



Cell Guide



DATE: 18 JUNE 2023 | SPEAKER: LAM ZHENGXIN | TOPIC: MINISTERING IN THE POWER OF JESUS | SCRIPTURE: [ACTS 3:1-16](#)

SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

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

1. Understand that God still works miracles and signs and wonders today.
2. Commit to witness and minister to others in the power of the Holy Spirit.

SERMON SUMMARY

We are called to minister in the name and power of Jesus. We are not just called to morality; we are also called to move in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Gospel is not just proclaimed with words; it is also demonstrated through the supernatural as well. We come to know God not only through His Word but also through His works.

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1. To restore our physical bodies
2. To demonstrate the Gospel
3. To reveal the glory and wonder of God

SERMON RECAP

We are called to minister in the name and power of Jesus.

There's a story about Thomas Aquinas when he met the Pope, he found him counting a pile of money. The Pope bragged, "Thomas, the church can no longer say, 'Silver and gold have I none.'" Aquinas replied, "True, but neither can the church now say, 'Arise and walk.'" Has the church today become wealthy but powerless?

There are **three ways** to approach Acts 3 - As a textbook, a museum, or a path to follow – to be studied but not applied, as history to admire but no longer relevant, or as a way of life for Christians today. How we treat this scripture determines how we view God and live as followers of Christ.

There are **two options** for us as we are confronted with this key passage: We can either bring our theology down to match our reality or to bring our reality up to match biblical theology. We are not just called to morality; we are also called to move in the power of the Holy Spirit. (See [James 5:14-16](#) and [1 Corinthians 12:7-9](#))

The Purpose of Healing is three-fold

1. **To restore our physical bodies** ([Acts 3:7-8](#)). Healing is also part of the Gospel. Death and sickness have been defeated. But God does not owe us an explanation for why He heals some and not others today. Nevertheless, He will ultimately heal every child of God in the end. A Biblical approach to healing is *faith* and *hope* – faith that still believes that God still heals today, and hope that we will be healed in heaven.

- 2. To demonstrate the Gospel (Acts 4:4, Mark 2:9-11).** Healing attests to the reality of God. Healing should be accompanied by the sharing of the Gospel. Healing and preaching go hand in hand. The Good News of Jesus is not just proclaimed with words; it is also demonstrated in His power.
- 3. To reveal God's glory and wonder (Acts 3:9-10, Psalm 66:5-7).** We come to know God not only through His Word but also through His Works. When we encounter the miraculous and the supernatural workings of God, they point alone to His glory and power, and our knowledge of Him will change us forever.

When God heals us, it is always intended to glorify Jesus and point us to believe in His Gospel. We need to avail ourselves as vessels of God and as instruments of the Holy Spirit to minister to others in the power of Jesus and love them into His Kingdom.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Share a healing you've received supernaturally, or a miraculous healing you've witnessed. Did you ever doubt what you've experienced or what you've seen?**

Leader's Notes

An open sharing of personal experiences with supernatural healing and how this impacts us in our relationship with Jesus and how we view the Bible. This is not a time to debate doctrine or theology, but an honest heart-to-heart on their shared experiences in the realm of the supernatural – both the good and the not-so-good encounters.

Resources

Healing Is for Today – Jack Hayford

Transition

Laying aside our differences in opinions, we focus on the Bible and what Jesus has taught us and what the church in Acts has revealed to us about signs and wonders.

- 2. Should we all pray for the healing of others? Why or why not?**

Leader's Notes

When asked to pray for the sick, people are often heard to respond: "I can't. I don't have the gift of healing." Some individuals may be more effective (gifted) in praying for the healing of others. However, the effectiveness is not 100% for everyone they pray for. The healing of an individual is still subject to the will of God, not the will of the one praying for healing. Our prayers for healing should never stem from the place of "giftedness". Rather, it should come from the place of Christ's compassion and love for His hurting children.

Every Christian – whether you feel "gifted" or not – must be encouraged to pray for those who are sick because God cares for them. However, we leave the "healing" to God. Only God is able to supernaturally manifest Himself through healing as a sign of His goodness and faithfulness.

Resources

Is There Such a Thing as the Spiritual Gift of Healing? – Sam Storms

Transition

We should continue to pray for the sick in our midst as well as those who are yet to come to Christ. This is in accordance with the examples of Christ and the early church. Jesus laid his hands on the sick ([Luke 4:40](#)), as did the early church ([Acts 9:17; 28:7-8](#)).

3. How are you currently seeking the Holy Spirit's power as you witness (whether in word or in the supernatural) in your spheres of life?

