

4Ws for Week 19, 6 - 12 May 2019

WELCOME (15 minutes)

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. My Past Week in WhatsApp

Everyone is given 3 mins to scroll through their WhatsApp (or any other social chat apps) messages in the past week for one happy message and one unhappy message. Each person will then share one or both messages that they found.

Note: Participants without mobile phones or social chat apps can share based on events that happened in the past week.

Materials Needed: Everybody's mobile phones.

2. I have never

Everyone sits in a circle with one palm facing front and all fingers extended. Each person will say an event that most people have done, but not themselves. For example, a person could say, "I have never been to Europe." For each event, all the other players are to fold a finger if they have done that event before. The person with the most number of fingers unfolded wins.

Materials Needed: Small snacks as prizes for the winners.

Transition to Worship:

God, You are forever faithful, forever merciful, forever gracious, forever forgiving, forever loving, and forever all things to all men. Lord, we worship You now as the forever God.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following suggested worship songs:

- 1) Forever (D)
- 2) Blessed Be Your Name (G)
- 3) Shout To The Lord (G)
- 4) Deeper In Love (A)

(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 go deeper in love of You in worship, so now we want to go deeper in love with You in Your Word. Help us Lord to go and to grow deeper in You as we meditate on Your Word.

WORD (45minutes)

Memory verse of the week: Colossians 3:12 (NIVUK)

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Scripture Passages: 2 Cor 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Introduction

In the blessing in 2 Cor 13:14, the Apostle Paul blesses the Corinthian believers with the *grace of the Son Jesus Christ*, with the *love of the Father*, and with the *fellowship of the Holy Spirit*. In these blessings we have three gifts of the Triune God:

- 1) the *Gift of Life* – which guarantees *security* for the believer in Jesus Christ. This *security* is for the here and now and the thereafter.
- 2) the *Gift of Love* – which gives *significance* for the child of God.
- 3) the *Gift of the Holy Spirit* – which makes the Christian a superhero.

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. From the verses below, how does a person obtain this *gift of life*?

A1. He obtains this gift of life by acknowledging he has sinned and turning to God and accepting this gift promised to him (and to everyone else).

Isaiah 53:6a

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way;

Hebrews 9:27

And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Romans 6:23

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

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Q2. How does God demonstrate His love for us and for Mankind?

A2. He gave His all, including His Son for men and didn't even withhold Him from us. He also promises that if He does this, then He will not withhold anything good from us.

John 3:16

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.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 8:31, 32

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Q3. What does God promise with the Holy Spirit indwelling us?

A3. That we will have the fullness of the power of His Spirit

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.

Application Questions:

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

Q1. Reflect on your life and share how you have been appropriating the gift of life, the gift of love and the gift of the Holy Spirit into your life, and into the lives of the people around you.

Q2. With the Celebration Of Hope (COH) coming, share who you are inviting to the COH so they too can appropriate these gifts.

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 everyone take turns to read aloud 2 Corinthians 13:14 to all those gathered.
With reference to the **Introduction** and the **Discovery and Understanding Questions** of the **WORD** segment above, lead in the following discussion.

Activity: In round robin style for 5 minutes, thank God for blessings in your lives. Once a particular blessing has been mentioned, no one else may repeat it.

[Make this a fun activity and help each other to list as many blessings as you can in 5 minutes, including blessings which we often take for granted. Reinforce the idea that we should be mindful of and thank God for blessings in our lives.]

Question: 2 Corinthians 13:14 concludes his letter by pronouncing blessings over the church in Corinth. What blessings did he pronounce over them?

[After your family members have responded, summarize the three blessings that SP Lawrence spoke about – His gift of eternal life in Christ, which gives us security; His love for us, which gives us significance; and His Holy Spirit who empowers us for His supernatural works, including being His witnesses.]

Question: Share about your personal experience of these 3 blessings.

[Let your family members share freely. Affirm them as they share, and try to connect what they share back to the blessing of security, significance and being a superhero.]

Question: How should we respond to these blessings?

[Ask every family member to share. One good response is to believe God for these blessings and claim them for ourselves if we are not experiencing it. Another good response is thanksgiving for these blessings. Another good response is sharing with others, including pre-believers, about the availability of these blessings in Christ.]

End by thanking God for His blessings and praying for each other, that we will experience more and more of these blessings in our lives and will share them with others. Pray also for Celebration of Hope and the salvation of pre-believing family members, relatives and friends.

Transition to Works:

We thank God for the gift of life, the gift of love and the gift of the Holy Spirit. As His children, let us not be selfish and keep this gift to ourselves. Let us share this gift with those who do not know that these gifts are available for them. Let us now pray for these people and invite them to COH so they too can hear the message of these gifts promised to all who will receive them.

WORKS (15minutes)

1. 幸福小组 (XFXZ) – Celebrity Weekend #3 (11-12 May)

- Continue praying in unity for your 'Best' to experience the power of the gospel and to know God.
- Continue to build relationship with your 'Best' and encourage them to come for the final Celebrity Weekend services as well as the Celebration of Hope (COH) rallies.
- Take some time to book, consolidate and confirm COH tickets for BEST and members.
NOTE: Tickets need to be confirmed by 8 May (noon).
- Encourage your Best to get baptized and sign them up for baptism.
- To download baptism forms, click this URL link: www.fcbc.org.sg/pastoral-care/baptism

2. 3x3 Prayer and COH Harvest Watch

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 and the COH Rallies

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. Take some time to book, consolidate and confirm COH tickets for friends and members.

4. Connecting with your pre-believer 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.

5. 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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