

4Ws for Week 49, 3 - 9 Dec 2018

WELCOME (10-15minutes)

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. Wreath Hoops

- a. Attach a hanging hoop to the ceiling – a large embroidery hoop from a discount store works well.
- b. Divide the group into pairs.
- c. Have a large basket with 30 to 40 Ping-Pong balls or make balls of paper.
- d. One person in each duo is blindfolded and their partner gives instructions on how to throw the balls through the hoop.
- e. Set a specific amount of time – 30 seconds works well.
- f. After the thirty seconds expires, count the number of balls the team has managed to get through the wreath.
- g. The winning team is the one who manages to throw the most balls through the hoop.

2. Unwrapped Christmas Gift Fast

You will need a Santa or elf hat, a pair of bulky gloves or oven mitts, one gift wrapped in multiple layers of paper, and one or two dice depending on how many people are playing.

- a. Set the wrapped prize in the center of the room with the hat and gloves next to it. Have players sit in a large circle.
- b. The first person rolls a die and if it shows a six, they take a turn running to the center, putting on the hat and gloves, and start unwrapping the gift one layer at a time.
- c. The dice continue to be passed, until another six is thrown.
- d. When someone rolls another six, he runs to the center, take the hat and gloves, and continue unwrapping the gift.
- e. The person who unwraps the last layer of paper gets to keep the prize.

Transition to Worship:

Our God is an awesome God. He is kind, tenderhearted, and merciful. Our Father loves us with an everlasting love and He is always concerned about our welfare. All that we need He provides through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. God should always be revered and adored. He should have our utmost respect. Today, bless the Lord. Lift up your praises to the One who is the living God; our God who is our Father.

WORSHIP (15-20 minutes)

You may use the following suggested worship songs:

- 1) Blessed Be Your Name (G)
- 2) Glory (C)
- 3) Beautiful Saviour (E)
- 4) What A Beautiful Name (D)

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

Transition to Word:

Father, Your Word is more desirable than gold, yes, even the finest gold. Your Word is sweeter than honey dripping from the honeycomb. Your Word warns us and we expect great reward as we adhere to it. Father, You are great and most worthy of praise. Speak to us we pray. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WORD (40-45minutes)

Memory verse of the week: 2 Chronicles 27:6 (NIVUK)

Jotham grew powerful because he walked steadfastly before the LORD his God."

Sermon Title: The Great Collaboration

By DSP Daniel Khong

on 1 & 2 Dec 18

Scripture Passage: 1 Corinthians 3:5-11 (NKJV)

⁵ Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. ⁷ So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. ⁸ Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. ⁹ For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. ¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. ¹¹ For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Introduction

The Great Commission is God's commandment to His people to preach His gospel and make disciples all around the world. It is of great importance because if every Christian on earth is committed to the fulfilment of the Great Commission, then the world will be changed and transformed. The Great Commission can only be fulfilled in collaboration with God and God's people.

There are 3 reasons why God wants to collaborate with us in fulfilling the Great Commission:

1. Divine Potential – He wants to work in us
2. Divine Partnership – He wants to work with us
3. Divine Purpose – God wants to work through us

1 Corinthians 3:9 (KJV)

For we are labourers together with God.

Matthew 28:16-20 (NIVUK)

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

Discovery and Understanding Questions: (15 minutes)

Q1. Why does God wants to work in us to accomplish the Great Commission?

A1. God wants to work in us because He sees who we can become. Even though we may seem so insignificant in comparison to Him, He sees the potential in us and He wants to work in us to develop that potential. He wants to restore us to what we were first created for - to be a blessing to all His creation.

Matthew 4:19 (NKJV)

Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Q2. Why would God want to partner with us?

A2. God desires to partner with us and wants to work with us because he wants to fellowship with us. When we work with God, we develop friendship with Him. Jesus did not call us servants, He calls us His friends. When we partner with God, we have the confidence that God will help us to accomplish His assignment because we know that we are not alone, He is there to help us. That is what friendship is all about.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIVUK)

Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

Ephesians 3:20 (NIVUK)

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us

Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Q3. Why does God choose to work through us?

A3. God's way has been to use man for His divine purpose, the good works which God has prepared in advance for us so that we can give glory to God. When we accomplish the impossible, we know that it is not us but it is God who works through us and God gets the ultimate glory because without Him we cannot and yet what is even more amazing is that without us He will not. God has chosen to work in His creation in such a way that many of His actions are contingent on the faith of His people.

Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIVUK)

For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. God has a divine purpose for all of creation, and also for you. He will fulfil His purposes through you.

Application Questions: (30 minutes)

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

Q1. Share a situation in which you experienced God working through you.

Q2. In what ways can you partner with God to accomplish the Great Commission?

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, or
- 3) Review and discuss this week's memory verse, or
- 4) Have one person read 1 Corinthians 3:5-11 and have everyone read aloud together v.9.

DSP Daniel Khong preached the last sermon in the sermon series on the Great Commission and highlighted that the Great Commission should not just be regarded as a commandment, but it should be seen as an invitation by God to partner with Him in winning the world to Christ. With reference to the **Introduction** and the **Discovery and Understanding Questions** of the **WORD** segment above, lead in the following discussion.

Question: In view of who God is and what He has done and of who we are (Psalm 8:3-5), how does it make you feel to be invited by God to partner with Him?

[Let your family members share freely. Some likely responses are: amazement, great honour and privilege (Ephesians 3:7-9), gratitude and excitement. It is indeed a great honour to be given this privilege and we can indeed look forward to an exciting partnership with Him!]

Question: What are some benefits of partnering with God in evangelism?

[Let your family members share freely. Explain that when we partner with God, we can do a lot more than by ourselves because we can tap on His power and authority; and also, we can get to know Him and His ways more, and grow closer and more intimate in our relationship with Him, and in the process we ourselves will grow and many more people will be blessed.]

Question: What can we do to be more intentional in partnering with God in evangelism?

[Let your family members share freely. Some ways include – memorizing 1 Corinthians 3:9, praying more and pausing to pray and listen to the Holy Spirit in relating with pre-believers and sharing the gospel with them.]

End by praying for each other according to the responses shared in the last question. Pray also for specific Christmas programs that your family/cell is planning and for the Christmas services and for the salvation of pre-believing family members, relatives and friends.

Transition to Works:

Holy Spirit, help us be a blessing to our colleagues at work by praying and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to those who are pre-believers during this Christmas season. Amen.

WORKS (15-25 minutes)

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

Your Christmas Cell Harvest's planning and members' training should be well in place by now. Make a list of all your potential invitees and start a program of praying for each of them.

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:

December, Week 1: Purposeful – Share how you've found your purpose in Christ and what keeps you going from day to day, every day. Perhaps it's a dream job or something you love about serving in God's house.

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

https://www.fcbc.org.sg/sites/default/files/pdf/christmas_party_2018_manual_english_v4.pdf
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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.

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