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Date/s - 25 August 2019

Topic - Divine Shifts

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 “Build My Life”, “Christ Is Enough” or “Jesus At The Centre”.

Spiritual Objectives

At the end of the cell discussion, cell members will be open to the shifts God is making in the church as well as in their individual lives.

Word [45 min]

This sermon was given on RiverLife’s 28th Anniversary. This is a Word in Season given by Ps. Ben to the church.

Introduction

- We cannot become what we need to become by remaining where we are. Therefore, God needs to shift us as a church and as individuals.
- Divine Shifts are evident throughout the Bible such as in the lives of David, Moses and Saul.
- Shifts in the physical often reflect the shifts in the supernatural.

1. God Knows How To Shift Things Around (Isaiah 43:19)

- God shifted the Israelites out of Egypt.
- Out of seasons of turmoil and pain in RLC, God did a new work and established the Bartley Family of Churches. This is His divine shift.
- In this season, God is shifting us again to return to the heart of discipleship within the cells.
- God knows what He is doing and this is our assurance when He shifts things around.

2. God’s Ability To Shift Us Is Greater Than Our Failure And Lack (Philippians 1:6)

- As individuals and as a church, we all have setbacks, hurts, failures and disappointments. We must allow God to shift us out of the regret of these disappointments and hurts if we want to flow with God’s divine shifts.
- We must submit ourselves to God’s transformation work personally, spiritually and professionally.
- What God started, He will bring it to completion until the day of Christ. (Phil. 1:6)

3. God Is Shifting Us Into Position (Philippians 4:13)

- God’s shifting is purposeful – it’s to position us to be ready for seasons of tribulations (esp. for His return).
- Sometimes, a divine shift looks like chaos, setbacks and even defeat. This is when we must not panic because He is shifting us into position.

- We must allow God to shift us into position – to build stronger marriages, to build healthier cells and families, etc. It is only then that we can be ready for His return and the tribulations that will follow.

Conclusion

- Life with God requires changes.
- We need to make a spiritual shift – to personalize our commitment to the church (e.g., this is my church, not just my parent’s church).
- We need to make a mental shift – renew our minds, and to let go of old mindsets for the season ahead.
- We need to make an emotional shift – to move towards emotional health / to let go of anything (anger, hurts, withdrawal because of hard truths) that can create distance between us and our cell/church communities. We must move towards investing emotionally in our marriages, families and cells.

Discussion Questions

1. **Share with the group your RiverLife story. How did you end up in RiverLife and what are some of the most significant experiences/events you have participated in?** [15 min]

2. **Read Isaiah 43:19. Ps. Ben shared that God is in the process of divinely shifting us into position. What are some shifts that you have/are experiencing in your life in this season? What are some shifts God is challenging you to make in this season? What are some obstacles you experience towards these shifts?** [15 min]

3. **What is one shift you can make in order to help RLC fulfill its calling as a river of life into this nation and the nations abroad?** [15 min]

Works [10 min]

Let’s pray:

1. Every RiverLifer will be open to the shifts God is doing in their lives and in the church.

Announcement

1 Marriage Preparation Course

8, 15, 22, 29 Sep & 6 Oct (Sundays, 1.45pm-5pm) and 12 Oct (Sat, 9am-5pm)

\$260 Per Couple | Faith Chapel, RiverLife Church

Register at the Information Counter by Sun, 1 Sep. For enquiries, please contact Christine Tan at

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Church Vision:

“A radiant disciple-making church catalysing Kingdom transformation in our communities and the nations.”

Mission:

We exist to make disciples who behold Christ and reveal Him.