

4Ws for Week 42, 15 – 21 Oct 2018

WELCOME (15minutes)

Choose one of the following icebreakers:

(If you have first-time guests, begin with a round of introduction and warmly welcome the new visitors.)

1. Shopping List

Everyone is seated in a circle. The leader starts by saying one item that he or she bought in the following way: *'I went shopping and I bought...'* Each person must then repeat the phrase *'I went shopping and I bought...'* and list all the previous items that have been bought, adding in their own each time. No item should be repeated. The idea is to see at whose turn will the list be broken i.e. who is unable to or has forgotten to mention some of the previous items.

2. The Best Gift

Everyone is seated in a circle. Starting with the leader, share with one another:

- What is the best gift you have ever been given? Why? Did you have to work for it or was it free?

Transition to Worship:

Our Lord and our God, as we enter this time of worship, sensitize our hearts to Your presence in our midst. We adore you! Come! Be exalted in our praises!

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following suggested worship songs:

- 1) Let the Praises Ring (E)
- 2) Blessed Assurance (G)
- 3) Resurrecting (G)
- 4) Fullness (E)

Do give some time to wait upon the Lord for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Encourage the release of the gifts of the Holy Spirit - words, visions, tongues and interpretation of tongues - to minister to the people who are present.

Transition to Word:

Lord, we thank You for the privilege to come into Your presence to praise and bless Your name. As we meditate on Your Word, help us to obey and apply Your truths in our daily living so that we can grow to be more like You. In Jesus name, Amen!

WORD (45minutes)

Memory verse of the week: Ps 103:8 (NIVUK)

⁸ the Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

Sermon Title: Salvation

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Scripture Passage: John 3:16-17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Introduction

We continue with the sermon series on the Great Commission. Let's recap some of the key lessons learnt:

- 1) The Great Commission must become our greatest concern in life.
- 2) The Great Commission will only become our greatest concern when we have a great conviction for God and a great compassion for people.

Cell Leaders, you may want to take a few minutes to invite someone to share an application he or she made with regards to the above? Did the sermon lead him or her to make a special effort to reach out to someone? Is there a thanksgiving report of someone who responded to an invitation to attend church service or came to know the Lord?

As the cell gathers to discuss last week's sermon, start by having everyone read together aloud John 3:16-17. Read it thrice – the first time you can refer to the Bible but the second and third time, let's commit the passage to memory and recite it without referring to the Bible.

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. Salvation is an important matter in all our lives. The English understanding is to be saved from any harm, ruin or loss. For us believers, this word is a constant reminder that God has saved us, and He wants to save us. Have the cell read aloud together the passages below:

Genesis 45:7 (NIVUK)

⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to **save** your lives by a great deliverance.

Psalm 6:4 (NIVUK)

⁴ Turn, Lord, and deliver me; **save** me because of your unfailing love.

Psalm 107:13 (NIVUK)

¹³ Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he **saved** them from their distress.

Luke 19:9-10 (NIVUK)

⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Today **salvation** has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to **save** the lost.'

Romans 10:9 (NIVUK)

⁹ if you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be **saved**.

Now let's consider the two reasons that God wants to save us.

First, when someone needs to be saved, it means he or she is in danger. And this danger here is referring to destruction. Thus...

Q2. The first reason why God wants to save us is so that we are set free from destruction. What do you understand from this first reason? Relating to the bible passages read, what do you think this destruction is referring to?

A2. The destruction can refer to the destruction of the body, mind or soul. But the most devastating is really the ETERNAL DESTRUCTION of the entire being; not only the body, mind or soul but the spirit as well.

Q3. Specifically, what is the reason for this eternal destruction?

A3. It is because of the **wrath of God** that is poured out on all sinners who refuse to accept God's grace of salvation through the atoning work of Christ at the Cross. Sin separates us from God. Sin leads to destruction. Our God is a holy God and He will not tolerate sin, yet He is also a loving God who does not want us to perish but come to repentance. John 3:16-17 says God sent Jesus Christ into the world **to save** (not condemn) the world. Consider also what other passages say:

Romans 5:9 (NIVUK)

Since we have now been **justified by his blood**, how much more shall we be **saved from God's wrath** through him!

