

DATE: 19 FEB 2023 | SPEAKER: PS BEN KC LEE | TOPIC: A SENT PEOPLE
SCRIPTURE: [LUKE 10:1-9](#)

SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

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

1. Be encouraged to pray for spiritual harvesters;
2. Identify our person or persons of peace; and
3. Learn to be courageous to share the Gospel relationally.

SERMON SUMMARY

In this third sermon of the series “A River Flowing Outwards”, Ps Ben shared that many of us have the heart to share the Gospel but do not know what to do; we desire to see people come to Christ but do not know what part we can play.

Ps Ben encouraged RiverLifers to have a sense of mission, like the early disciples when they were sent out to tell the story about Jesus. He reminded us that:

1. We are sent by Jesus to represent Him relationally to the least, the lonely and the lost.
2. Harvesting involves working with God and the people He has already prepared to hear from us about Jesus.

We are to apply Ps Ben’s sermon in the following ways:

1. Pray for spiritual harvesters
2. Identify our person or persons of peace
3. Share the Gospel relationally

SERMON RECAP

Ps Ben began his message by recapping the recent sermons in the series. He reminded RiverLifers to be anchored in God and in the community, being awakened in our commission and being audacious to step out of our comfort zone. God’s presence will then flow in our lives and through us to solve the problems in our society. We are to be the salt to the society which is decaying and decomposing. As a church, we need to rise up in faith to be God’s change agent.

Ps Ben went on to describe having a mixed feelings of guilt and anxiety when we do not share the Gospel with whom we would want to. We all want to share the Gospel but we do not know how to. We want to see our family and friends come to know Jesus but we are not sure of our part in the process.

The sermon title, “A Sent People” is one of RiverLife’s core values. In Luke 9, Jesus sent out 12 disciples. In Luke 10, He sent out 72. In the Great Commission, He is sending out all of us. Our calling is to be a disciple, who makes disciples, who makes disciples. Jesus models for us in Luke 10 what we should do when we move into an environment where there are no or very few Christians.

Jesus is the One who sends us out (Luke 10:1). In John 20:21, God the Father sent His Son Jesus to deliver His message. Before He ascended to heaven, Jesus sent us to those who are not yet reconciled to the Father. But we are not going out on our own; we are representing the Son, with the Holy Spirit, to share the Gospel relationally to the least, the lonely and the lost. This is our Great Commission. Jesus sends us out two by two, through the buddy system.

The principles in Luke 10 that apply to us today are:

1. We need to intercede and pray for more disciples. (Luke 10:2)

- God has gone ahead of us to prepare the hearts of people to hear the story of His Son, hence the harvest is plentiful and ripe.
- In this First Step, we observe that:
 - the vision of the plentiful harvest. (v2a)
 - the need for harvesters. (v2b)
 - the command to pray for more harvesters (v2c)
- We are to pray for God:
 - To raise up and send people to join the harvest:
 - Our prayer is powerful and necessary.
 - We are gifted and equipped to respond to prayers for harvesters.
 - To lead us to go on missions (Acts 1:4-5):
 - God is refreshing our services, our times of worship, our response to God’s Word, and a hunger arising for God Himself.
 - As we encounter His nearness, we will feel His heartbeat.
 - God is calling us to go out and bring the other children home.
 - We are to go forth after we have been filled with power from On High. Any mission and evangelistic initiative that is saturated with prayer and led by the Holy Spirit will have impact.
 - Mission is about seeing the Cross, and in the process compelled by the love of God to share His goodness with others.
 - To work big things:
 - That God will do something special in our lives in 2023. To expect the unexpected.
 - That God will open more hearts to believe the Gospel (Acts 16:14).
 - That we reach people far away from God. Because evangelism is the only one thing we cannot do in heaven.
 - That as we pray, our burden for the lost will grow even deeper.

2. We are to go out to make disciples.

(a) *Go out* (Luke 10:3-4):

- We are to be like lambs among wolves.
- There is urgency.
- We are to go out depending on God’s provision.
- When we go out, we are to be saturated with prayer and led by the Holy Spirit.
- Someone has to be sent for another to hear and then believe (Romans 10:14-15).
- We who have experienced and tasted the goodness of Jesus must go out to people who need Him.

(b) *Find a person of peace* (Luke 10:5-8):

- We bring peace to every environment we go into so as to mend the broken Shalom in the world.
- Look for the person of peace as we go into new places (Luke 10:6).
- Once we find that person of peace, do not move until we have shared the Gospel.
- A person of peace is a seeker, someone whom God has already prepared in their hearts to hear the Gospel. He/she:
 - will welcomes us
 - is open to what you we have to say about Jesus
 - is open to the life that we live because of Jesus
 - serves or supports us in some way
- Question: Who is **your** person of peace? Are we praying and searching for this person?

(c) *Share the Gospel* (Luke 10:9):

- We proclaim the Gospel in what we do and what we say.
- Healing is an expression of the Kingdom and a proclamation of the Kingdom message.
- We meet felt needs (v9a) as well as real needs (v.9b).
- Share our story by starting with our own brokenness and failures, and then share how Jesus has helped us and how we have experienced the goodness of God.
- Offer to pray for them to show that we love them.
- As we do this, we are building relationships.
- Tell them that the Kingdom of God is near, through faith in Jesus.
- How do we prepare to share the Gospel:
 - Write a one-page testimony to share in one minute.
 - Share with our family, relatives, friends, colleagues, classmates, and neighbours.
- Our part is to share the story and God's part is to transform hearts.
- Our role is not to convert but to communicate. It is the Holy Spirit's role to convert.
- Evangelism is all about sharing the Gospel, empowered the Holy Spirit.
- Every conversation is an opportunity to remember how Jesus is the fulfilment of everything that we want from life.
- We are sent by Jesus to bring good news to the least, the lonely and the lost (Isaiah 52:7).

