

Series - On Your Mark!

Date/s - 6 May 2018

Topic - Trusting the Messiah

Speaker/s - Pastor Ben KC Lee

Welcome [15 min]

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

www.thesource4ym.com/games/

www.christianitytoday.com/smallgroups/articles/icebreakersbeyond.html < go to LEAD, click on ICEBREAKERS >

Worship [15 min]

You may select songs like “Our God”, “Spirit Break Out”, “Came To My Rescue” or “How Great Thou Art”.

Spiritual Objectives

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

1. Commit to share the Gospel in the authority and sufficiency of Christ.
2. Trust God to provide the means to do mighty things for Him.
3. Rest in the God who is never out of sight, out of reach, or out of care.

Word [45 min]

Drawing insights from Mark 6:7-13 and 30-56, Pastor Ben shared the keys to “Trusting the Messiah.” He reminded us to put the full weight of our faith in **Jesus** (translated from Hebrew: *The God Who Saves*) **The Christ** (Greek: *The Anointed One*).

In these selected passages in Mark chapter 6, Jesus focuses on teaching His disciples, not the crowd. He uses three stories with three different dimensions of “trust” to encourage and challenge their (and therefore *our*) faith. For trust to be seen, it requires action. Trusting the Messiah then means giving ourselves completely to:

1. The God who Sends (vv.7-13) – Jesus sends the disciples out

In His sending, **three promises** are given:

- a. We have authority from Christ to share the Gospel (v.7). See also 2 Corinthians 3:5.
- b. We have sufficiency in Christ to share the Gospel (vv.8-11).
- c. We can trust God to do mighty things through us (vv.12-13).

2. The God who Provides (vv.30-44) – Jesus feeds the five thousand

In His sovereignty, **three assurances** are given:

- a. God has compassion on all people (vv.30-34).
- b. When God asks us to do something, He will empower us to do it (vv.35-38).
- c. With God, we can do anything (vv.39-44). See also Psalm 145:16 and Psalm 132:12.

3. The God of the Waves (vv.45-56) – Jesus walks on water

In the storms of our life, **three certainties** are given :

- a. We are never out of God's sight (vv.45-48a).
- b. We are never out of God's reach (vv.48b-50). See also Isaiah 43:1-2.
- c. We are never out of God's care (vv.51-56).

Pastor Ben ended his sermon with a promise from the Old Testament for New Testament saints – *that's us!*

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you
and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

Discussion Questions

1. **Pastor Ben related a story of a man travelling by air for the first time. He did not put his full weight on his seat for fear that the plane will drop. How about you? Have you placed your full weight of your faith on the Cross? Have you fully surrendered your whole life to Jesus so that He can then enter you into His perfect plan and destiny for your life?** [15 min]

2. **Read Mark 6:7-13. Pastor Ben said that evangelism is a merciful and prophetic act. As part of the Great Commission which Jesus entrusted to us, it is our duty – and delight – to bring others to the Kingdom. In sharing the Gospel, it is normal to encounter both hospitality and hostility. What is your personal experience in sharing the Good News with others? If you have not shared the Gospel yet, why not?** [15 min]

3. **Read Mark 6:45-56 and Jeremiah 29:11. The story of Jesus walking on water reassures us that we are never out of His sight, His reach, or His care. Likewise, the well-known verse in the book of Jeremiah gives us comfort and confidence in God's plan to "prosper" us and give us "hope and a future." What do you think this verse is saying? Are you experiencing God's promises as given in this verse? If not, how will you respond?** [15 min]

Works [10 min]

Let's pray:

1. All RiverLifers will surrender their lives, their plans and their hopes to Jesus, and trust in the Messiah alone.

Announcements**1. A FORUM ON THE THEOLOGY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Panel: Senior Pastor Lionel Goh, Pastor Ben KC Lee & Pastor Vincent Lun

Sun, 20 May | 2pm-3.30pm | Victory Chapel

Sign up online at bit.ly/rlc-20may-forum or at the Information Counter by Thu, 17 May.

You may purchase lunch coupons at \$5 each at the Information Counter.

For enquiries, please contact Pastor Ernie Song at erniesong@riverlife.org.sg.**2. WATER BAPTISM CLASS**

Sat, 2 Jun | 9am-3pm | Faith Chapel

Register for this class at the Information Counter by Sun, 27 May. For enquiries, please contact Clara Tan at 65114160 or email her at claratan@riverlife.org.sg.**Church Vision Statement:**

"A vibrant family where sons and daughters mature and reveal the Father's glory from generation to generation."