

Weekly Cell Guide

Leader's Copy

Series - 1 Peter

Date - 6-Sep-2020

Topic - Called to be Holy (1 Peter 1:13-22)

Speaker - Ps Lionel Goh

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. Purify My Heart
 2. A Pure Heart
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BIBLE READING PLAN [10 min]

Take some time to talk about the Bible Reading Plan. The time of sharing can include the following:

- a) How's everyone's progress so far?
 - b) What are some things that God has spoken to you through the various readings?
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WORD [45 min]

Spiritual Objectives

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

1. Reflect on God's call for us to be holy
2. Reflect on the areas where they can grow in Christlikeness and make a commitment to do so.

Sermon Summary

The following are the key points of the sermon:

1. We are called to be Holy when we believe in Christ and to live it out by loving God and loving others
 2. There are two aspects of Holiness – Positional and Progressive Holiness
 3. God empowers us to live in holiness through his Word and the empowerment of His spirit.
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Sermon Recap (Full Summary)

1. When we become Christians, there is a call upon our life to be holy (1:15-16).
2. Being holy means to be set apart from the profane and consecrated to serve God (Leviticus 11:45)
3. There are 2 aspects of holiness:
 - Positional Holiness – At our spiritual birth, the Holy Spirit made us holy as we were cleansed by the blood of Christ (1 Peter 1:2)
 - Progressive Holiness – We grow in holiness (Christlikeness) as we live righteously for God (Romans 6:19)
4. God calls us to be holy because we belong to God (1 Peter 1:18-19, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20) and He wants to be our Father (1 Peter 1:15-17, 2 Corinthians 6:17-18)
5. We can therefore live in holiness by:
 - Resolve in our mind first on how we should live (1 Peter 1:3, Daniel 1:8)
 - Not returning to our previous sinful lifestyles (1 Peter 1:14, 2 Corinthians 5:17)
 - Live in reverent fear of God (1 Peter 1:17, 1 Corinthians 10:31)
 - Love our brothers deeply (1 Peter 1:22)
6. God aids us in our pursuit of holiness through His Word and the empowerment of His Spirit within us (Psalm 119:9, Galatians 5:16)

Discussion Questions

1. **Share examples of people who live lives who are set-apart. What are the characteristics you observe about these individuals? What are the choices they made? What is the reason they do that?**

Leaders' Notes

This is a reflect question. Leaders can get members to share about biblical characters or current day individuals who live lives who are set apart. Allow members to share about the characteristics they observed and the choices they made (e.g. Daniel chose not to eat rich food) and to think about the reasons people would want to make such choices. The goal of the question is for us to ponder on our priorities – what do we anchor and orientate our life around? Is it God, ourselves or the approval of others? How can we recalibrate our lives to choose to live lives pleasing and connected to God?

Other resources:

- *Six Characteristics of a Holy Life – Bible in One Year*
<https://www.bibleinoneyear.org/bioy/commentary/2461>
- *Why would anyone want to be holy? - Our Daily Bread Discovery Series*
<https://d3uet6ae1sqvww.cloudfront.net/pdf/discovery-series/why-would-anyone-want-to-be-holy.pdf>

Transition (Wrapping Up & Moving to the Next Question)

When we believe in Jesus, we are made righteous by His blood. God desires for us not only to be believers, but to be His disciples and to grow in His likeness.

2. **Ps. Lionel mentions that progressive holiness means Christlikeness. Which aspect of Christlikeness do you think you need to grow the most in your life? Share with your cell.**

Leaders' Notes

This is a recap and application question. There are a few key aspects to Christlikeness – character, values, life purpose, relating to others and lifestyle. Encourage your members to share which of these areas of Christlikeness do they struggle with the most to replicate in their lives. The goal of this question is awareness and progression. Encourage members to invest into these aspects of their lives so that holiness can be encouraged. Also, spur your cell members to take “next steps” so that holiness is not just a good concept, but a practical reality in their lives..

Transition (Wrapping Up & Moving to the Next Question)

We are all work in progress. Holiness is a life-journey for all of us. The important thing is to continue to grow in Christ-likeness in these areas and not to remain stagnant.

3. **Read 1 John 2:6. As Christ is holy, we too must be holy. Holiness is a natural characteristic of those who claim to be disciples of Christ. In the aspect of being holy while relating with others, choose an area below and share with the cell some “next steps” on how you can walk in holiness when relating to individuals in that category:**
- a) Those above me – government, supervisors, church leaders, parents, etc.
 - b) Those alongside me – spouse, peers, non-Christian friends, colleagues, etc.
 - c) Those under me – subordinates, children, domestic helpers, etc.
 - d) Those against me – competitors, work opponents, difficult individuals, etc.

Leaders' Notes

Get your members to share on one of the 4 types of relationships. The goal of this question is to help your members to have a practical takeaway from the sermon – an action step that they can work on after the cell time. Encourage members to be practical and not just conceptual. Everyone should be able to walk away from their cell time having 1 thing that they need to work on in the coming days in their pursuit of holiness.

Closing

We all desire to be holy. Let us not just leave it as a concept only but work towards it being a reality in our lives. Christ has purchased us with His blood and we have been set apart for Him! Therefore, let us make holiness a characteristic in our lives that will become a testimony to the world of our relationship with Christ.

WORKS [10 min]

Let's pray:


1. Response to Message

Pray that all RiverLifers will continue to pursue holiness in their lives.

- That we will not live according to the world's standard of holiness but God's.
- That holiness will be a characteristic in our lives; not just a concept.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Bible Reading Plan.** You can access the latest Bible Reading Plan by visiting www.riverlifeorg.sg/brp.



"HONOUR GOD WITH EVERYTHING YOU OWN;
GIVE HIM THE FIRST AND THE BEST."
PROVERBS 3:9 (MSG)

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Bank Code: 7171
Branch Code: 029

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Mission

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