Leader's Notes

Allow everyone to share how they can put into action their God-given authority ([Luke 9:1](#)) to pray for others in the power of Jesus. After discussion, take a moment to pray that God would speak to individuals in the spheres of life God has put them in and the people He has placed around them who don't yet know Jesus. Have them share who God has laid upon their hearts to pray for or to share the Gospel with.

Resources

[We Should Pray for Healing](#) – [desiringGod.org](#)

Closing

We must avail ourselves to be instruments of the Holy Spirit wherever He calls us to. The Holy Spirit still moves in power because that is who He is. Therefore, we must be open for Him to use us to move in power as a sign of the reality of our God to non-believers.

WORKS

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 be open to the Holy Spirit when He moves in power
- Pray that we will be open for the Holy Spirit to use us to move in power.

2. World

- Pray for good weather in Singapore during this hot season.
- Pray for the families of the two individuals who died while canoeing in South Africa.
- Pray for peace in the Russia-Ukraine war and the avoidance of using nuclear weapons.
- Pray for those in India and Pakistan that are affected by the Biparjoy Cyclone.
- Pray for peace in the Gaza strip (Israel) as violence erupts between Israel and Islamic Jihad.

3. Opportunities for Outreach

- Ask the Lord to bless us as we step out to reach a pre-believer.
- Ask the Lord to grant you opportunities to reach out to a non-believing loved one, friend, or colleague this week as we seek to mature in Christlikeness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Digital Bulletin: rlc.sg/bulletin

1. **Current Sermon Series.** This Pentecost Sunday, join us on a seven-week journey to discover seven distinct traits of the early church that will provide fresh revelation of how God wants to empower us as His river flowing outwards. May the lives of the first disciples inspire us to be the church that continues to advance the Kingdom of God and reveal Christ in our generation!
(Sermon titles subjected to change)

- 28 May : A Beautiful Mission
- 04 Jun : Revisiting Pentecost
- 11 Jun : Sharing Life Together in the Spirit
- 18 Jun : Ministering in the Power of Jesus
- 25 Jun : Boldness: Holy Audacity
- 02 Jul : True to God
- 09 Jul : Unstoppable

2. **Cells Prayer Night: Revive Us, Lord! Fri, 30 Jun, 8-10pm, Worship Centre.** Part of what happens during a revival is that God's people return back to first love, to seeking His face and voice. Let's come together as cell groups to seek the Lord together through worship, prayer and sharing with one another.

3. **Caleb Ministry: Helping Seniors & Retirees Live Well and Finish Well in Christ.** If you are working, retired or intending to retire in the next 5 years, we invite you to attend our short Introductory Talk to hear more about this ministry and how you can be plugged in.

Choose one session to attend:

- Sun, 23 Jul | 11am after service | Worship Centre
- Sun, 6 Aug | 11am after service | Worship Centre

4. **RiverLife Kindergarten 2024 Enrolment Now Open.** RiverLife Kindergarten is a Christian preschool that nurtures joyful learners. Registration for 2024 is now open.

- Playgroup (born in 2022 from 18 months onwards)
- Pre-Nursery (born in 2021)
- Nursery (born in 2020)
- Kindergarten 1 (born in 2019)
- Kindergarten 2 (born in 2018)

For enquiries, please call 6511 4168 or email us at office@riverlifekindergarten.org.sg. Visit our website at riverlifekindergarten.org.sg to find out more about our programmes and curriculum.

5. **Alpha Course. 1 July – 16 September.** If you have questions about Christianity that you are seeking answers for, we invite you to join us for Alpha - a series of interactive sessions that explores the basics of the Christian faith.

- For More Information: rlc.sg/alpha
- To Sign Up: rlc.sg/join-alpha

6. **SPYCES - Spiritual Parenting of Young Couples (Online). 2 – 5pm starting on 2 July. Cost: \$10.** SPYCES is a series of 5 online sessions where parents in the same season of life can come together to fellowship and build friendship with one another. You will also learn from the Bible

how to journey with your children and your children's children in the days ahead. Registration Link: rlc.sg/spyces (Closing Date: 25 Jun 2023).

7. **RiverLife Kindergarten is SPARK Certified!** RiverLife Kindergarten has obtained SPARK certification for 6 years from the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA). We rejoice with our principal, Oi Leng, and her team! May God continue to use RiverLife Kindergarten for His glory.

