – audio, graphics, lighting, sound and video – and they all work as one in partnership with the Holy Spirit to support an atmosphere that



allows the congregation to encounter God. We are now opening up recruitment for this ministry. If you desire to take the next step in your walk with God through starting to serve, we invite you to sign up to explore serving in one of the five TAP teams. You may sign up online at [rlc.sg/serve](http://rlc.sg/serve) or refer to our [digital bulletin](#) for more details.

9. **RiverLife Community Services (RCS).** In 2021, RCS focused on providing relief to families who were badly affected by the pandemic. We believe that in this season, God is calling RCS to build loving families and strong communities. Listed below are opportunities where you can serve or give to RCS:
  - You can serve as a volunteer in one of our programmes to befriend and build relationships with children, youth, mothers and lower-income families. Find out more here: [rlc.sg/rcs2022](http://rlc.sg/rcs2022).
  - You can sow by contributing financially too. Your giving will go into initiatives such as grocery distributions and various programmes that will help our beneficiaries build resilience and break free from the poverty cycle. Find out more by writing to RCS at [office@rcs.org.sg](mailto:office@rcs.org.sg).
  - RCS is also looking to partner with organizations (donations of essential items – toiletries, wearables, etc). To find out more, write to us at [volunteer@rcs.org.sg](mailto:volunteer@rcs.org.sg).
  - RCS is looking for 20 Food Collection Helper/Driver that is able to help with the loading/unloading of fresh food items at blocks where we are reaching out to. **Commitment:** Minimally once a month for 6 months, Saturdays, 12-4pm. Contact: [rlcares@rcs.org.sg](mailto:rlcares@rcs.org.sg).
10. **RiverLife Podcast.** The RiverLife Podcast allows you to listen to RiverLife content anytime, anywhere! The link to go to is [rlc.sg/podcast](http://rlc.sg/podcast) or simply search '**The RiverLife Podcast**' on Spotify.
11. **Spiritual Growth Resources.** We have put together a curated list of recommended resources for the RiverLife family. These resources (books, articles, podcasts and videos) are recommendations for the various spiritual growth stages as you seek to grow deeper in the River of God this year. You can access them at [rlc.sg/resource](http://rlc.sg/resource). This list will be continually populated throughout the year.
12. **Cradle Roll.** Our Cradle Roll is open from 9am to 10.30am every Sunday for children 24 months and below. *NO booking of tickets is required.*
13. **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>
14. **Bible Reading Plan.** You can access our 2-Year Bible Reading Plan 2021-2022 by visiting: <https://rlc.sg/brp2021>.
15. **Testimony.** If you have a testimony to share, you can write to us at [stories@riverlife.org.sg](mailto:stories@riverlife.org.sg) to share with us your testimony as an encouragement to others.



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