

CELL OUTREACH GUIDE 2017

LOVE
OUT
LOUD

A stylized illustration of a person with dark hair, wearing a yellow long-sleeved shirt with a white heart on the chest and blue pants. The person is running on top of the word 'LOUD' in the main title. They are holding a red flag with a white heart on it. The flag is positioned over the 'E' in 'LOVE'.

**LOVE
WHERE
YOU ARE
PLANTED**

**WE LOVE BECAUSE
HE FIRST LOVED US**

1 JOHN 4:19

MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

Dear RiverLife family,

Christmas is a significant time for us who are believers. It marks the moment in history that God became man to dwell among us – bringing us hope, freedom and forgiveness from our sins. Christmas is also one of the occasions that pre-believers are open to the gospel and coming to church. It presents the church with the opportunity to deliver the message of hope to pre-believers and help them draw closer to Christ. Many around us are struggling in their lives. Some may be battling a broken marriage or wayward children while others are stuck in addiction, loneliness and insecurity. Ultimately, many of them are heading towards a Christ-less eternity.

As a church, we have been called to go and love these people – to bring hope into their lives, peace into their hearts and salvation into their eternity. This Christmas, I challenge all of us to bring this love into the lives of our pre-believing friends and family. Let's love out loud individually and as a cell so that many will experience love and hope through Jesus.

Serving together,

Senior Pastor Lionel Goh

WHY OUTREACH THROUGH CELLS?

- **You Can Play A Part!**

Outreach services have its limitations and not everyone is involved in the program of the service. Evangelism at the cell level enables every cell member to be involved. You can play a part by reaching out to someone too!

- **It Is An Intimate Environment**

The cell setting provides a more intimate environment for a pre-believer. Instead of being a spectator of what is happening on the stage, he/she will be engaged in meaningful conversations and building friendships at the outreach event.

- **The Program Is Customisable**

As it is done at a cell level, each cell's outreach event will be different and unique. The program can be tailored to meet the needs of each cell and their guests.

- **Friendships Are Formed**

As friendships form between cell members and their guests, following up with the pre-believer will be easier as he/she has been connected to not just an individual, but to the whole cell.

HOW TO PLAN A CELL OUTREACH EVENT?

1. Plan

Form a team from your cell that will help to plan and run the outreach event.

Depending on the readiness of your cell, decide on the type of outreach:

- Evangelistic Outreach: To build relationships with pre-believers and share the gospel with them and provide an opportunity to receive Christ.
- Bridging Outreach: To build relationships with pre-believers in order to reach out to them in the future.

2. Prepare & Invite

Prepare your cell by briefing them on the plans and activate your cell members to start inviting their pre-believing family and friends.

3. Pray

Dedicate a certain time (daily or weekly) for your cell members to pray for the event and their guests.

5. Host

During the outreach event, ensure that every guest is being hosted well by intentionally getting to know them and form friendships. Inform your Area Overseer should there be salvation decisions made.

6. Connect

Continue to connect with your guests after the event and invite them to our Christmas services.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Suggested Programme

Evangelistic Outreach

- Welcome & Introduction
- Games & Ice Breakers
- Dinner / Lunch
- Christmas Carols
- Gospel Presentation
- Sharing / Testimony
- Decision Making
- Announcements

Bridging Outreach

- Welcome & Introduction
- Games & Ice Breakers
- Dinner / Lunch
- Christmas Carols
- Sharing / Testimony
- Announcements

Ice Breakers

- studentministrygames.wordpress.com
- www.thebudgetdiet.com/top-30-minute-to-win-it-games
- icebreakerideas.com/best-icebreaker-games-adults

Sharing The Gospel

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Dc9popCpGw>
- <http://www.churchleaders.com/outreach-missions/outreach-missions-how-tos/145797-sharing-the-gospel-in-a-group-setting.html>

Video Resources

- Facing The Giants: An inspirational movie about how faith can conquer fear. (112 minutes)
- Fireproof: A movie about God restoring a marriage and a family. (158 minutes)
- The Case For Christ: A movie based on a true story of a journalist's journey from Atheism to Christianity. (71 minutes)
- The Passion Of The Christ: Documents the last 24 hours of the life of Christ. (127 minutes)

PRESENTING THE GOSPEL – BRIDGE ILLUSTRATION

This is a simple illustration you may use to share the gospel message with pre-believing family and friends. You can start off the conversation by asking, “Would you allow me to share with you what the Bible is all about and how you can accept Jesus to be your personal Lord and Saviour?”

