

Weekly Cell Guide

Leader's Copy

Series - Missions Emphasis **Date** - 22 March 2020
Topic - Gospel Ready (Philippians 1:27) **Speaker** - Pastor Joachim Tan

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. Making a Difference
 2. Worth It All
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WORD [45 min]

Spiritual Objectives

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

1. Reflect on living a life “worthy of the gospel”
2. Take action steps to live as salt and light in this season

Sermon Summary

The following are the key points of the sermon:

1. The gospel of Christ is worthy of our lives!
2. We strive to make the gospel known.
3. We are gospel ready.

Sermon Recap (Full Summary)

Exhortation 1: The gospel of Christ is worthy of our lives

The gospel is of supreme worth – costing Christ His life – and we must live lives worthy of the gospel.

Pastor Joachim preached from the various verses – Philippians 1:27, Ephesians 4:1, Colossians 1:9-10, Romans 1:16 and Romans 3:23-25.

People's lives are changed because of the gospel – it is Jesus who has set us free.
Ephesians 3:7-10

We are exhorted to live in a manner that demonstrates that the gospel is of the ultimate worth. To live worthy “axios” of the gospel means we need to live a lifestyle that is comparable, consistent and equal to the worth of the gospel.

Our citizenship is in Heaven (Philippians 3:20) and we are to “behave conduct our lives and live as citizens of heaven!” As citizens, we have God’s resources in our lives! We are not blind to the world’s events, such as the current COVID-19 crisis. With faith in God, we can respond as salt and light of the world.

Exhortation 2: We strive to make the gospel known

The Greek meaning for “strive” (sunathle) means “to struggle along with someone to gain victory”. It has the root meaning of “athletes striving as a team to win a game together”. The spiritual battles are intense and undeniable. Nonetheless, we know what we strive and fight for, and we all play an important part in making the gospel known.

Exhortation 3: We must be gospel ready

Whatever happens, we must be prepared to lead others to Christ. Pastor Joachim exhorted us that while mission trips are on hold until Q4, we can still give generously to the Missions Fund as well as participate actively in reaching out to our community. We can also think of ways we can work together as a cell to reach out to our loved ones who have yet to know Him.

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to live a life “worthy of the gospel”?

[15 min]

Leader’s Notes:

This is a reflect question. Living a life “worthy of the gospel” is to remember that our conduct is to be in line with the gospel – the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. It is a reminder that we are saved by His grace, and not by works. It is also a reminder to live a life that is in line with His word and to live a life that honours Him.

Leaders can ask members to think about what challenges Christians will face during these times and how we can support each other e.g. we may be feeling fearful or anxious or frustrated and how we can encourage each other by praying with each other, being accountable and reminding ourselves to look to God and help each other in practical ways.

Transition (Wrapping Up & Moving To The Next Question)

As we remember how we are to live lives worthy of the gospel, let’s also strive to make the gospel known.

2. How can we make the gospel known to those around us? [15 min]

Leader's Notes:

This is a reflect and response question for members to share about ways they can let the gospel be known.

The cell can choose to respond in a few ways.

The cell can also share if they have any situations they wish to share with the cell to brainstorm about ideas in reaching out to others.

- 1. Praying for God to open doors that were previously closed to the gospel. Pray for the safety of our Missions partners, for God to strengthen the Church and for the congregations to bring the kingdom of God forward and commit the poor and needy families in Singapore unto the Lord.*
- 2. Give financially – sharing God's blessings and love to those who are less fortunate. We can give financially to the countries (missions fund) as well as to those in need (RiverLife Community Services). Even as we may be negatively impacted by the crisis and life's circumstances, we can rise up to the challenge by prayerfully consider how we can still sacrifice in faith and share with others who are in greater need.*
- 3. We can bring the good news by being involved in the various initiatives of RiverLife Community Services (RCS) e.g. providing free tuition, delivering food to the underprivileged and mentoring families in need of guidance.*
- 4. Volunteering to pray for our non-believing colleagues' / friends' needs during this season. Check in with your colleagues about how they are coping in this season and offer to pray for their needs if they are open to it.*

Transition (Wrapping Up & Moving To The Next Question)

We have heard and thought of various ways where we can make the gospel known to those around us.

3. What is one step you commit to take in living in a way that is "worthy of the gospel"? [15 min]

Leader's Notes:

This is a response question for members to share with each other one thing they wish to do in their lives and pray with each other to be salt and light in their communities. Leaders may wish to get members to think about one thing they want to do in their relationship with God e.g. praying, meditating on God's word and one thing they want to do with regards to others e.g. blessing a friend in need.

Transition (Wrapping Up, Vision Casting To Cell & Closing The Discussion)

This season is a time of adjustment and uncertainties for many. May we as Christians continue to look to God together and find refuge in Him and ask Him for guidance to be salt and light in this season.

WORKS [10 min]

Let's pray:

1. Pray for our nation and the nations in the world as we continue to fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.
 2. Pray for the various governments to have wisdom on how to navigate their countries through this pandemic.
 3. Pray for our brothers and sisters in this country as well as the countries abroad that God will protect them and that their churches will rise up to be the light in the world during these dark days.
 4. Pray for our brothers and sisters in our church (and cell) who are in need and anxious during this uncertain times, and for revelation from God on what we can say, do and help to get through this crisis.
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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.