

## 4Ws for Week 45, 5 – 11 Nov 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. Paper Airplane

- a) Everyone makes a paper airplane and writes their name and two questions to ask someone else.
- b) On cue, everyone throws their airplane around the room, picks up others' airplanes, and keeps throwing them.
- c) The leader says stop after one or two minutes.
- d) Everyone must have one paper airplane.
- e) They must find the owner of the airplane they have and answer the questions on the airplane.
- f) Each person then introduces the owner of the airplane they have to the group.

#### 2. Silent I.D.

Give each person a piece of paper with instructions to write words or draw pictures that describe themselves without talking. Then they are to pin their paper on their chest, walk around, and look at each other. Pictures are collected and shuffled and participants try to identify to whom each picture belongs.

#### Transition to Worship:

*In our meeting together let us remember that we worship the God who created this world, the God who spoke through His prophets from generation to generation, led His people from captivity to liberty, healed the sick, fed the hungry and was faithful even when faced with rejection. The same God who wants all people to be drawn to His love and grace, to know His forgiveness and the joy of His Salvation. Let us put aside all that hinders and join together in worship and praise. Amen.*

### WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following suggested worship songs:

- 1) Friend Of God (G)
- 2) Blessed Be Your Name (G)
- 3) Resurrecting (G)
- 4) What A Beautiful Name (D)

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:

*As we take our worship, praise and prayer from this place and into our daily lives, may our lives be sustained through the love of our Heavenly Father. May we feel the presence of our Saviour walking beside us, and know the power of the Spirit in both our actions and our words. Open our ears, open our eyes to see your truth as we discuss your word. In Jesus' name, Amen!*

## WORD (45minutes)

### Memory verse of the week: 2 Chronicles 7:16 (NIVUK)

<sup>16</sup> I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there for ever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

**Sermon Title: Supernatural Witness**

**By Rev Poh Wee Long**

**on 3 & 4 Nov 2018**

### Introduction

Last week we learnt about being witnesses for God – that we are to tell His Story. God wants us to make His Story, the Greatest Story, known to everyone. So, every Christian has a responsibility and duty to make God known and be a witness for Him. But what kind of witnesses are we to be as we testify about Jesus? The answer is found in Acts 1:8-11:

### Acts 1:8-11

<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

The kind of witness that Jesus wants us to be, is one where we are filled with power because of the Holy Spirit living in us. There are 3 key things that we must do, in order to be a supernatural witness for God:

1. Pray – Bring people before God
2. Preach – Bring God to people
3. Persevere – Bring it to completion

### Discovery and Understanding Questions:

**Q1.** What kind of witnesses are we to be as we testify about Jesus Christ and from which passage can we find the answer from?

### Acts 1:8 (NIVUK)

<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; ; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

### John 14:12-13 (NIVUK)

<sup>12</sup> Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.<sup>13</sup> And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

**A1.** The kind of witness that Jesus wants us to be, is one where we are filled with power because of the Holy Spirit living in us. To be witnesses for Him in a supernatural way, meaning that we will regularly witness supernatural things happening in our midst. This can be found in Acts 1:8 and John 14:12-13.

**Q2.** What are the 3 key things that we must do to be a supernatural witness for God?

**A2.** The 3 key things are:

1. Pray – Bring people before God
2. Preach – Bring God to people
3. Persevere – Bring it to completion

**Application Questions:**

**Q1.** From the 3 key things on pray, preach and persevere; share one key thing that you have been able to do successfully.

**Q2.** Share one of the key things that you are weak in and how you can work on it to be a supernatural witness for God. Pray for one another to become God’s supernatural witness.

**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 the second icebreaker in the WELCOME segment above or any other icebreaker as you deem to be appropriate, 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, or
3. Review and discuss this week’s memory verse, or
4. Familiarize yourself with the **Introduction** and the **Discovery and Understanding Questions** of the **WORD** segment above before you lead in the following discussion.

Ask everyone to read aloud together Acts 1:8 and John 14:12.

As we have seen last week, in Acts 1:8, Jesus commanded His disciples to be His witnesses, and that includes us too. Jesus promised them the power of the Holy Spirit who would come upon them and fill them. They needed the power of the Holy Spirit because they were to be supernatural witnesses, witnesses who would do what Jesus did, including healing the sick, casting out demons and performing miracles (John 14:12).

**Question: Have you ever experienced healing the sick, casting out of demons and effecting miracles in the course of witnessing for the Lord Jesus? Why or why not?**

*[Let your family members share freely. Then remind everyone of the promise of Jesus in John 14:12 and Mark 16:17-18. Briefly explain Ps Wee Long’s message that in order to experience such miracles, we need to pray, to preach and to persevere in doing these. God has given us His promise and will not go back on His word; therefore, we need to take Him at His word and act on it by praying, preaching and persevering.]*

**Question: Which of these three actions do you need to pay more attention to this week (pray, preach and persevere)? Who would you pray for/preach to/persevere with?**

Plan further on the Christmas party you were discussing last week. End by praying for the ones mentioned in the last question and for opportunities to witness to them and for their salvation.

## Transition to Works:

*All of us can be a supernatural witness for God. The coming Christmas harvest party will be the occasion for us to start to name and pray for our friends. List 3 persons you want to invite to your Christmas party and start praying for them from now on in your private devotion times and in the CG gatherings.*

## 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. Christmas Harvest 2018

Start planning and training members for the Christmas Cell Harvest.

Train members to share short stories of God's goodness in their life as follows:

- i. Pray and identify moments where God had made a difference in their lives according to the weekly themes such as: 'Joyful', 'Wonderful', 'Grateful/Thankful', 'Fruitful', 'Purposeful', etc.
- ii. Write and share this thanksgiving during cell meetings to practice.
- iii. Find 1 person a week to share their Thanksgiving. As an option, have them share their thanksgiving at your year-end Christmas Party.

*Refer to the Christmas Manual Appendix G – "Thanksgiving Sharing" for pointers on crafting out your thanksgiving.*

Thanksgiving theme:

- **November, Week 1: Joyful** – Share a time where perhaps you had felt stressed up or sad and how that turned into joy as you persevered and trusted in Christ?

(You can download the Christmas Harvest Manual at this link -

[https://www.fcbc.org.sg/sites/default/files/pdf/christmas\\_party\\_2018\\_manual\\_english\\_v3.pdf](https://www.fcbc.org.sg/sites/default/files/pdf/christmas_party_2018_manual_english_v3.pdf))

## Collection of Collaterals

- All English collaterals (John 3:16 Presentation Cards) will be ready for collection at all worship centres on the weekends of **10/11 November (TC and GT)** and **17/18 November (TC and Suntec)**.
- For Cell Leaders leading **Chinese-speaking cells**, we have printed the Chinese version of the Leader's Manual and all Appendices for them to be collected together with the relevant collaterals. These can **ONLY** be collected from either **TC or GT**, on **Sunday** where our Chinese Services are held. There will be **NO** distribution of the Chinese resources at Suntec.
- Please **collect your collaterals personally** from counters specially set up at the centre's foyer.

## Christmas Parties (For Families with Children)

- We will need you to get back to your G12 Leader/Team Pastor if you and your cell is running Christmas Party for families with children, by **18 November (Sunday)**.
- Please respond via this link: <http://bit.ly/familychristmasparties>
- There will be a **briefing** for you and your key cell members to give your support and help in running these parties.

Briefing details are as follow:

- Date/Time: **20th November (Tuesday), 8pm**
- Venue: **TC Chapel**

### **3. 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.

### **4. 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.

### **Announcements:**

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