



Cell Guide



DATE: 16 JULY 2023 | GUEST: PASTOR PHILIP LYN
TOPIC: FACING REVIVAL SCRIPTURE: [ACTS 19:10-20, 23-28](#)

SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

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

1. Examine our hearts and our understanding about Revival
2. Commit to developing the right posture as we embark on these 21 days of prayer and fasting as a Church

SERMON SUMMARY

This is the first sermon of the series – Revive Us, Lord. Our guest Pastor Philip and Pastor Ben had a conversation about Revival and Pastor Philip shared on the following:

1. Facing revival when it breaks out
2. Shepherding revival when it spreads
3. The type of posture we should adopt during Revival

SERMON RECAP

This is the first part of a 5-part sermon series “Revive Us, Lord”.

1. 3 points about revival:
 - Revival is pulsating
 - Mass Salvation & Preaching of Gospel ([Acts 19:10, 20, 17](#)) – During the Ephesus revival, the gospel spread far and wide. This resulted in many coming to hear about God.
 - Unusual Signs and Wonders ([Acts: 19:11-12](#)) – Many were healed in miraculous ways.
 - Revival is Painful
 - When there is Revival, people will be convicted of the holiness of God and be convicted of sin, resulting in repentance.
 - Revival is Perturbing
2. **Shepherding Revival**
 - It is giving scriptural guardrails to explain the events as the revival unfolds and how to continue to be open so as to keep the fire burning and not quench the Spirit.
 - Examples of this in Acts: The Word of God spreads ([Acts 19: 10, 20](#))
 - Central to the heart of revival is the glory of God. All revivals see a fresh outpouring of God’s glory that is tangible. It arrests people with a holy awe and holy terror in their lives, resulting in mass repentance, reverence and transformation.

- Centre of God's glory is His moral holiness. When revival comes, there is widespread repentance & cleansing This brings holiness further attracts a greater glory of God!
- The Fruits Seen ([Matthew 7:17](#))
 - While it was messy during the Ephesus revival, there were also fruits seen.
 - The "mess" included the following: public confession of sins, public impropriety & naked chaos, public offence to people of other faiths and public disorder/ public disorder charges
 - However, the following fruits were also seen: Word of God grew, mass turning to Christ, confession & repentance, signs and wonders and miracles, demons expelled and people set free, public severance from demonic practices, widespread fear of the Lord in the city & region and the glory and name of the Lord was magnified.

3. The State of our Hearts

- How we see revival when it comes will depend on the state of our hearts at the time.
- If we are spiritually dry, we will be more doctrinally-bound than Jesus-loving and tend to use our mind and our doctrinal bias to judge harshly on any move of the Spirit. We will also ignore the fruits of the revival and keep pointing to the messes seen.
- Pastor Philip encouraged us to adopt various postures as the state of our hearts
 - Be Jesus loving and Jesus centred
 - Be desperate for more of God
 - Be open to flow, not to control
 - Be humble, not proud
 - Fear God, not man
 - Hate sin and love grace

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **What is your understanding of Revival? How is it similar or different to what Pastor Philip Lyn shared about Revival?**

Leader's Notes

This is a question for members to share about their view and understanding of revival. How is it different or similar to what we know? If the cell wishes, they may consider what are some of the outstanding differences they noticed between pre-revival Ephesus ([Acts 18:19-21](#), [Acts 19:8-10](#)) and Ephesus in revival? Share some of these revival features and which would be the ones most striking to them, and which would be the ones most disturbing? Members can share their reason.

Resources

[What is Revival and Where do we find it? – Desiring God](#)

Transition

Even as we hear about stories of revival, let's explore how we can play a part in shepherding Revival.

2. **Shepherding revival requires for us to have a keen discernment for the work of the Lord and its fruits amidst the mess. Pastor Philip shared the importance of being open to God's work and not cherry-picking based on one or two bad moments. Share your thoughts on this.**

Leader's Notes

This is a recap and reflect question for members to have a open conversation on the scriptural guardrails provided by Pastor Philip and be their own scriptural guardrails, if any. Pastor Philip

provided the following verses [Acts 19: 10, 17, 18, 20, 26](#) as hints on how to discern what is of God, in sometimes dynamic and seemingly challenging situations. The intention is for the cell through this conversation is to be more alert to what is of God so as to be in step with the spirit.

Transition

Scripture has provided examples of revival. We can also learn from the recorded history of past revivals. God is still working today and He desires for us to experience revival.

- 3. How do we approach Revival? What is the state of our hearts? Take time to examine our postures and our actions – what are some areas we can continue to grow in and encourage one another as we ready ourselves for the work of the Lord?**

Leader's Notes

This is a reflect and response question for members to consider if there are areas (e.g., the “various postures” mentioned in the sermon recap) that may be hindering them from being active participants in God’s work in our lives, our church, our city and beyond. Members can take time to examine the areas of their lives they need to submit to God and be accountable to each other to grow as a Church.