Romans 6:23 (NIVUK)

²³ For the **wages of sin is death**, but the gift of God is **eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord**.

2 Peter 3:9 (NIVUK)

⁹The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, **not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance**.

This is the reason why salvation is such an important matter. The Bible tells us that when a lost soul comes to accept Christ, the HEAVENS (multitudes of angels) rejoice! (Luke 15:10). Salvation is a BIG DEAL! Let's make it the top priority in our lives to be reaching out to our pre-believing family members, relatives, friends and contacts.

Q4. The second reason why God wants to save us is so that we are set apart for a purpose that comes from Him. What do you understand from this reason?

A4. (1) God **did not** create us just to be destroyed or to face His wrath.

1 Thessalonians 5:9 (NIVUK)

⁹For **God did not appoint us to suffer wrath** but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(2) We are not just God's creation, but the masterpiece of His creation. He created us to be in His presence and **for a specific purpose**. Let's consider His original purpose before sin mars it.

Genesis 1:28 (NIVUK)

²⁸God blessed them and said to them, **'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'**

The revelation of the Cross is not only a revelation God's love for us, it is also a revelation of God's purpose for our lives. God wants us to be set free from destruction so that we can return to His purpose for our lives. He wants to restore to us what was lost because of our sin and the

work of the devil in our lives. Let's choose to live for this great purpose that God has set apart for us!

Application Questions:

Break into smaller groups, share, pray and minister to one another.

- Q1.** How do you see your own salvation? Do you greatly rejoice over it, deeply thankful to God for it and eager to share to others about it?
- Q2.** Jesus left us with the Great Commission before He ascended to Heaven. Is it the Great Commission or the Great Omission in your life? Reflect on your life in the last 1-2 weeks, is the Great Commission a priority in your life? Be honest and ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart and convict you. Ask Him to guide you to one person that you can be reaching out in this coming week. Share it with your cell leader or a member in your cell who can encourage you and pray for you.
- Q3.** Beyond the individual, what can the cell be doing together to reach out? Come together to pray and cry out to God to continue to give the cell a greater burden and a deeper compassion for those who are lost in their midst e.g. in the HDB block or neighbourhood where the cell is meeting.

Family Altar Time (F.A.T.)

(Cell Leader: Encourage your members to be faithful in keeping the weekly F.A.T. and refer them to this segment of the 4Ws for suggestions for their F.A.T. A possible time for the F.A.T. is after a meal together, say during the weekend.)

Use any of the icebreakers in the WELCOME segment above and select worship songs that are meaningful to your family. If they are old enough, ask your children to select the songs and lead worship, and take this opportunity to teach them skills in waiting on God, praying, and leading with a servant's heart and as a willing vessel for God.

After worship, you may wish to:

1. Discuss last Sunday's Family Bible Study in the Living Life journal, or
2. Review your children's take-home materials from GKidz (www.fcbs.org.sg/youthchildren/gkidz/parents), or
3. Review and discuss this week's memory verse, or
4. Have everyone read aloud together John 3:16-17 and Revelation 5:9-10.

With reference to the **Introduction** and the **Discovery and Understanding Questions** of the **WORD** segment above, lead in the following discussion.

Question: John 3:16-17 says that God sent Jesus to "save" the world. What did Jesus come to save us from?

[Let your family members share freely. John 3:16 suggests that Jesus saves those who believe from "perishing" and John 3:17 suggests that Jesus saves us from "condemnation." In order to understand this better, refer also to Romans 5:9 and 6:23, 2 Peter 3:9, 1 Thessalonians 5:9 and 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9. From these verses, we see that Jesus came to save the world from judgment, condemnation and destruction, which we will face because of our sins. This affects our eternity and so is a very serious matter. This is why salvation is such a big deal.]

Question: What does Revelation 5:9-10 say that we are saved for?

[Let your family members share freely. In Christ we have a glorious purpose and destiny. We are bought by His blood and saved so we might become God's people and His priests to serve Him. We are destined to reign on earth with Him. See also Genesis 1:28 and Luke 22:29-30.]

