

# CHRISTMAS IS COMING

## CELL DISCUSSION GUIDE

Leader's Copy



### SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

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

1. Desire to guard their speech and words towards others.
2. Be intentional to align their speech with God's word in their daily lives.

### SERMON SUMMARY

This Christmas outreach message is evangelistic in nature. It's about the miracle & gift of Christmas. A promised fulfilled and a Gift given. We can receive the most Miraculous Gift that is "too good to be true" this Christmas by believing in God's Word and by our spoken confession of His word.

### SERMON RECAP

Ps. Ken preached about the miracle and gift of Christmas. Christmas is about the Good News of the promised eternal Gift of God (1 Peter 1:18-20) being fulfilled. Life and Death is in the spoken words of our tongue. Our speech determines and control our lives. It is by our words we will be justified, and by our words we will be condemned. By our belief in God's Word and by our spoken confession of His Word, we can receive the most miraculous gift that's "too good to be true" for this Christmas.

- God spoke the world into being. Mankind fell and was "scammed" by the words of Satan. God sent His "WORD" Jesus to redeems us and to restore all that we were made and destined for. God is not a man so He does not lie (Numbers 23:19). His promises are "too good and it is true".

### *Sermon Details*

Date

17 Dec 2023

Topic

Too Good to be True

Scripture

Mark 4:35-41

Speaker

Ps. Ken Teo



- We are made in the image of God and our spoken words have creative power of Life and Death ([Proverbs 18:21](#)). For by our words we will be justified, and by our words we will be condemned. ([Matthew 12:36-37](#))
- When we align our speech with God's Word, we can have all that God says we can have. His promises are yes and Amen! ([2 Corinthians 1:20](#))

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The tongue has the power of life and death ([Proverbs 18:21](#)). Share from your own life journey how the words spoken by you and others to you have affected your life.

### *Leader's Notes*

*All of us have had words spoken to us by others that left an impact on our lives. This is a question to illustrate the power of the tongue, and for members to share how the words spoken to them and by them have affected their life, and the people around them.*

### *Transition*

*Our words affect our lives and others. James 1:26 says that "Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless." Loving others start with being mindful of our speech to others.*

2. "I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned." – **Matthew 12:36-37**. How can we be more careful and intentional in our daily speech to our loved ones, friends, and the people around us?

### *Leader's Notes*

*This is a response question. "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." – **Matthew 12:34**. What we speak comes out of what is in our heart and mind. Leaders can encourage members to share practical ways and routines to renew their mind with the Word of God by taking time to read, confess and align with God's Word daily.*

### *Transition*

*We will all need to give an account for every careless word we speak. Let's be intentional in guarding our speech and speak words that give life to those around us.*

3. Discuss with your small group how we can help each other to guard our speeches.

### *Leader's Notes*

*This is a practical application question. The key starting point for this question is for cell members to a) accept correction, and b) to be willing to offer feedback when one's speech is not edifying. When we humble ourselves and allow others to "correct" us, we grow more Christlike in our speech.*

### *Closing*

*Our words do reveal the condition of our hearts. Therefore, let us be watchful with our words and allow God to sanctify our lips each and every day.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

## 1. Christmas Is Coming!

This December, gather with us in God's presence and receive His gift of love at our Christmas services!

### a. English Adult Christmas Services

Sundays | 10, 17, 24 Dec

9-11am | Worship Centre (Level 3)

There will be prayer for healing on Sun, 17 & 24 Dec. Do invite anyone who needs a healing touch from God.

More info: [rlc.sg/christmas2023](https://rlc.sg/christmas2023)

### b. Celebration @ Atrium

A time for the RiverLife family to celebrate and connect with newcomers and one another over light refreshments!

## 2. New Year's Eve Services.

### a. English Adult New Year's Eve Service

9am | Worship Centre (Level 3)

Let's all gather on the morning of 31 Dec in our 'Make Us One' t-shirts! If you do not already have one, you may wish to purchase the t-shirt at our Christmas Gift Market on Sundays, 10 & 17 Dec at \$5 each. While stocks last.

### b. Bilingual Watchnight Service

From 9pm | Victory Chapel (Level 1). Combined with Chinese Ministry and conducted in English & Mandarin

Session 1: 9pm to 12.30am

Supper: 12.30am to 1.30am

Session 2: 1.30am to 6am

We will come together as a spiritual family to enter the new year in the Lord's presence with worship and prayer. Feel free to bring your sleeping bags for resting!

# CALENDAR



## 1. YA Gatherings (For Young Adults in their 20s).

First Saturday Every Month, 5pm-8.30pm Victory Chapel (Level 1). The YA Gathering is a space where young adults can get together to connect and build community. This gathering is made up of two components – Community Conversations & Communal Dinner – both with a focus on relationship building and life conversations. If you are currently in a cell, register your attendance with your cell leader. If you are currently not in a cell, do register online: [rlc.sg/YAgathering-apr-reg](http://rlc.sg/YAgathering-apr-reg).

## 2. RiverLife Prayer Meetings.

- RiverLife Prayer Room. Tue, 8-9.30pm, Victory Chapel.
- RiverLife Revive Nights. Wed, 8pm – 9.30pm, Victory Chapel (Livestream: [rlc.sg/revivenights](http://rlc.sg/revivenights)).

# MINISTRIES & OPPORTUNITIES



## 1. The 9M Ministry.

This 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)

## 2. Missions Microsite.

Discover how you can go, give and pray for the nations. Let's make a difference in the nations together! For more information, visit [rlc.sg/missions](http://rlc.sg/missions).

## 3. RiverLife Cares Opportunities.

Enquiries/Registration: <http://rlc.sg/serve-rlcar>

## 4. Prayer Ministry.

If you require prayer ministry for any issues you face (eg. fear, worry, etc), you can sign up for RLC's RTF ministry: <https://bit.ly/rlcrtf>

# MINISTRIES & OPPORTUNITIES



## 1. 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](http://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)

## 2. 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.

## 3. 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.

## 4. 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.

## 5. Stay Connected with RLC.

Follow us to stay updated on latest church news and happenings.

- WhatsApp Broadcast: [Subscribe Here](#)
- Telegram Channel: [t.me/RiverLifeChurch](https://t.me/RiverLifeChurch)
- Facebook & Instagram: [@riverlifechurchsg](#)

# GIVING LINKS & QR CODES



## Online Giving for Tithes & Offering

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. 200100806DSCB.

### 2. Interbank Transfer

RiverLife Church Bank Account: DBS Autosave 029-902431-0  
Bank Code: 7171 / Branch Code: 029



## Online Giving to Missions

Donate digitally:

### 1. PayNow

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

### 2. Interbank Transfer

UOB Account 450-309634-4  
Kindly indicate "Missions" in your transaction reference.



## Online Giving to RiverLife Community Services

### 1. PayNow

Log in to your bank's existing mobile banking app. Scan this QR code on the right OR enter UEN No. 200711586WDON

