

Series -

Date/s - 09 August 2015

Topic - A Nation Blessed to be a Blessing

Speaker/s - Pastor John Koe &
Pastor Lionel Goh**Welcome** [15 min]

You may want to look up the following websites for *icebreakers* suitable for your cell.

www.thesource4ym.com/games/

www.christianitytoday.com/smallgroups/articles/icebreakersbeyond.html < go to LEAD, click on ICEBREAKERS >

Worship [15 min]

You may select songs like “Thank You God”, “Hosanna” or “Open the Eyes of My Heart”.

Spiritual Objectives

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

1. Understand that Singapore has been blessed by God so as to be a blessing to other nations.
2. Determine, as a church and individual, to be a channel of blessing as God leads.

Word [45 min]

Pastor John reminded Riverlifers that salvation is not just for individuals but for the nations. God’s heart is for the nations to be saved; He sees every ethnic group as a unique part of His family that must return to Him, through us, the saved ones. Per Rev 7:9, the goal of history is the in-gathering of the nations. This is the end goal in which we have a vital role to play.

Just as Israel was called and covenanted by God to reveal God to the rest of the world, Pastor John recounted how Singapore has been blessed both materially and spiritually to rise, against all odds, to become a model nation for the world today. He reminded the congregation that the responsibility of being blessed is to be good stewards and use our wealth and blessings so that large numbers of people around us can be reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ and be saved. That is what it means to be a blessing.

Pastor John urged Riverlifers as they celebrate Singapore’s Jubilee, not to forget how blessed we are and our mission to further Kingdom causes.

Pastor Lionel Goh shared five blessings that RLC enjoyed over the last 24 years:

- Significant growth of membership; from 123 (~200 including children) to 3,000 enabled by the wave of charismatic renewal and strong leadership from 1999 to 2004
- Strong presence of God at every RLC meeting; most apparent to visitors
- Strong spiritual growth of Riverlifers and increasing number of people displaying spiritual gifts
- Young Riverlifers (1,000 in the 12 – 40 age group) fervent for God
- God’s awesome work in the mission field through RLC

He then challenged Riverlifers not to hoard our God-given blessings and choose to be a blessing by:

- encouraging one another to grow in God and serving faithfully
- building a loving intergenerational family in RLC
- reaching out to the community and social causes around us
- being involved in missions

Discussion Questions

1. **Reminisce about your journey against the backdrop of Singapore's history and share a memory of your 'old days' and how things have changed over the years.** [10 min]
2. **What does it mean for Singapore to be the 'Antioch of Asia'?** [10 min]
3. **Reflect on the four ways to be a blessing as shared by Pastor Lionel Goh. Which of these touches you and what is one step you will take to become a blessing to those around?** [10 min]
4. **As Singapore celebrates SG50, what is one thing you are thankful for?** [10 min]

Works [10 min]

Let's pray:

1. Every Riverlifer to remember how blessed they are in the midst of Singapore's Jubilee and will continue to seek every opportunity to be a channel of blessing to others.

Announcements**1. MISSIONS WEEKENDS | 16 & 23 AUG****THE GIFT OF LOVE**

Contribute your used clothing and clothe the poor and needy with God's love. We will be collecting children, youth, women and men's clothing, and distributing them to various people groups in Myanmar, Jakarta and South Philippines.

2. FAITH AT HOME**FAMILY LIFE SEMINAR WITH REV MARK HOLMAN**

Sat, 19 Sep | 10am-6pm | Grace Chapel

Last day for registration at the Information Counter: Sun, 13 Sep. For more information, please contact Christine Tan at 6511 4145, or email her at christinetan@riverlife.org.sg.

3. THE ALPHA COURSE

Sat, 26 Sep -14 Nov | 1.45pm-4.30pm except session 7 (7 Nov), full day | Chapel

Register online at <http://bit.ly/rlalpha> or at the Alpha Course Counter (beside Cell Connection Counter) from 16 Aug at the Fellowship Atrium after services. Last day for registration: 20 Sep 2015. For enquiries, please contact Moses Sho at 65114141 or email him at mosessho@riverlife.org.sg.