



WEEKLY CELL GUIDE

21 March 2021 | THE NATIONS MUST HEAR | ROMANS 10:10-15

Series : Sent | Speaker : Ps Joachim Tan



WELCOME

[15 MINS]

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

[Ice Breakers 1](#)

[Ice Breakers 2](#)



WORSHIP

[15 MINS]

You may select songs like

1. Saviour King
2. Hosanna



WORD

[45 MINS]

SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

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

1. Commit to fulfilling the role believers play in the Great Commission to love and reach the nations for Christ
2. Respond in ways to sow into Kingdom work for the missions field.

SERMON SUMMARY

This message aims to highlight the importance of the role believers play in the fulfilment of the Great Commission. We live in a culture and society that does not think much about the last days. However, as believers we know that there is a final day when Jesus will come back as King and will judge the world. Are we ready when that happens?

SERMON RECAP

1. The Eternal Reality ([Matthew 25:31 – 46](#))

- We live in a culture and society that does not think much about the last days. However, as believers we know that there is a final day when Jesus will come back as King and will judge the world. Are we ready when that happens?
- Matthew 25:31-46: “He will separate the people one from another, the sheep and the goats..”
- Pastor Joachim had a dream when he was 6 or 7, he dreamt of the judgement day. He could see familiar faces, and the silence as people awaited their turn to be judged. Despite it just being a dream, he can remember it very vividly till today.
- The main text in [Romans 10:10-15](#) becomes significant and urgent in the light of the eternal reality that we will all face one day. The Good News is only the Good News when it is heard on time.

2. The Unavoidable Truths

- In [Romans 10:10-15](#), we are confronted with two absolute and unavoidable truths.

A: How does a person get saved?

B: Who is responsible to spread the good news?

A. How Does A Person Get Saved?

- For this first unavoidable but absolute truth, Paul makes it clear that there is no other way to be saved —to hear the Good News about Jesus Christ, to believe in the message, and to confess with your mouth (call on the Lord).
- “People can’t be saved from their sins if they don’t believe in Jesus.” – **David Platt**.
- Conclusion: People MUST HEAR the Good News. When unbelievers hear the Good News and believe the Good News, they will then call upon the name of the Lord.

B. Who Is Responsible To Spread The Good News?

- We (believers) are responsible to spread the Good News! We are the only ones who can preach the Gospel and spread the message about Christ. If we will not speak, go or share, they will not hear.
- In fact, if we were to look through the entire NT, we will find that the Gospel is only preached through us humans; we will not find any other ways! (More examples: [Acts 9](#) on the conversion of Saul and [Acts 10](#), the conversion of Cornelius – God used believers to share the Good News, not angels nor any other means).
- “God has confined Himself to have His people to reach people.” – **David Platt**
- Believing the Gospel comes with an obligation to share the Gospel.

3. Our Heartfelt Response

A. Our Hearts Must Love The Nations.

- In [Romans 10:1](#), we can see how Paul loved his fellow Jews. In [Romans 9:2-4](#), Paul even hoped in anguish that he be cut off from Christ, if it meant the Jews would turn to Christ.
- Paul loved the Jews and Gentiles, to all those whom he was writing to. He loved the nations with such a passion.
- Do we love the nations?
 - Pastor Joachim shared his testimony about RiverLife's Burmese church partner in Hlaing Thar Yar, whose members were in dire need of emergency supplies and food during the COVID crisis in October 2020. By divine appointment, Pastor Joachim got connected with a Burmese petrol company, who partnered RiverLife to send a food truck with essential items to the Burmese church members. Even during the pandemic times, we must still love the nations.

B. Our Hearts Must Long For The Gospel to Be Preached In All Nations.

- If there is only one way to be saved, and we are the only ones who could do it, how could we do anything less?
- The Gospel to the nations, it is us or nothing. Do our hearts long for the nations to be saved?

4. Conclusion

A. Give So That The Poor Will Live.

- Give to missions as we seek to serve the poor and underprivileged through a turbulent time (pandemic and economic crisis).
- Missions QR code can be found on the E-bulletin.