Question: In view of what we are saved from and what we are saved to, who can we pray for and share the message of salvation with this week? Is there anything we should do as a family to help us all to share the gospel with someone this week?

End by praying for the specific pre-believers mentioned in answer to the previous question, and for opportunities and boldness to share the gospel with them.

Transition to Works:

Indeed, let us go beyond ourselves and ask God to help us graciously and lovingly reach out to the people around us. Ask the Lord to break away any barrier that is hindering and preventing us from doing the work of God. Continue to persevere in these good works!

WORKS (15minutes)

1. 3x3 Prayer

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the strongholds that bind the people. Ask Him to set divine appointments for us to minister His power over them (words of knowledge, healing, helps, etc.). Pray for one another for boldness, courage and obedience to follow through.

2. Inviting Friends to our Services

Continue to encourage one another to invite pre-believing friends to our weekend Services. Make time to listen to 'The Voice of God' for prophetic utterances that speak to our pre-believing friends' circumstances as a prelude to inviting them. In addition, take some time to discuss, plan an activity and pray toward achieving the goal you have set as a cell.

3. Consolidation of New Converts

Consolidate those who have accepted Christ - contact them via phone calls; meet up with them over a meal; make house visits; introduce them to members of the cell and invite them to fellowship with the faith community during cell meetings and celebration Services. Make them feel belonged.

Introduce them to **LifeClass**. **LifeClass** is an exciting package of equipping that guides new believers through the foundations of their faith and leads them into a life-transforming encounter with Jesus. It does this through nine weeks of personal study, combined with fun and interactive classroom sessions of Bible teaching and an Encounter Weekend. It replaces the former Pre-Encounter Class, Encounter Weekend and Post Encounter. Please check out the Equipping page at our website or Mobile App. Visit <https://fcbc.org.sg/equipping/event-listing> for more details.

4. Destiny Weekends

Be equipped for your destiny of making disciples for Jesus! We have scheduled two weeks of intensive Destiny Training (DT), so you can now complete DT modules at a faster pace, without compromising on its effectiveness. Four different modules will be offered, so you may choose the ones most suitable for yourselves. Participate as a whole cell and make your learning journey more fun and enjoyable!

Course Schedule:

Course	Training Days	Session 1	Session 2	Sessions 3-5
DT1	Wed, Fri & either Sat or Sun	Wed, 24 Oct (TC)	Fri, 26 Oct (TC)	Either Sat, 27 Oct (ST) or Sun, 28 Oct (ST)
Course	Training Days	Session 1	Session 2	Sessions 3-5
DT2	Wed, Fri & either Sat or Sun	Wed, 31 Oct (TC)	Fri, 2 Nov (TC)	Either Sat, 3 Nov (ST) or Sun, 4 Nov (ST)
DT3	Wed, Fri & Sun only	Wed, 24 Oct (ST)	Fri, 26 Oct (ST)	Sun, 28 Oct (ST)
DT4 (Married)	Wed, Fri & Sun only	Wed, 24 Oct (GT)	Fri, 26 Oct (GT)	Sun, 28 Oct (ST)
DT4 (Singles)	Wed, Fri & Sun only	Wed, 24 Oct (GT)	Fri, 26 Oct (GT)	Sun, 28 Oct (ST)

Timing: Wed & Fri: 7.30-10pm

Sat: **Session 3:** 9.30-11.30am; **Session 4:** 12.30-2.30pm; **Session 5:** 2.45-5pm

Sun: **Session 3:** 12-2pm; **Session 4:** 2.15-4.15pm; **Session 5:** 4.30-6.30pm

- For further course details, go to <https://www.fcfc.org.sg/equipping/destiny-training>
- To register and check eligibility, please use this link: www.fcfc.org.sg/EquippingRegistration
- To check equipping status only, please use this link: www.fcfc.org.sg/eqstatus
- For further clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact us at email: Equip_admin@fcfc.org.sg or call at 64249400.

Announcements:

- 1) Please visit <https://www.fcfc.org.sg/bulletin/> or our FCBC app for more details.
- 2) **Special note:** Leaders' Meeting on 17-October (Wednesday), 7.30pm at Touch Centre. All leaders including Marketplace leaders, please be present. Attendance will be taken.