

Series - Missions Weekend #2

Date/s - 28 February 2016

Topic - Impacting Nations

Speaker/s - Pastor Joachim Tan

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 related to being missional and kingdom-minded.

Spiritual Objectives

Note: This being part 2 of Missions Week, there is no change to the spiritual objectives.

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

1. Identify with the missions objectives of the Church
2. Understand the kairos moment of God in missions and partner with the Holy Spirit

Word [45 min]

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In this second part of Ps Joachim's message, he shared on his personal journey as the Church Missions Pastor. Even though he was at first unfamiliar, unsure and unequipped, he prayed to God for a new season of ministry and for God to move him out of his comfort zone. He prayed fervently for God to build him up in His presence and for greater dependence on the Holy Spirit.

Ps Joachim reiterated on the four key Biblical foundations for Riverlife Church's Missions work:

- a. Bringing the Gospel wherever we go (Acts 5:42)
- b. Focusing on and strengthening local churches (Acts 16:5)
- c. Moving with the power of the Holy Spirit
- d. Following the leading of the Holy Spirit and to be aware of the God's Kairos moments

He shared on Riverlife Church's main mission projects in equipping seminars & conferences for pastors, community & social projects, revival & evangelistic rallies, children's ministry, youth programs and church planting. These are in line with Riverlife Church's Mission Statement 3, which is "Blessing the nations by establishing strong local churches". Ps Joachim gave credit and praise to the efforts of the past generation in establishing a strong Missions focus for the church and this had built a strong foundation.

He added that while our strategies and approach will change as Riverlife Church changes, we will remain committed to our Mission. Ps Joachim outlined the further work which Riverlife Church would be doing in 4 specific places: Myanmar, Jakarta, Dagupan and Sarangani. He also shared that the church would be re-directing resources away from other places. Ps Joachim explained that we must constantly be guided by the Holy Spirit. This involves being aware of the God's kairos moments, knowing when to close, just like when to open up new areas of commitment. It also involves knowing when to step back and allow local churches to flourish.

Ps Joachim shared that Jesus will save the nations and asked that we know the heart of God and to act upon it with full measure of faith, holding nothing back. Adding that when we start to taste of what it is like, we will desire more. Jesus wants to partner with us in His work. Ps Joachim then shared on the praise report for 2015: 51 Missions Trips, 570 Mission Trippers, 3393 Decisions of Christ and 897 Healings. All glory to God!

Discussion Questions

1. **Ps Joachim directed us to the third mission statement for RiverLife Church. The other two statements are important nonetheless.**

- 1) **Transforming lives by making disciples**
- 2) **Impacting society by advocating the family**
- 3) **Blessings the nations by establishing local churches**

Which of these resonate with you? How do you think we can fulfill these statements in our lives? How can you make a difference where you are? [15 min]

Leader's Notes: *This is an icebreaker question. For members who are new to and have been relatively unexposed to Missions work in the church or elsewhere, leaders can explain how blessing the nations is an important part of Riverlife Church's mission. Leaders can have conversations around what members feel about the mission statements of the church. Members are encouraged to discuss what they feel God is calling them to do in relation to any of the mission statements. It is important to get members to understand that wherever they are, they can make a difference and they have a unique mission field given suited to their calling.*

As spiritual descendants of Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3), we believe God has called our church to bless the nations by championing the cause of the local church. Scripture shows us clearly that the establishment of strong local churches is God's strategy for building His Kingdom on earth. Everywhere the apostle Paul went, he planted churches or strengthened existing ones. We believe that where there are strong local churches, the Gospel will be preached and the community will be transformed.

2. **2015 was truly a year of God's great empowerment, anointing and favour upon our church! Through our missions' endeavours, we witnessed people giving their lives to God through platforms and in scales we could only dream about. What are the ways you and your cell can participate or support missions work?** [15 min]

Leader's Notes: *This is a relate and response question. Members are encouraged to think through practical ways they can do to identify with and participate in God's work for Missions. The specific ways can be:*

- a. *Pray for the nations, (Ask: What is one nation God has placed upon you to pray?)*
- b. *Leave their comfort zone to go on a mission trip,*
- c. *Understand God's heartbeat for the nations,*
- d. *Give to missions, and*
- e. *to Serve the nations through our gifting.*

Members can be encouraged to prayerfully consider and commit to going for one of the missions trips organised by the church.

3. **Read Matthew 28:16-20. Have you ever received God's calling for you to serve in the missions field? What was or will be your response if you are called to?** [10 min]

Leader's Notes: Leaders can guide members to reflect on the Great Commission. Members can discuss on their hope and aspirations (if any) to serve in the missions field. If God has not yet placed in any member this desire to serve Him in this way, leaders can encourage members to adopt an open-minded attitude to this and seek God's direction. Members can also discuss on what their responses would be if called to. This would help prepare their heart to be open to God's prompting in future.

If God has placed in any member this desire to serve Him in this way, leaders can encourage him/her to share on this desire in clearer terms, e.g. how the vision arose, which people group is there is burden for, what the obstacles are, etc. Call members are then challenged to explore how they can participate or support this as a community of believers.

Works [10 min]

Let's pray:

1. We will actively play our parts in the areas where God has put us, make Him known to all the people we are interacting with daily.

Announcements

1. PASSION WEEK SEMINAR

Wed, Mar 23, 8pm. Worship Centre (The Washing Of Feet)

Thu, Mar 24, 8pm. Worship Centre (The Lord's Supper)

Gentle reminder to all Cell Leaders to register your cell members through elife

2. COMBINED FILIPINO EASTER SERVICE

Sun, 27 Mar | Victory Chapel (Speaker: Rev. James Singh)

Invite your pre-believing Filipino colleagues and friends! If you have domestic helpers, do bless them by encouraging them to attend the service

3. ENGLISH ADULT & SUPERLIFE

Theme: AWAKENING • Sons & Daughters, Arise!

Fri-Mon, 10-13 Jun | Hotel Equatorial, Malacca

Guest Speaker: Daniel Lim, CEO, International House of Prayer, Kansas City, USA

Guest Worship Leader: David Brymer, Songwriter of 'Worthy Of It All'

Registration opens Sun, 13 Mar