CHURCH CALENDAR

1. Church Calendar Highlights

- *Quarter 2*
 - Cell Revival Night (Fridays): 30 Jun, 8-10pm @ Worship Centre
- *Quarter 3*
 - Young Adult Camp: 7-9 Jul
 - 32nd Anniversary Weekend: 26-27 Aug
 - Bible Equipping – Leviticus: 15 & 17, 22 & 24 Sep
 - Cells Prayer Night #2: 29 Sep
- *Quarter 4*
 - Equipping Series: 17 & 19, 24 & 26 Nov
 - Christmas Outreach: Dec
 - Cells Prayer Night #3: 29 Dec

2. **YA Gatherings (For Young Adults in their 20s). First Saturday Every Month, 5pm-8.30pm Victory Chapel (Level 1).** The YA Gathering is a space where young adults can get together to connect and build community. This gathering is made up of two components – Community Conversations & Communal Dinner – both with a focus on relationship building and life conversations. If you are currently in a cell, register your attendance with your cell leader. If you are currently not in a cell, do register online: rlc.sg/YAgathering-apr-reg.

3. RiverLife Prayer Meetings.

- *RLC Prayer Room.* Tue, 8-9.30pm, Victory Chapel. (Online: rlc.sg/rpr-watch)
- *Wed Night Prayer Meeting.* Wed, 8pm – 9.30pm, Victory Chapel.

CHURCH MINISTRIES & OPPORTUNITIES

1. **9M Ministry.** The 9M Ministry provides prayer support for expectant mothers on their 9-month journey of pregnancy. Sisters-in-Christ who are fellow RiverLifers are assigned as Prayer Buddies to walk alongside mums who sign up to receive prayer support.
 - Receive Prayer Support: rlc.sg/9m
 - Provide Prayer Support: rlc.sg/serve
2. **Global Hunger Fund.** This fund will go towards RLC's mission partners to help their local churches and communities gain access to food amid soaring costs. Refer to the Digital Bulletin for more details.
3. **Missions Microsite.** Discover how you can go, give and pray for the nations. Let's make a difference in the nations together! For more information, visit rlc.sg/missions.
4. **RiverLife Cares Opportunities.** Signup: <http://rlc.sg/serve-rlcar>

5. **SuperLife Ministry: Call for Volunteers.** If you have a heart for children and a desire to disciple them in their spiritual journey, come be a part of the SuperLife team. Sign up at rlc.sg/serve. Immediate needs:
 - *SuperLife Primary Teacher* (Serve twice a month. Facilitate small group discussions after each Bible lesson, connect and pray with the children, be involved in SuperLife Ministry events, etc.)
 - *Special Needs Chaperone.* (Serve twice a month. Provided 1-1 support to children with special needs and help facilitate an inclusive environment between children with and without special needs.)
6. **Technical & Production (TAP): Ministry Recruitment.** The TAP ministry comprises five teams – audio, graphics, lighting, sound and video – and they all work as one in partnership with the Holy Spirit to support an atmosphere that allows the congregation to encounter God. We are now opening up recruitment for this ministry. If you desire to take the next step in your walk with God through starting to serve, we invite you to sign up to explore serving in one of the five TAP teams. You may sign up online at rlc.sg/serve or refer to our digital bulletin for more details.
7. **Prayer Ministry.** If you require prayer ministry for any issues you face (eg. fear, worry, etc), you can sign up for RLC's RTF ministry: <https://bit.ly/rlcrtf>

RESOURCES & CONNECTING WITH US

1. **Bible Reading Plan.** The church has provided 3 undated Bible Reading plans that will serve as a resource for those who wish to follow a Bible Reading plan. Link: rlc.sg/brp
 - 2 Year Chronological Bible Reading Plan.
 - 3 Year Bible Reading Schedule (Alternating readings between Old and New Testament passages)
 - Redemptive Historical Bible Reading Plan (At your own pace, focusing on the redemption story)
2. **RiverLife Podcast.** The RiverLife Podcast allows you to listen to RiverLife content anytime, anywhere! The link to go to is rlc.sg/podcast or simply search '**The RiverLife Podcast**' on Spotify.
3. **Spiritual Growth Resources.** We have put together a curated list of recommended resources for the RiverLife family. These resources (books, articles, podcasts and videos) are recommendations for the various spiritual growth stages as you seek to grow deeper in the River of God this year. You can access them at rlc.sg/resource. This list will be continually populated throughout the year.
4. **Testimony.** If you have a testimony to share, you can write to us at stories@riverlife.org.sg to share with us your testimony as an encouragement to others.
5. **Stay Connected with RLC.** Follow us to stay updated on latest church news and happenings.
 - **WhatsApp Broadcast:** Text 'Subscribe' to 8923 1939
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 - **Facebook & Instagram:** [@riverlifechurchsg](https://www.facebook.com/riverlifechurchsg)

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