



3 JULY 2021 | CRAZY LOVE VIDEOS DISCUSSION

Speaker : Ps Francis Chan



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. Reward
2. Build My Life



WORD

[45 MINS]

SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

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

1. Desire not to live in lukewarmness and to make tangible changes in their lives as a result.
2. Make Jesus their no. 1 desire and goal in life.

SERMON SUMMARY

Video 1 – Revelation 3:14-22

Many Christians are in the state of lukewarmness and not aware of it. Lukewarmness is becoming a norm in many churches and in many Christians' lives such that many see the "lukewarm life" as the normal Christian life. What many don't realise is that by measuring their lives against the lukewarm people and churches in their midst, they are far from God's standard for their lives. God desires for all of us to forsake our sinful and lukewarm ways. That is why He disciplines us and calls us to repentance because lukewarm individuals are normally not aware that they are lukewarm. Jesus is standing at the door of our hearts, calling us to forsake our lukewarm lives and to consecrate our lives for His purposes. The question is – are we willing to let Him in to make our lives His home?

Video 2 – James 4:4-5

We live in a celebrity-chasing culture. It is at times no different in our churches. We chase after the popular speakers, prophets and band. The problem is, many of us desire them more than God Himself. We would rather take the extra effort to hear our favourite preacher preach, or to see our favourite band perform, than to go into our secret places and to meet with the King of Kings. God desires that our spirits yearn for Him and Him above all else (John 14:21, 23). Let us not allow anything to take His rightful place in our lives.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **“Many churches and Christians in Singapore are lukewarm.” Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?** [10 Mins]

Leader's Notes

This is a discussion question. The purpose of this question is to help cell members to examine the Christian culture that we live in. Are we really lukewarm as proposed by Francis Chan? Or are most of us really on fire for God? Get your cell members to share their thoughts on this.

Transition

In order to answer the first question, the next question must first be answered.

2. **How does the Bible defines lukewarmness? (Once you have arrived at a rough definition, revisit question 1 again.)** [10 Mins]

Leader's Notes

It is important that our standards for Christianity are Scriptural based and not men's thoughts only. The following are a few verses (not exhaustive) in which you can use to come up with a definition for lukewarmness. (You can get your cell members to read the following verses.)

- 1 Peter 4:3-10 – Fleshly living
- Luke 16:14-15 – Outward appearance is more important
- James 4:17 – Disobedient, not loving others
- Matthew 5:11-12 – Being afraid of standing up for the truth
- Luke 18:11-12 – Thinks highly of ones' spirituality
- Romans 12:20-21 – Only loving those who love them
- Ephesians 6:7-8 – Living for men's approval
- 1 Timothy 6:10 – The love of money
- 2 Timothy 3:5-7 – Obsession with knowledge but not transformation

In essence, a lukewarm Christian is one who does not submit to the Holy Spirit's work of transforming him/her to become more like Christ (Romans 15:16, Galatians 5:17, John 14:26) – in the way He talks, He lives, the values He has, His goal in life and the way He related to people.

Transition

If we are honest with ourselves, there are many in our church and in churches all over the world that fall within the definition of lukewarmness. Lukewarmness always begin when one starts to drift away from God being first or a priority in one's life.

3. **What are some steps you should take in order to ensure that God is always first priority in your life? How can you have the right posture towards God – desiring Him more than your favourite preacher or band?** [15 Mins]

Leader's Notes

This is an application question. Encourage your members to implement some changes in their lives based on what they have heard from the video sessions. Knowledge without action remains as knowledge. But when we decide to take action, transformation happens. Encourage your members to give greater priority and desire towards God than their favourite preacher or band.

Closing

God is calling His church away from lukewarmness and into transformation. He desires every believer to thirst and hunger for Him as their only source of living water. Let us not take these sessions simply as good sermons. But let us allow the Holy Spirit to speak into those areas of our lives that need to change so that God will always remain in His rightful place in our lives.



WORKS

[10 MINS]

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 for individuals who feel that they have drifted away from God.
- Pray that God will continue to stir up our hunger and thirst for Him.

2. COVID-19 in Singapore

- a. The sudden rise in community infections to be halted.
- b. Pray that the spread of the Delta variant will be stopped as well.
- c. Continued progress in Singapore to overcome the negative economic and social impact of the current crisis.
- d. Pray for those whose livelihood have been directly impacted by this pandemic especially those in F&B.

3. COVID-19 in the World

- a. A swift end to the COVID-19 crisis globally, especially in India and the rest of South Asia.
- b. Healing and comfort for those who are sick and suffering.
- c. Protection and guidance for healthcare professionals at the frontline; giving them wisdom, courage, and strength to confront this crisis.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

[5 MINS]

1. **Bible Reading Plan.** You can access our 2-Year Bible Reading Plan 2021-2022 by visiting <https://rlc.sg/brp2021>.
2. **Upcoming Sermon Series: Following Christ 10 Jul - 14 Aug.** Jesus' call to discipleship is to follow a Person - "deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me" (Mat. 16:24). Following Christ is a very distinct life. In daily interactions with others, people should see and feel the One whom we follow. The question would be: Is God

the main character in your life, or is life mainly about you? In this series, we look at what it means to follow Christ – to be so amazed by who He is that we march to the beat of a different drum and live as a people who truly belong to Him.

3. **Prayer Ministry.** If you require prayer ministry for any issues you face (eg. unforgiveness, demonic oppression, etc), you can sign up for RLC's RTF ministry: <https://bit.ly/rlcrtf>
4. **Joining the Family.** Sat, 7 Aug. 10.30am-12.30pm. In-person at Faith Chapel (Level 2). Sign up online at rlc.sg/jointhefam by Sun, 25 Jul. For more information, please contact Karen Koh at karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg.

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