B. Give So That The Lost Will Hear.

- By giving to missions, we will ensure that the Gospel message continues to reach the lost even in COVID times.
- The Gospel message continues to be shared through local outreaches (in the mission fields) and mass media (youtube, live-stream services, Facebook, etc).

C. Sign Up For #Mfh (Missions From Home).

- A brand new Missions initiative.
- The commitment period for participants will be from Jun to Dec 2021.
- If you are passionate about missions work and social issues, and desire to sow your gifts and talents into Kingdom work – join us as a #MFH participant! You will work with like-minded RiverLifers and our mission partners in various nations to develop this project that will help strengthen local churches and sow seeds of the Gospel.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In [Romans 10:10-15](#), we are reminded of the truths that people must hear the Good News, and believers are the only ones who can preach the Gospel to spread the message about Christ. Thinking back on your life, can you name a few people who exercised “their beautiful feet” to share the Good News of the Gospel with you? How have their obedience to God help your journey to Christ? [10 mins]

Leaders' Notes

This is a relate question. In Romans 10:10-15, Paul makes it clear that there is no other way to be saved — “to hear the good news about Jesus Christ, to believe in the message, and to confess with your mouth (call on the Lord)”. If we were to look through the entire NT, we will find that the Gospel is only preached through us humans; we will not find any other ways! (More examples: Acts 9 on the conversion of Saul and Acts 10, the conversion of Cornelius – God used believers to share the good news, not angels nor any other means).

The truth of the matter is that God calls every Christian to proclaim the truth of the Gospel. This is true of all believers, whether they are in full-time ministry or not. Everyone has the mission to proclaim the Gospel. While God may call some to go to overseas mission fields, we are all called to proclaim the gospel to those we meet in the course of our daily lives.

And if we think we haven't been sent anywhere yet, we should remember the Great Commission Jesus gave us at the end of His ministry: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). We've already received the charge to go. Jesus Himself sent us; therefore, we are to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to those we encounter as we go

Looking back, each of us can probably identify individuals in our lives who had shared the Gospel with us at opportune moments and became instrumental in our salvation journey. We should say a prayer of thanksgiving to God for their work in our lives and pray that likewise the Holy Spirit will give us an opportunity to be that person to someone.

Transition (Wrapping Up & Moving to The Next Question)

The wonder of seeing souls saved to live eternally in heaven - this is the beauty of Missions. No one can believe the Gospel unless someone carries the message to him. Being committed to the mission of God to take the message of the gospel to those who haven't heard it takes intentionality. It must begin with a heart that loves the nations, and a longing for the Gospel to be preached in all nations.

- 2. Pastor Joachim shared that the starting point for missions, is a heart that loves the nations, and a heart that longs for the Gospel to be preached to the nations. What do you think are some ways that we can grow such a heart for the nations? [15 mins]**

Leaders' Notes

John Piper once said that “Missions exists because worship doesn't”. The reason that we go to the ends of the earth is so that God will get all of the glory that He deserves when all of the peoples that He made delight in and worship Him. So, it is important to understand the biblical basis of missions, and this can start with a deeper appreciation of biblical verses which teach on the Great Commission. Some examples include [Genesis 12:1-3](#) (where the Lord tells Abram to leave his own people and go to a different land, so that “all peoples on earth will be blessed”), and [Matthew 28:19-20](#) (where the Lord tells the disciples to go to all nations and teach them everything Christ has taught them).

Ultimately, Missions is God calling His people to bring His presence, His kingdom, His redemption and His blessings to all nations- this is the consistent storyline throughout Scripture. Those of us who are blessed with the knowledge of God and the salvation that the death and resurrection of Christ gave should spread that blessing to all peoples of the earth.

Apart from gaining a deeper Scriptural understanding, we should also constantly pray to ask the Lord how and in what capacity He would have us serve. After we have discerned His direction, we should then step out in full obedience and joy to give, go and/or mobilise.

Transition (Wrapping Up & Moving to The Next Question)

As we are aware, Covid-19 has changed the Missions landscape materially. Missions has not stopped, but our approach has to change. How can Christians go and make disciples of all nations when we cannot leave our homes? What can we as RiverLifers do for the nations this year?

