

Weekly Cell Guide

Member's Copy

Series - A Counter-Cultural Life **Date** - 08-Nov-2020
Topic - The Church of One Another (1 Peter 4:1-11) **Speaker** - Lam Zheng Xin

WELCOME [15 min]

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

[Ice Breakers 1](#)

[Ice Breakers 2](#)

WORSHIP [15 min]

You may select songs like

1. Spirit Touch Your Church
 2. Goodness of God
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WORD [45 min]

Spiritual Objectives

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

1. Renew our focus on love as the most important thing for Christian community;
2. Practice hospitality in practical ways; and
3. Commit to serve one another in the church.

Sermon Summary

As members of RiverLife Church, we should:

1. Love one another deeply because love covers a multitude of sins;
2. Offer hospitality to one another and be intentional to those who need friendship; and
3. Serve one another.

The church community is built up when we become others-centred and when we use our God-given gifts to serve one another. In this way, we can learn and grow as Christ's disciples.

Sermon Recap (Full Summary)

Zheng Xin continues with the sermon series on 1 Peter, which has the key theme on Christian holiness and living amid suffering. We are to carry the same attitude of Christ, which is to live for the will of God, even if it means having to go through suffering and persecution. How should we treat one another in the church community?

1. Love One Another Deeply Because Love Covers A Multitude Of Sins (v 8)

We are all imperfect and will hurt or offend one another. In the church community, we can have diverse backgrounds, preferences and perspectives. Relationships are susceptible to

strain or even destruction because of one wrong word or one wrong action if we do not have love as the starting point. We are all, without exception, in need of grace from one another. Love covers a multitude of sins – it is the most important thing if we are to do the further two exhortations well. Therefore, we must learn to forgive and seek reconciliation.

2. Offer Hospitality To One Another And Be Intentional To Those Who Need Friendship (v 9)

At the heart of offering hospitality is being others-centred, instead of being self-interested. Hospitality is an expression of our love for others. Zheng Xin challenges RiverLife Church to be a place where people can find friends. Many people desire deep friendships, but such relationships require intentionality. We can find someone in need of friendship and be intentional in reaching out and going deep.

Do we allow people to know who we truly are? Relationship is the primary context in which discipleship happens. Hospitality is the gateway into relational discipleship and helping one another to mature in Christ.

3. Serve One Another (v 10-11)

The call is for each of us to serve one another. Serving is saying that the most important person in the church is not me, but the person beside me. Serving is an important part of our Christian discipleship. Each of us has a role and responsibility in the body of Christ, that is, the Church. With love for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, we can build up the church – this church of “one another”!

We cannot fully live out our Christian faith if we are not serving the body of Christ. We must not have an individualistic faith – just exclusively between God and me. The church community is built up when we become others-centred and when we use our God-given gifts to serve one another. In this way, we can learn and grow as Christ’s disciples.

Discussion Questions

- 1. 1 Peter 4:8 tells us to love each other deeply because love covers over a multitude of sins. This is key to having good relationships with others in the church and beyond. Is there a relationship in your life right now that would benefit from putting this into practice? [10 min]**

- 2. Teaching from 1 Peter 4:9, Zheng Xin speaks of hospitality as intentional friendship with others, especially strangers and those in need of friendship. Hebrews 13:2 implores “Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.” How can we be more hospitable as an individual, a Cell and/or a church? [15 min]**

3. **Read 1 Peter 4:10-11.** It talks of putting God-given gifts into practice so that you can serve others. Share any encouragement or kind acts you have experienced from a cell member or inside the church. Share also practical ways we can serve one another in the cell group and/or within the church community in the next one month. [15 min]
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WORKS [10 min]

Let's pray:

1. Pray that we will:
 - Be connected as a church and serving one another
 - Forgiving and showing grace to one another in the church and cell group
 - Be intentional in loving those who need friendship and be hospitable to one another.
2. Pray for the pilot partial resumption of in-person gatherings
 - We continue to support and encourage one another in our church community through physical and virtual gatherings as we adjust to the new changes
 - Wisdom for the leadership and staff to implement safe management measures and other changes for the in-person gatherings.

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.