



WEEKLY CELL GUIDE

11 JULY 2021 | NEVER LOSE THE WONDER | PSALM 8

Series: Following Christ | Speaker: Ps Ben KC Lee



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. Magnificent
2. God of Wonders



WORD

[45 MINS]

SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

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

1. Never lose sight of God's power and majesty as seen in His creation around us and His work in us.
2. Commit to living a life of beholding Him and living a life of worship with the gifts we have.

SERMON SUMMARY

God has revealed Himself to mankind through His creation. His invisible nature – His power and “divineness” can be clearly seen and perceived through the things which He has made. Anyone who sees and experiences His creation is exposed to indications of God's greatness. When we marvel at God's creation, we will begin to realise

(like King David in Psalm 8) how insignificant we are. In spite of our insignificance as compared to the whole of God's creation, God still chooses to reach out to us and love us as His children. That shows us how great His love is! Our only appropriate response towards God then is worship – using the gifts God has blessed us with to magnify His glory while we are here on this earth!

SERMON RECAP

Note: This sermon is in line with Chapter 1 of Crazy Love

1. Introduction

- Why did God put mankind on planet earth? If we can answer this, we can then answer why we are here on earth.

2. The Majesty of God (v.1-2)

- His greatness (v.1a)
 - Although God is eternal and above His creation, He chooses to enter into a covenant with us to be our King.
 - God is powerful, yet He is relational and near to us.
- His glory (v.1b)
 - Above all of creation is the glory of God.
 - Creation itself cannot contain God's glory.
- Glory to be praised by mankind (v.2)
 - [Matthew 21:16](#)
 - God's enemies oppose God, preventing Him from receiving glory.
 - Our hearts easily grow cold, and our focus returns to the temporal, the things of the flesh.
 - When we come before God daily, we are propelled to worship God and to ascribe glory to Him.

3. The Relation of Mankind and the Creation (v.3-8)

- The insignificance of mankind (v.3-4)
 - When we consider the works of God's hands, mankind becomes so insignificant.
 - Yet, God performs His greatest miracle in us – He gives us breath and life, and sustains us through life.
 - [Psalm 150:6](#)
 - We must realise how insignificant we are when we stand before a holy God.
- Mankind's God-given significance (v.5-8)
 - The creation of humanity is God's crowning achievement.
 - Human life is valuable because we are made in the image of God.
 - In spite of our insignificance, God crowns us to rule over creation.
 - [Genesis 1:26](#)

4. Conclusion

- Even though we are small and insignificant, God still loves and cares for us (this is undeserved!)
- And He has given us the role of ruling over all creation.
- Therefore, let us never lose the wonder of God's greatness – all powerful and holy, and yet near and loving toward us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Watch the following video on the wonder of creation. Share some of the thoughts that come to your mind when you see God's creation through this video. How do you feel about yourself in light of God's creation?

Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q6gilkF4OFQ>

Leader's Notes

This is a recap question. As we see God's amazing creation, we would no doubt be so amazed at the details and wonders of His creation. From the multitude of planets and solar systems, to the tiniest of cells – all of these are His amazing, intricate creations. Yet, the God who is so much bigger than the largest galaxies chooses to love and shepherd human beings like you and me. In spite of His greatness, He came down from heaven and paid the price for our sins. That is how great our God is!

Transition

God could have chosen to ignore us and leave us to die in our sins. Yet, He reached out and loved us and provided a way for us, in spite of His greatness!

- 2. Therefore, how then should we live knowing that God is so great and chooses to love insignificant people like us?**

Leader's Notes

Firstly, we must always remember that we have value because we are God's creation, and God bought us with a price – His one and only Son. We must never forget how valuable we are in His sight especially during seasons of self-doubt and difficulties.

Secondly, we must count it a privilege to live a life of service unto the Lord. In spite of His greatness, He invites us to participate in His redemptive work on this earth. Therefore, let us not grow weary of serving Him with our gifts so that we can reveal His glory while we are here on earth! What a privilege it is to be partnering and serving this Great God, the Creator of all things in heaven and on earth!

- 3. Why do you think we lose our wonder of God's greatness so easily? How can we avoid that from happening?**

Leader's Notes

Our human nature is such that we get distracted easily by the various things in this world – be it our careers, our children, our desires, etc. In order to sustain our wonder of God, we need to consistently set aside time to come before Him and to discover Him through His Word and through personal worship.

For some of us, we have lost our wonder because we have been disappointed with God as a result of a tragedy, unmet expectations, disappointments with the church, etc. God wants to heal your heart first before you can once again discover His greatness. Therefore, seek to work out these issues in your life first with a more mature believer, and that individual can guide you towards a Biblical perspective of the events in your life and lead you back into a thriving relationship with God.

Closing

Let us never forget that our God is so great. Each time when we look at the sky or nature, or even the people around us, let us remember that our God made them all so that His glory and greatness can be revealed through them! God is so great, but yet He chooses to be near us and in us. How amazing is that! Therefore, let us live lives of worship in light of God's greatness – because only He is great and worthy of ALL our praise.



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

1. Sermon Application

- We will never forget that in spite of how insignificant we are, God chooses to shepherd and love us.
- We will count it a privilege to live our lives to magnify His glory all the days of our lives.

2. COVID-19 in Singapore

- a. Pray that the spread of the Delta variant will be stopped.
- b. Continued progress in Singapore to overcome the negative economic and social impact of the current crisis.
- c. Pray for those whose livelihood have been directly impacted by this pandemic, especially those in F&B.
- d. Pray that more Singaporeans will be vaccinated so that they will be shielded from side effects of COVID-19.
- e. Healing and comfort for those who are sick and suffering.
- f. Protection and guidance for healthcare professionals at the frontline; giving them wisdom, courage, and strength to confront this crisis.

3. The World

- a. A swift end to the COVID-19 crisis globally, especially in India and the rest of South Asia.
- b. For protection for our brothers and sisters in Myanmar from any injustice and persecution.



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 yourself, take up the 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 (e.g. unforgiveness, demonic oppression, etc.), you can sign up for RLC's RTF ministry: <https://bit.ly/rlcrtf>
4. **COVID-19 Vaccine & The Christian.** Watch the recording of the panel session here: <https://rlc.sg/covidpanel>. For additional resources: <https://linktr.ee/covidpanel>.
5. **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.

6. **The Behold Album.** The RiverLife Worship team has launched a new album titled 'Behold'. Listen to the album and access chords and lyrics for the songs: rlc.sg/thebeholdalbum

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