



TITLE: "The River Church"

MAIN SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 47:1-10

BIG IDEA: We, individually and as a church, were created to be rivers of blessing to our world and when we live this way, God blesses us.

ICE BREAKER: What is one act of generosity that someone has done for you recently? What is one act of generosity you have done for someone else?

OPENING THOUGHTS: We live in a "me-first" culture that thinks the way to "win" is to be a "go-getter". But God's kingdom is one of radical generosity. Loving and giving are nearly synonymous in God's vocabulary (Think John 3:16...For God so loved the world that He gave...) Lakes gather, but Rivers give. God calls us to be River people and a River church that gives our best away to spread his kingdom life far and wide.

MAIN POINTS IN TEACHING:

1. The River Flows. It gives instead of gathers. It's service, instead of selfish.
2. The River Transforms. It transforms culture rather than being shaped by culture around it.
3. The River Empowers. When we go deep enough, the current carries us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. In Ezekiel 47:1-5: What are the different levels of the river?
2. In Ezekiel 47:7-10: What happens where the river flows?
3. How can your life flow with God's spirit more freely and fully to others?
4. How can you help our church be more of a River church during 2022?
5. How can you support the new Lead Pastors of Light & Life?

CHALLENGE: Will you live for yourself or will you flow to others? Will you invest your life in others? Will you leave a legacy in the lives of others?

CLOSING PRAYER: Lord Jesus, you poured your life into others so that your river of life would flow through them to others. I thank you that someone brought your living water to my life. Now Lord I pray that you would fill me with your Spirit that your river would flow through me to others. That I would practice

radical generosity because I am secure in knowing who my source really is.  
Help me to multiply my spiritual life into others and impart a legacy of your  
love!