Note: You will need pen and paper for this illustration.

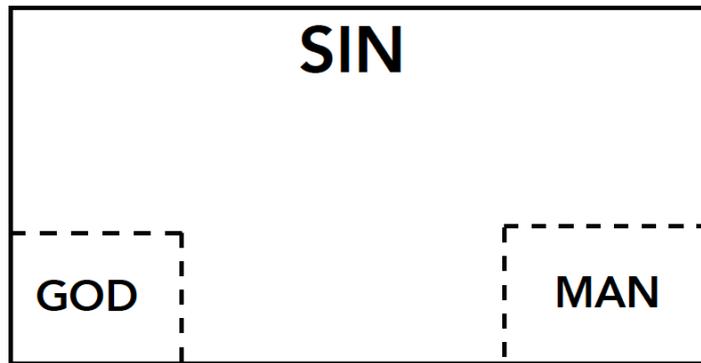
Point 1

The Bible tells us that God made man (write the word “**God**” on the left and the word “**Man**” on the right). He made man because of His great love. He wanted to be able to share His love in a relationship. Think about a husband and wife. Why do they have children? It’s because they want to share their love. They have children so that they can love them. It’s the same with God. God made man so that He could love us. In the beginning, God and man were in relationship together. Nothing came between them.



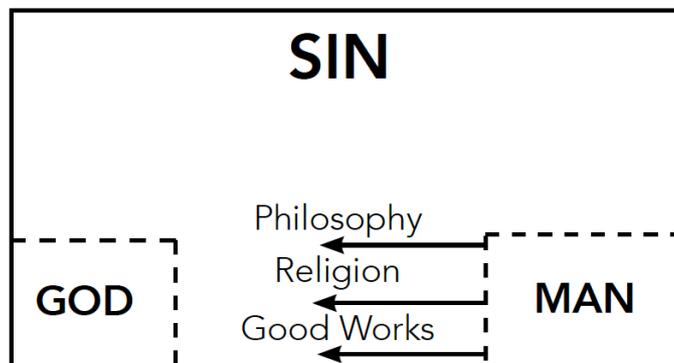
Point 2

But then man sinned. He chose to disobey God's instructions and do things his own way. When man did this, sin came between man and God. Sin is simply anything that falls short of perfection. Suddenly, their relationship was no longer perfect. There was a huge gulf that came between them. That gulf was sin (write the word "**Sin**" as shown and draw the gulf between God and man). Romans 3:23 says that, "...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." I know that I'm sure not perfect! Did you notice the word "all"? Do you think this refers to you too? Would you agree that you have fallen short of perfection, and that you, just like me, is a sinner?



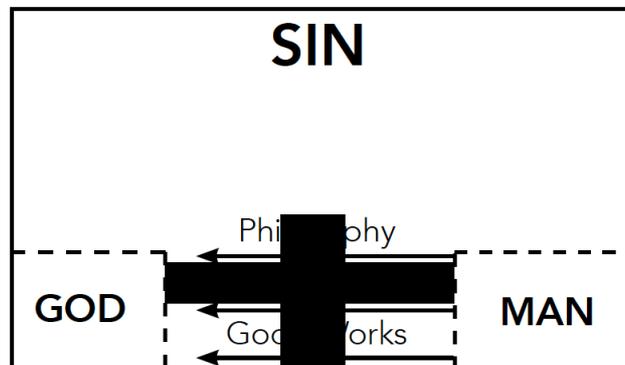
Point 3

Man has tried to bridge the gap in many ways. He's tried philosophy, religion, good works and other things – but nothing could restore man to God. (Draw the arrows and the words "**Philosophy, Religion & Good Works**" as shown above).



Point 4

But God had a plan to bridge the gap caused by sin. God sent His Son, Jesus, to pay the penalty for man's sin (draw the cross across the gulf), so that man's relationship with God can be restored.



Point 5

If your family member or friend accepts Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Saviour, lead him/her to pray the following prayer:

***“Dear God, I am sorry that I have sinned. Please forgive me.
Thank you for sending Jesus to die on the cross for my sins.
I believe that Jesus is the only way I can have a relationship
with You. I now believe in Him as my Saviour and Lord.
Please make my life clean and make me a new person inside.
Thank You. Amen.”***