

4Ws for Week 6, 4 -10 Feb 2019

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. Chinese New Year

Share how you and your family celebrate Chinese New Year.

2. Yank Me

- Players compete to create a tower of 4 cups with *ang bao* packets placed between each cup.
- Players must remove each *ang bao* packet one by one so all 4 cups rest in a single stack.
- You lose if the tower topples or the cups do not rest in a single stack!

Materials needed: 4 paper cups and ang pow packets.



Transition to Worship:

With our whole being we praise You. We rejoice in knowing that You are our God, and that we are the people You watch over and the flock under Your care. Thank You, Lord! We bless Your holy Name!

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following suggested worship songs:

- 1) Forever (D)
- 2) Blessed Be Your Name (G)
- 3) Hosanna (Be Lifted Higher) (D)
- 4) What A Beautiful Name (D)

Be sensitive in waiting upon the Lord for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Encourage members to seek the Lord and by faith exercise the gifts of the Holy Spirit through prophetic utterances for the purpose of ministering to all 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 greatly to be praised. We will bless You at all times and constantly speak of Your praises.

WORD (45minutes)

Memory verse of the week: Mark 11:25 (NIV)

“And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”

Sermon Title: Identity Crisis

By Dr Billy Wilson

on 2-3 Feb 19

Scripture Passages:

Matthew 10:39 (MSG)

If your first concern is to look after yourself, you'll never find yourself. But if you forget about yourself and look to me, you'll find both yourself and me.

Acts 19:15 (NIVUK)

One day the evil spirit answered them, 'Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?'

Introduction

Identity is one of the largest issues in the world today and this also applies to believers. People have been asking the question 'Who am I?' They are looking for their identity. Why has this become such a big issue now? Dr Billy Wilson attributes the crisis to the following reasons:

- The size of the world's population
- Extended adolescence
- Post-modern deconstructionism
- The rise of social media and the false positive images it promotes
- The concerted effort of darkness to distort and confuse the identity of today's generation

Because of these, we live in a fatherless generation and developed an orphan mentality.

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. Why does this present generation struggle to find their identity?

A1. The reason why this generation struggles to find their identity is because they should not find their identity in themselves but in God. Often we focus on the likes of others instead of the likes of God. We cannot find our identity by what people think or say but what God says about us. Moses faced an identity crisis. It was until he encountered God, then he understood who he was. Who I am is to understand the Great I Am. When we focus on Him, we understand who we are.

Exodus 3:11 (NIVUK)

¹¹ But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?'

Exodus 3:14 (NIVUK)

¹⁴ God said to Moses, 'I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: "I am has sent me to you."'

Q2. What was the point that Dr Billy Wilson was trying to drive across when he used the illustration of sumo wrestlers?

A2. The aim of the sumo wrestlers is to push their opponent off the line. So when we don't have a sure footing, when we don't know our identity, Satan can easily push us around. Satan's ploy was to get Jesus to doubt His identity. But Satan failed because Jesus knew who He was. Similarly when we know who we are in Christ, we can push Satan off the line.

Matthew 16:15-19 (NIVUK)

¹⁵ 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

Acts 13:9-11 (NIVUK)

⁹ Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, ¹⁰ 'You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? ¹¹ Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind for a time, not even able to see the light of the sun.' Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand.

Application Questions:

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

Q1. Do you struggle with your identity?

Q2. In what area do you often find yourself being pushed by Satan?

Q3. How can you overcome Satan and his deceits in your life?

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 first icebreaker in the WELCOME segment above or any other appropriate icebreaker, and select worship songs that are meaningful to your family. If your children are old enough, ask them to select worship 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 to read Matthew 10:39 and Acts 19:15, another to read Exodus 3:11 & 14, and another, Matthew 16:15-19.

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

Question: How would you answer the questions - Who are you?

[Let your family members share freely. We may answer the question by giving our name, listing our roles (e.g., student or cashier) and interests (e.g., I like cycling) or character (I am kind). Explain that there are different ways in which we can look at ourselves, our family and subsequent life experiences that shape our identity...]

Question: What are some ways to describe Jesus? What aspect of His identity do you think is the most important?

[Let your family members share freely. People thought of Him as rabbi, prophet, and Messiah. Jesus described Himself as the light of the world, the good shepherd...etc. God Himself addressed Him as "My Son" the 2 times He spoke about Jesus (Matthew 3:17 & 17:5). God's revelation to Peter about Jesus also included Jesus' identity as the Son of God (Matthew 16:16). Jesus' identity as God's Son is so critical that it was the first thing that the devil challenged (Matthew 4:1-6 – "If you are the Son of God").]

Question: Why is it important for us to establish our identity in Jesus?

[Let your family members share freely. While we may become unsure about our own identity and worth, especially when external circumstances change, God's identity and His love for us never change. Our identity as God's son/daughter will never change, and when our identity is linked to God's unchanging identity, we will always stand secure. When Moses expressed doubt about his identity and worth, God responded by expressing His identity (Exodus 3:11,14). When we feel lost or confused about our identity, we can feel alone and helpless, and start to despair, but when we turn to God, He will beat back the darkness.]

End by praying for each other, that we would establish our identity in God. Pray also for the salvation of pre-believing family members, relatives and friends.

Transition to Works:

God's Word is clear that our love of God has to be manifested in works. Let us continue in doing these good works by praying for our prebeliever friends, inviting them to our CGs/church, consolidating them and doing other acts of kindness for them.

WORKS (15minutes)

1. 幸福小组 (XFXZ) Launch

For those who have completed XFXZ training and gearing up for the launch, spend time praying daily for yourselves and the names of your potential 'Best'. Cry out to God for a heart of passion for Him and compassion for the lost.

2. 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.

3. Inviting Friends to our Services

Continue to encourage one another to invite pre-believing friends to our weekend Services, especially those who attended our Cell Christmas Party in Dec 2018. 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.

5. **Connecting with your prebeliever friends**

Create opportunities to do so - invite them for lunch/dinner/to go for a show; offer to babysit; buy groceries for them; buy them birthday gifts; do special things to make them feel loved and honoured.

Announcements:

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