3. In this season, how does missions look like when we are unable to travel? How can we still continue to go and make disciple of all nations? [15 mins]

Leader's Notes

We've seen the COVID-19 pandemic's far-reaching impact on all areas of our lives - the mission fields is not exempt. For example, several countries have closed their borders preventing new teams from entering the field. Other countries have seen a decline in financial support due to the loss of jobs and the financial distress experienced by supporters, hence affecting the livelihood of missionaries.

Leaders can facilitate discussions amongst members, to imagine the projections of what a post-COVID world will mean for international missions, long-term. No matter how dire circumstances appear, we can take heart in the fact that the Great Commission has not been "cancelled", and that God can and will use this pandemic to bring people to Himself. While the pandemic has caused some negative short-term impact, it has also highlighted the need for Christians to think creatively to brainstorm new ideas such as to use technology to reach the unchurched, to experiment with new strategies, and more importantly, to pray more and rely on God for His wisdom in these unprecedented times.

Our response as a church can be to reach out to others around us who might be suffering the psychological effects of this long-drawn pandemic (e.g., loneliness and isolation), to show them love and care. COVID has shown us the importance of community and being a part of a body. We should continue to pray for our missionaries who remain abroad in the international fields, for open doors, and for new opportunities. We should also continue to sow faithfully and continually into the nations through our tithes and offerings.

Pastor Joachim also encouraged members to sign up for Missions from Home – a brand new missions initiative during which we will get to hear first-hand from our mission partners about what is happening amongst the nations, raise awareness for these needs, and contribute to sending critical resources. Cell group leaders can encourage members to sign up for the orientation session together as a cell.

Closing

We, as a church, believe God is calling RiverLifers to sow continually and faithfully into the nations by partnering Him, adapting in the ways we approach Missions.



Consider dividing the group into micro-groups for a deeper time of sharing as well as praying for the following items:

1. Sermon Application

- Pray that we will not forget our call to the mission fields during this season of COVID-19.
- Pray that God will stir within our hearts to continually support our mission partners through prayer, finances, and if possible, interactions (through Zoom, etc).

2. COVID-19

- Pray for the recovery of our country's economy during this season.
- Pray that the vaccination strategy will help eradicate the spread of the virus.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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1. **Bible Reading Plan.** You can access our 2-Year Bible Reading Plan 2021-2022 by visiting <https://rlc.sg/brp2021>.
2. **Alpha Online**
Upcoming run starting, 15 Apr, Thursday (12 Sessions)
Register at rlc.sg/ao-reg by 5 Apr. For more information, please contact Karen Koh at karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg.
3. **Joining The Family**
Sat, 24 Apr | 10.30am-12.30pm | In-person at Faith Chapel (Level 2)
Sign up online at rlc.sg/jointhefam by Sun, 11 Apr. For more information, please contact Karen Koh at karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg.
4. **Missions From Home (#MFH) – A Brand New Missions Initiative.** The commitment period for participants will be from Jun to Dec 2021. In this season, how does Missions look like when we are unable to travel? How can we still continue to go and make disciple of all nations? We believe God is calling RiverLifers to sow continually and faithfully into the nations by partnering Him and adapting in the way we approach Missions.

Come discover how you can make a difference in the nations from home!

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#MFH Orientation Session | Sat, 22 May | 9.30am to 11am

The session will be held online via Zoom.

Attendees will find out more about:

- The heart behind #MFH, and an overview of the initiative before signing up as a participant
- RiverLife's mission partners, their ministries and the countries that they serve

Registration for the Orientation Session is now open at rlc.sg/mfh until 30 Apr.



CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE

We are targeting to raise \$585,000 for our Missions Fund in 2021. You may continue to sow financially towards the nations through the QR code or via rlc.sg/givetomissions.



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

Give Digitally

Here are two cashless ways to give your tithes and offering.

1. PayNow

Log in to your bank's existing mobile banking app.
Scan this QR code on the right.



2. Interbank Transfer

RiverLife Church Bank Account:
DBS Autosave 029-902431-0
Bank Code: 7171
Branch Code: 029

