

4Ws for Week 20, 13 - 19 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. Whodunit?

This game can be played individually or with two teams. For extremely large groups, choose ten volunteers and split them into two teams of five. To set up the game, pass out an index card and a pen for each participant. Ask each person to write down something interesting they have done.

Examples: I went skydiving once, I got arrested before, I once drank a gallon of milk, I lived in seven different states, and, I ate bugs before.

Try to instruct people to write a fact that most people don't already know – the sillier (or more unbelievable) the better. Collect all the cards (separate them into two piles if two teams are playing). Shuffle the cards and then pass them back out. Each person (or team) takes turns reading aloud their card and then the reader must guess whose fact he or she has read. After that, the guessed person simply says "yes" or "no". If the person guesses correctly, the guessed person can briefly explain what they wrote (if desired). The guessing continues until all cards are exhausted. Everyone reveals who wrote which card at the end.

2. Name Grid

Divide the young people into groups of four. Each group needs paper and pens. Ask them to draw a grid on which they write their names. For example, SIMON, WENDY, ROBERT, or, ANN. Give each team three minutes to write down as many words (three letters or more) that they can make only using the letters in their names. Letters must adjoin each other in the grid, but do not have to be in a straight line. When the time is up each team adds up their score -- 3 or 4 letter words = 1 point, 5 letter words = 2 points, and, 6 letter words = 3 points.

Transition to Worship:

Jesus said in John 8:31-32, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." God's truth sets us free! Let us come and worship Him.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following suggested worship songs:

- 1) Forever Reign (E)
- 2) Let The Praises Ring (E)
- 3) There Is None Like You – Lenny Leblanc (E)
- 4) How Great Is Our God (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:

2 Tim 4:3-4: "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching." Lord, we come with open hearts to receive your word. Holy Spirit,

teach us we pray so that we are ready to preach and teach your word with conviction in season and out of season. Amen.

WORD (45minutes)

Memory verse of the week: Jeremiah 3:14 (NIVUK)

“Return, faithless people,” declares the LORD, “for I am your husband. I will choose you – one from a town and two from a clan – and bring you to Zion.

Sermon Title: God’s Vision For My Life

By Pastor Johanna Castellanos

on 11 – 12 May 19

Scripture Passages: Psalm 37:5 (NKJV)

“Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.”

Introduction

Last weekend, Pastor Johanna Castellanos shared how to have God’s vision for our lives. God has a vision for us. This is the blessed life God desires for us. In order for God’s vision to be fulfilled in our lives, we need to do 4 things:

1. Trust in the God who called us
2. Have an encounter with Him
3. Sanctify ourselves
4. Know the name of God

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. How can we trust God for His vision for our lives?

A1. In order for God’s vision to be fulfilled in our lives, we need to trust Him fully. He will show us the way. He has great things for our lives. He will orchestrate events to authenticate our calling just like Pastor Johanna described how she met her husband, Eliemerson, at their G12 Conference and how God has been preparing him to be a pastor as young as 16 years old.

Jeremiah 1:5-7

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” Then said I: “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth.” But the Lord said to me: “Do not say, ‘I am a youth,’ for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.”

Q2. Why is it important for us to have an encounter with God?

A2. When we have a personal encounter with God, everything changes. We will also receive God’s vision for our lives. God became real because we experienced Him. We cannot know God from second hand experiences, we need to know God ourselves. We need to seek an encounter with God like Moses. Pastor Johanna shared how her 85 year old grandmother still want to serve God, to train intercessors at her old age.

Exodus 3:2-5

“And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.” So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses,

Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then He said, “Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.”

Q3. How can we sanctify ourselves in order for God to use us?

A3. Like Moses, when we have an encounter with God who is holy, we have to take off our sandal because the very place we are standing is holy ground. When we desire to be used by God, we need to go through the process to be free from sin and holy in our walk with God. We need to be careful with our friends, our speech, and our actions. Pastor Johanna shared how when they were young, her parents would impose a fine of \$1 on all their children when they uttered any negative words. We need to speak words that motivate, edify, comfort, and are positive about things that conquer.

Q4. Why is knowing God’s name important?

A4. God’s name spells His authority. It also means we need to get close to Him, and to know Him personally. His name “I AM” tells us that He is also the God who is ever-present, He is the God of Today. We can seek the vision of God for our lives. When we know God, we will know our purpose to be His mouthpiece to speak for Him. Like Moses, God intends to use us in the marketplace to proclaim His name and that He has come to deliver His people.

Exodus 3:13-14

“Then Moses said to God, “Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they say to me, ‘What is His name?’ what shall I say to them?” And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

Application Questions:

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

Q1. Share your personal encounter with God.

Q2. In what ways have this message touched 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 icebreakers #2 or #3 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.fcbc.org.sg/youthchildren/gkidz/parents), or
3. Review and discuss this week’s memory verse, or
4. Have one person read Ex 3:2-5, another to read Ex 3:13-14 and another to read Jeremiah 1:5-7.

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

Question: Do you think God has a vision for your life?

[Let your family members share freely. Share that God has a vision for our lives because He said so in His word (Psalm 139:16). God called Moses to lead the Israelites and He called Jeremiah to be a messenger. It may take time for us to discover His vision. Sometimes it is because there is a veil of sin over us, or we have desires which are not in line with His vision. It could be also because there are hurts and wounds in our lives, or we have not spent enough time seeking Him.]

Question: What are some things you can do to discover and pursue God's vision for your life?

[Let your family members share freely. We need to trust in God and keep pursuing Him until we have an encounter with Him. We also need to sanctify ourselves in our speech, thoughts, heart and conduct, and know the Name of God. Share examples of how people in the bible, like Moses, and how you, yourself discovered God's vision for your own life and how you are living it out.]

Question: What are some words of faith we can speak to each other so God's vision can be fulfilled in our lives?

[Let your family members share freely. Some words we can say are: God will show you the path, and the way. Trust in God. God is transforming you in an incredible way. You will have a supernatural encounter with God. God wants to use you. Know the God who is the great I Am. Know Him who is the way, the truth and the life. Know Him who is the great shepherd.]

End by praying for each other, that we will have a supernatural encounter with God and receive God's vision for our lives. Pray that we will trust in Him, know Him and have the energy to live out His vision. Pray also for the salvation of pre-believing family members, relatives and friends.

Transition to Works:

We thank God for His vision and destiny for our lives. Let us encounter Him in a personal way in which He sanctifies us and makes us worthy of His love for us. We will trust Him more and more as we know Him for who He is.

WORKS (15minutes)

1. 幸福小组 (XFXZ) – Baptism Class (14 May)

- The first batch of 26 XFXZ converts will be getting baptized on 25/26 May 2019.
- Continue to build relationship with your 'Best' and encourage them to attend the Celebration of Hope (COH) rallies.
- For rallies with available tickets, take some time to book, consolidate and confirm the tickets for your BEST and members.
- For those who have not done so, encourage your Best to get baptized and sign them up for baptism in July 2019.
- 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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