



WEEKLY CELL GUIDE

18 JUL 2021 | **LIVING WITH THE END IN MIND** | LUKE 12:13-34

Series: Following Christ | Speaker: Ps Lionel Goh



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. Worth It All
 2. In Christ Alone
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WORD

[45 MINS]

SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

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

1. Reflect on what it means to live with the end in mind.
2. Take action steps to focus on what is eternal and not temporal.

SERMON SUMMARY

We are encouraged to seek God's kingdom and trust Him to provide for our material needs. Let us focus on what is eternal, building treasures in heaven by giving what we have now to those in need and reaching out to the lost.

SERMON RECAP

Life on earth is short and uncertain. Let us seek God's kingdom which is eternal instead of focusing on worldly matters which are temporal.

1. Our life on earth is short and uncertain ([James 4:13-15](#))
2. Jesus teaches us how not to live – Not to be like the Rich Fool ([Luke 12:13-21](#))
 - a. He was greatly blessed by God and lived a self-centred life. He did not care about God or others and did not see the brevity of his earthly life. He died empty handed, unprepared for eternity.
 - b. He was only living for this life and was not prepared for eternity. He was only living for himself and was not rich towards God nor the poor. All that he accumulated amounted to nothing in this life.
 - c. ↗ Wealth + ↘ Time = 0 in Eternity
3. Jesus teaches us how to live with the end in mind ([Luke 12:22-34](#))
 - Trust God to provide for our needs ([v 22-30](#))
 - a. God takes care of the birds and flowers
 - b. We are far more precious than these
 - c. Our father will provide for all our needs
 - d. We can trust Him!
 - Seek the Kingdom of God ([v 31-32](#))
 - a. The kingdom of God is a spiritual realm where God is King and its citizens submit themselves to His Lordship.
 - b. Seeking His kingdom is about submitting to Jesus' Lordship and following His agenda, missions and commands.
 - Use our earthly wealth wisely ([v 33-34](#), [1 Timothy 6:17-19](#))
 - a. Eg. Trusting God in our tithing
 - b. We are encouraged to share our temporal possessions with others for something that is eternal.
 - c. ↗ Giving to God + ↘ Time (over our lifetime) = ↗ Treasure in Heaven
 - d. Our heart follows our treasure
4. How can we live with the end in mind?
 - a. Our earthly life is short and uncertain
 - b. Don't chase after worldly possessions
 - c. Seek first God's kingdom
 - d. Our Father will take care of all our needs
 - e. Use our earthly riches to gain eternal treasures

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **What is the reason the man in [Luke 12:13-21](#) is described as a rich fool? Is there something Jesus does not want the rich fool to miss out on? Have you found yourself in a similar situation – share your experience and struggles.** [10 Mins]

Leader's Notes

This is a recap and relate question. Leaders can ask members to consider the reason the Bible uses the word "fool". What about the person's decisions or lifestyle depict that of a fool? What is the opposite of a fool and how would that person's decision and lifestyle be different from that of a fool's?

Leaders can also ask members to consider if they have found themselves in a similar situation (i.e. finding themselves pursuing things and not finding meaning, etc.). Leaders can also be mindful that this could be shaped by the member's childhood experiences or by our environments (e.g. our peers, etc.). How can we balance the challenges we face while living in a world where we are judged and treated by how much we have or how much we have achieved?

Transition

In our modern day society, it is natural for us to want to have more possessions and to live a comfortable life, one that is filled with meaningful relationships. Situations like the Covid-19 pandemic have brought disruption to our lives and have led us to think of the end in mind and evaluate what truly matters.

2. **What does it mean to seek God's kingdom, and to build eternal treasures in heaven? How would this be carried out in our everyday lives? What are the joys of doing so?** [10 Mins]

Leader's Notes

This is a reflect and response question. Seeking God's kingdom is about submitting to Jesus' Lordship and following His agenda, mission and commands. As a cell, members can take time to identify what is God's agenda, mission and commands. How would this look like in our everyday lives? What are the heart attitudes we can have? How would life look like when we seek to build eternal treasures in heaven, and would the others (especially the pre-believers) around us notice it and be impacted in any way? Members can also share what are some fears in their journey and how they can trust God through it.

Resources

- How can Christians "Seek first the Kingdom of God" – Bible Study Tools
<https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/topical-studies/how-can-christians-seek-first-the-kingdom-of-god.html>
- How do we seek the kingdom of God while being here on Earth? – Crosswalk.com
<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/how-do-we-seek-the-kingdom-of-god-while-being-here-on-earth.html>
- Don't be anxious, lay up treasures in Heaven (Desiring God)
<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/dont-be-anxious-lay-up-treasure-in-heaven-part-1>

Transition

Living in light of eternity means to live for what truly matters while we are here on this earth. As believers, our life's goal and emphasis should mirror that of Jesus. He came to show us how to live life on this earth. Therefore, in order for us to build eternal treasures in heaven, our lives must mirror Jesus' life while He was on this earth. His mission and agenda should be ours. His commands and teachings should translate into our obedience.

3. **Share your thoughts as we talk about being mindful of the end in mind – Do you agree with what Ps Lionel shared? Is there anything you will continue doing or do differently? What are some action steps you will take? How can we trust God on this journey?** [15 Mins]

Leader's Notes

This is a reflect and response question for members to think about a step they would like to take in being mindful about the end in mind. Members can also think of ways how they can be a blessing to others around them (i.e. colleagues, friends during these pandemic times).

Closing

As we live with the end in mind, it helps us to recognise what truly matters, and the importance of investing in what is eternal instead of what is temporal. Lives matter to God, and God has placed us in environments to be a blessing to different ones. May we also continue to trust God in this journey as we seek His kingdom and His righteousness. It is a joy to partner with God.



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

1. Sermon Application

- For wisdom and ongoing revelation on how we can seek His kingdom in our everyday life.
- That we may trust God in this journey and be a good testimony while keeping the end in mind.

2. Singapore

- a. There have been sobering tragedies that have happened over the past week. Pray for the recent incidences where lives have been lost, for the families affected to be comforted.
- b. Pray for wisdom for MOE to manage the recent incident where a student died in school
- c. Pray for the students and families, staff who have been affected – pray that they will get support through the shock, to properly grieve and find healing as a community.

3. COVID-19 in Singapore

- a. The sudden rise in community infections to be halted (esp. for the recent clusters).
- b. Pray that we will have wisdom in our speech even as we discuss the updates of the Covid-19 situation.
- c. Pray that the spread of the Delta variant will be stopped as well.
- d. Continued progress in Singapore to overcome the negative economic and social impact of the current crisis.
- e. Pray for those whose livelihood have been directly impacted by this pandemic especially those in F&B.

4. 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. **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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