Closing

Revival is a time of coming back to the Lord. Miraculous things beyond our imaginations will happen. It is important for us to keep our hearts and eyes open and to be discerning of what is of God’s and what is not. He desires for us and the lost to know Him deeply. May we continue to pray for revival and allow God to start His transformative work in us towards Christlikeness!

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 allow God to work in our lives for a personal revival.
- Pray for strength and spiritual fervour as we continue to seek after Him.
- Pray that we will boldly proclaim the Gospel and favour with those around us.

2. RiverLife

- Pray for our church that God will revive us individually as we go through the 21-Days of Prayer and Fasting.

3. World

- Pray for good weather in Singapore during this hot season. Pray also that there will not be any haze.
- Continue to pray for the Russia-Ukraine war and the avoidance of using nuclear weapons.
- Pray for the political scene in Singapore amidst all the scandals that have surfaced these 2 weeks.
- Pray for Japan as they release the Fukushima radioactive water into the ocean, as well as the nations that will be affected.

4. 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. Revive Us, Lord – 21 Days of Prayer & Fasting, 17 July – 6 August 2023.**
 - After three years of praying together, our Elders and Senior Leaders sense it is now time to call the church into a season of prayer and fasting. We invite you on this journey as we commit ourselves to pursue the Lord together and align our hearts to His.
 - Listen to Pastor Ben's sharing on the heart behind the call: rlc.sg/21days-2jul
 - For 21 days from 17 Jul to 6 Aug, we are committing ourselves to:
 - Daily Devotion
 - Daily Fasting
 - Nightly Worship & Prayer
 - Weekly Sermon Series
 - Visit the microsite for more details: rlc.sg/21days
 - We have also prepared a 21 Day Devotion for parents to do with their children during the 21 Days. You can download the e-Devotion here: rlc.sg/21d-kidsdevo
- 2. Revive Us, Lord. Sermon Series starting Sun, 16 July.** In the book of Revelation, Jesus wrote letters to 7 churches. He commends them for what they have done well, addresses their current state, gives them each a warning and an encouragement for those who would heed His words. As we embark on 21 Days of Prayer & Fasting, this sermon series will move us to examine the state of our hearts and the spiritual condition of our church. As we hear what God is saying to us, may we return to the ways and will of God for us individually, and as a church. Lord, awaken us to the urgency of the times and the reality of your return!
 - 16 Jul: Facing Revival
 - 23 Jul: The Revelation of Christ
 - 30 Jul: The Church That is Lukewarm
 - 6 Aug: The Spiritually Dead Church
 - 13 Aug: The Church in Persecution
- 3. Marriage Retreat.** We had a powerful time with 27 married couples in March as we piloted our first Marriage Retreat. It was a powerful time of learning, rejuvenation, healing and restoration for our couples. No couple left unimpacted. We would like to encourage married couples to join us at this retreat and experience God's hand on your marriage.
 - For more information, download the eBrochure here: rlc.sg/mrBrochure
 - Highlights from previous retreat: <https://youtu.be/csHrCtBsuWg>
 - Link to signup: rlc.sg/mr
- 4. 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 join us at our first event:
 - **Finishing Well** A four-part teaching series by Rev David Wong
 - **19 Aug, 16 Sep, 21 Oct, 18 Nov 2023 9am to 12pm**
 - **Topics include:**
 - Few Finish Well
 - Lessons from The Three Kings
 - Ignorance, Indulgence and Resilience
 - Open-ended Closures & Principles of Finishing Well
 - **Registration Link:** rlc.sg/finishingwell

- **Cost:** Food: \$20 per pax (To be paid via PayNow when you register for the course.) | Book: \$20 per copy (To be purchased in-person in the Foyer outside Worship Centre on Sundays, 23 & 30 Jul.)

5. **Cultivating Emotional & Mental Wellness Seminar. Sun, 13 Aug | 11am-1pm Grace Chapel (Level 1)**

- This seminar will:
 - Help individuals who are struggling with emotional or mental wellness
 - Educate and equip caregivers of those who are struggling with emotional or mental wellness
- **Speaker: Dr Danny Ng**, a clinical psychologist in private practice and the President of the Singapore chapter of Renovaré (USA) offering resources for Christian Spiritual Formation for spiritual growth. He is the founder of Family Connexion, a Christian ministry whose focus lies in promoting a greater bonding and deepening of relationships between people, especially within the family.
- Register at rlc.sg/counems

CHURCH CALENDAR

1. **Church Calendar Highlights**

- *Quarter 3*
 - 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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