



## 27 NOV 2022 | ELDER LEE EE YANG WHEN THE SPIRIT FLOWS | EZEKIEL 47:8-12

### SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

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

1. Recognise the signs that will come when the Spirit flows.
2. Get ready and participate fully in the spiritual harvest.
3. Commit to be immersed in the Spirit and allow the Holy Spirit to take us wherever He desires.

### SERMON SUMMARY

Continuing in the series “The Harvest is Here”, Elder Ee Yang unpacks for us the Holy Spirit’s role in the spiritual harvest. [Ezekiel 47:8-12](#) describes the spiritual harvest when the Spirit is flowing in the midst of God’s people.

When the Spirit flows, whatever is dead becomes alive. Not only we become alive with the living water, we start to give life to the people around us – [John 7:37-49](#). Our posture is important. We need to be in the River, not the Dead Sea, not the reservoir. There is no flow in the Dead Sea.

When the Spirit flows, what is empty becomes filled – conversions of those formerly outside the faith increase dramatically and a spiritual revival takes place. Elder Ee Yang encourages us to persevere in reaching out to our pre-believing family members, even Christian brothers and sisters who have backslidden in the faith.

When the Spirit flows, barrenness turns into fruitfulness. [Revelation 22:1-2](#) speaks of the tree of life. We can bear twelve crops of fruit, yielding fruit every month and bringing healing to the nations. When we are filled with the Spirit of God, our doing becomes fruitful.

We need to immerse ourselves in the River and allow the River to take us wherever the Spirit desires!



## SERMON RECAP

Continuing in the series “The Harvest is Here”, Elder Ee Yang unpacks for us the Holy Spirit’s role in the spiritual harvest. A spiritual harvest is a celebration of abundant life, blessings and fruitfulness through a relationship with Jesus – see [John 10:10](#).

[Ezekiel 47](#) gives a prophetic picture of the millennial kingdom – a harvest – when Jesus comes back again and rules for a thousand years. [Ezekiel 47:8-12](#) describes the spiritual harvest when the Spirit is flowing in the midst of God’s people.

**When the Spirit flows, whatever is dead becomes alive.** Not only we become alive with the living water, we start to give life to the people around us – [John 7:37-49](#). When we are filled with the Spirit, life oozes out of us. We start to impart life to the people around us, lighting up our surroundings. Hope, love and faith follows this life of the Spirit – see [2 Corinthians 3:6](#). Our posture is important. We need to be in the River, not the Dead Sea, not the reservoir. There is no flow in the Dead Sea.

Elder Ee Yang shares the pastoral concern about a mindset that seeps into the church post-pandemic, whereby (a) Sunday is relative, (b) online service is relative, and (c) community is relative. The RiverLife Church values of ROOTED, FAMILY, DISCIPLE-MAKING, SERVANTHOOD and SENT are undermined. Elder Ee Yang says that the church is meant to be:

- A learning and praying assembly
- A miracle – happening assembly
- A loving and serving assembly
- A worshipping and praising assembly
- An evangelising assembly.

He appeals to and encourages the church family to return to onsite physical services as God is doing amazing things in our church!

**When the Spirit flows, what is empty becomes filled** – conversions of those formerly outside the faith increase dramatically and a spiritual revival takes place. As in Iain Murray’s teaching on true revival, we can expect “an outpouring of the Holy Spirit resulting in a new degree of life in the churches and a widespread movement of grace among the unconverted. It is an extraordinary communication of the Spirit of God, a superabundance of the Spirit’s operations, an enlargement of His manifest power.” Elder Ee Yang encourages us to persevere in reaching out to our pre-believing family members, even Christian brothers and sisters who have backslidden in the faith.

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We need to immerse ourselves in the River - Ankle, knee, waist, chest... we find ourselves swimming in the River. We allow the River to take us wherever the Spirit desires. We need to participate in what the Holy Spirit is doing in our church!



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Elder Ee Yang shares the concern that post-pandemic, coming together physically for Sunday service has become not a priority or commitment for some in the church. Is this a challenge that you are facing? Why is it important to gather regularly?

### Leader's Notes

This is a reflect and relate question for members to share on importance of gathering physically and regularly as a church, as a spiritual community. When we do so, we experience Jesus' presence in special ways – see [Matthew 18:20](#) and [Hebrews 10:25](#). Worshipping personally is important but worshipping as a community and as a body of Christ is also an important spiritual practice. Digital or virtual church cannot ever replace the physical church as we all need hugs, embraces, encouragement, comfort, carrying one another's burdens – these, we can only do at a deeper and meaningful level if we meet physically. As a cell, let us encourage one another to return to onsite physical services and regular meetings in the cell setting.

Resource: [Why Attending Church is So Important by Matt Brown](#)  
[Five Benefits of Corporate Worship by David Mathis](#)

### Transition

As we commit to gather regularly as a spiritual community, let us meditate on what the Spirit desires to do in our midst. When the Spirit flows, what is empty becomes filled!