In conclusion, Ps Ben asked RiverLifers the following two questions:

1. Will we pray for harvesters (who may be ourselves) to rise up and to proclaim the Gospel to those who are waiting to hear the Gospel?
2. Are we willing to labour in the harvest field?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Ps Ben preached that every Christian must have a sense of mission to go out and share the Gospel with people who have yet to receive Christ. How are you embracing this mission? How can you shake off apathy and develop a burden to pray for the harvest?
2. Ps Ben mentioned in his sermon that a person of peace is one whom God has prepared to hear about Jesus. Take a moment to pray and ask God individually who in your life are people of peace. Share with the cell group if there's any one God has placed on your mind, and pray for one another.
3. Ps Ben said that we proclaim the Gospel in what we do and what we say. How is the kingdom of God evident in your life? How will you prepare yourself to share the Gospel when God gives you an opportunity to do so?

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

- That God will help us in “forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, and pressing on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called us heavenward in Christ Jesus.” ([Philippians 3:13-14](#))
- That we will remember “we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God had prepared in advance for us to do.” ([Ephesians 2:10](#))

2. World

- Pray for those affected by the aftermath of the Turkey-Syria earthquake.
- Pray for those affected by the aftermath of the Cyclone Gabrielle in New Zealand.
- 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.

3. Opportunities for Outreach

- Ask the Lord to bless us as we step out to reach a pre-believer.
- 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

1. **Joining the Family. Sat, 11 Mar, 10.30am-12.30pm, Faith Chapel.** These sessions will teach about God’s heart for the Church and His call for us to identify with a local body of believers. One will discover how to take ownership of RiverLife's mission, vision and values. We will also share with you the application process to become a member of our RiverLife family. Registration

Link: rlc.sg/jointhefam by Sun, 5 Mar. For enquiries, please contact Karen Koh at karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg.

Workshop: Hearing God's Voice by Rev Pat Owyang. This workshop seeks to activate the prophetic experience of hearing God's voice in your life, training you to discern His voice and to speak forth what you hear for the benefit of others (1 Corinthians 14:3). Over four sessions, you will be introduced to multi-sensory experiences of interacting with God's voice. As you engage with the activation exercises, you will discover the joy of receiving His words with increasing confidence, clarity and accuracy. *All sessions will be held in Worship Centre.*

Fri, 17 Mar | 8-10pm Session 1: Introduction to the Prophetic
Sun, 19 Mar | 11am-1pm Session 2: Look to See (Visual Experience)
Fri, 24 Mar | 8-10pm Session 3: Listen to Hear (Acoustic Experience)
Sun, 26 Mar | 11am-1pm Session 4: Sense to Feel (Perceptive Experience)

2. Vision Series – A River Flowing Outwards.

- 05 FEB – A Different Spirit
- 12 FEB – Being God's Change Agent
- 19 FEB – A Sent People
- 26 FEB – No More Excuses

3. Church Calendar Highlights

- *Quarter 1*
 - Vision 2023 Sermon Series: 5 -26 Feb
 - Bible Equipping - Exodus: 4 & 5 Feb, 11 & 12 Feb
 - Equipping – “Engaging the Holy Spirit” Workshop: 17 & 19 Mar, 24 & 26 Mar
 - Cells Prayer Night #1: 31 Mar
- *Quarter 2*
 - Easter Evangelistic Services: 8-9 Apr
 - Bible Equipping – Acts: 26 & 28 May, 2 & 4 Jun
 - Children's Camp: 8-10 Jun
 - Youth Camp: 15-18 Jun
 - Cell Revival Nights (Fridays): 2 – 30 Jun
- *Quarter 3*
 - Young Adult Camp: 7-9 Jul
 - 32nd Anniversary Weekend: 26-27 Aug
 - Bible Equipping – Leviticus: 15 & 17, 22 & 24 Sep
 - Cells Prayer Night #2: 29 Sep
- *Quarter 4*
 - Equipping Series: 17 & 19, 24 & 26 Nov
 - Christmas Outreach: Dec
 - Cells Prayer Night #3: 29 Dec

4. Alpha Course. 11 Feb – 29 Apr. Sign Up Link: rlc.sg/join-alpha.

5. RiverLife Prayer Meetings.

- **RLC Prayer Room.** Tue, 8-9.30pm, Victory Chapel. (Online: rlc.sg/rpr-watch)
- **Wed Night Prayer Meeting.** Wed, 8pm – 9.30pm, Victory Chapel.

6. RiverLife Kindergarten Recruitment. RLK is recruiting for the following roles. Link: oileng@riverlifekindergarten.org.sg. Refer to the e-Bulletin for more details.

- Chinese Teacher
- Teacher Assistant

7. **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
 - Provide Prayer Support: rlc.sg/serve
8. **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.
9. **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. 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.)
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 or refer to our digital bulletin for more details.
11. **Bible Reading Plan.** The church has provided 3 undated Bible Reading plans that will serve as a resource for those who wish to follow a Bible Reading plan. Link: rlc.sg/brp
 - 2 Year Chronological Bible Reading Plan.
 - 3 Year Bible Reading Schedule (Alternating readings between Old and New Testament passages)
 - Redemptive Historical Bible Reading Plan (At your own pace, focusing on the redemption story)
12. **RiverLife Podcast.** The RiverLife Podcast allows you to listen to RiverLife content anytime, anywhere! The link to go to is 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. 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. **Testimony.** If you have a testimony to share, you can write to us at stories@riverlife.org.sg to share with us your testimony as an encouragement to others.
17. **Stay Connected with RLC.** Follow us to stay updated on latest church news and happenings.
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