2. Read [Ezekiel 47:9-10](#). God desires for people to be saved. Who are you praying for to be saved or to return to God's family? What are practical steps you personally or as a Cell take to reach out?


### Leader's Notes

This is a response question to prayerfully consider who we need to reach out to save or to bring back to the spiritual community. [Ezekiel 47:1-12](#) speaks of a River of life. It is not through our own strength or cleverness that souls would be saved. We must be connected to the source, the Holy Spirit. We need to be obedient to God's calling and work with the flow of the Spirit. Share with the Cell on the challenges and pray together on the practical steps that we can take to reach out! Who do we need to invite for the December outreaching services?

### Transition

It is God's heart to send us the harvest of souls. His heart is for His many lost children to come home. Let's sow into the harvest!

Other than reaching out for unsaved loved ones, Elder Ee Yang invites RiverLifers to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

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3. Elder Ee Yang declares that when the Spirit flows, barrenness turns into fruitfulness. He invites RiverLifers to immerse ourselves in the River – see [Revelation 22:1-2](#) – and allow the River to take us wherever the Spirit desires. What is the Holy Spirit impressing on your heart and mind to do in this season?

#### Leader's Notes

This is a response question for members to share about what the Holy Spirit is calling (or nudging) us to do in this season. Elder Ee Yang shared on these from the pulpit for covering in prayers:

- Physical healing
- Trying to conceive
- Loss of job
- Marital problems.

Leaders can ask for members to share on their struggles in these (or other) areas. The cell can then break into twos or threes to pray more specifically for God's divine intervention.

#### Closing

God's promise is for fruitfulness. When our current reality falls far short, our response is to immerse ourselves in the River and allow the River to take us wherever the Spirit desires. See [Psalm 126:5-6](#). Are we ready to sow (in tears) and trust God for the new season when we will reap with joy?

## **WORKS**

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 that we become alive in the Spirit and start giving this life to those around us.
- Pray that we persevere in reaching out to our pre-believing family members, even Christian brothers and sisters who have backslidden in the faith.
- Pray that God blesses our doing so that we can be fruitful in Christ!

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

- Praise the Lord for the removal of the vaccinated-differentiated measures.
- Pray for God's protection in the midst of a high number of community cases.
- Pray for protection against reinfection and the ill effects that it may bring.

### **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. **Advent Devotionals.** A four-week daily devotional written by our own RiverLifers to help you reflect on Christ and His presence in your life as we celebrate His birth. Each week will centre around one of the four descriptions of Jesus found in Isaiah 9:6. Link: [rlc.sg/advent](http://rlc.sg/advent).
2. **9M Ministry.** The 9M Ministry provides prayer support for expectant mothers on their 9-month journey of pregnancy. Sisters-in-Christ who are fellow RiverLifers are assigned as Prayer Buddies to walk alongside mums who sign up to receive prayer support.
  - Receive Prayer Support: [rlc.sg/9m](http://rlc.sg/9m)
  - Provide Prayer Support: [rlc.sg/serve](http://rlc.sg/serve)
3. **Nov-Dec Church Calendar**
  - 03 Dec, 4.30pm – RL Cares Community Outreach
  - 17 Dec, 2.30pm – RL Cares Community Outreach
  - 04 – 25 Dec – Christmas Evangelistic Services (with concurrent Children's Services)
4. **Global Hunger Fund.** This fund will go towards RLC's mission partners to help their local churches and communities gain access to food amid soaring costs. Refer to the [Digital Bulletin](#) for more details.
  - a. **Moo-Ping Pre-Order from now till 1 Dec.** All proceeds from this special pre-order for frozen Moo Ping (Thai-Style Pork Skewers) will go towards our Global Hunger Fund. Collection: 11 Dec, 10.30am-12.30pm. Pre-Order Link: [rlc.sg/moopingorder](http://rlc.sg/moopingorder)
5. **RiverLife Cares Opportunities.** Sign up to serve at <http://rlc.sg/serve-rlcares>
6. **RiverLife Kindergarten**
  - RLK has vacancies for Chinese Teachers. If you wish to apply, please send your resume to Mrs Tan Oi Leng ([oileng@riverlifekindergarten.org.sg](mailto:oileng@riverlifekindergarten.org.sg)).
7. **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.
8. **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:

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- *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.)
9. **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).
10. **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](https://rlc.sg/serve) or refer to our [digital bulletin](#) for more details.
11. **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](https://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).
12. **RiverLife Podcast.** The RiverLife Podcast allows you to listen to RiverLife content anytime, anywhere! The link to go to is [rlc.sg/podcast](https://rlc.sg/podcast) or simply search '**The RiverLife Podcast**' on Spotify.
13. **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](https://rlc.sg/resource). This list will be continually populated throughout the year.

14. **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.*
15. **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>
16. **Bible Reading Plan.** You can access our 2-Year Bible Reading Plan 2021-2022 by visiting: <https://rlc.sg/brp2021>.
17. **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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