

4Ws for Week 30, 22 - 28 Jul 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. Arts and Entertainment

Share a recent movie, TV show or drama that you have enjoyed and why you like it.

2. Movie Title Charade

Write the names of different movie or drama into slips of paper and then have everyone draw a slip each and act out the movie title for everyone to guess. You may use the following examples...

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| a) Avengers | d) Lord of the Rings | g) Black Panther |
| b) Ah Boys to Men | e) Star Wars | h) Harry Potter |
| c) Spiderman | f) Money not enough | |

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) Majestic – Lincoln Brewster (A)
- 3) Pour My Love On You (G)
- 4) Hosanna - Hillsong

Worship Leader to be sensitive in waiting upon the Lord for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Do not rush but allow the Holy Spirit to work among us by encouraging the release of the gifts of the Holy Spirit – words of knowledge, visions, tongues and interpretation of tongues.

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: Psalm 115:1

“Not to us, LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.”

Sermon Title: A Gateway To The Heart

By DSP Rev Daniel Khong

on 20 - 21 July 2019

Scripture Passage: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (NIVUK)

¹⁹ Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

Introduction

This July is a special month for us in FCBC because Gateway Theatre celebrates her second anniversary with a month-long Gateway Arts Festival, which has entered its final week. DSP Daniel recalled how God led SP Lawrence to enter into the pulpit of the Arts and Entertainment world because of his passion to reach out to the multitudes, and why the Arts and Entertainment world is the gateway to the hearts and minds of the people in this generation.

DSP Daniel also shared two defining characteristics of the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, which characterize the heartbeat of evangelism in FCBC and the primary reason for the setting up of Gateway Entertainment and Gateway Theatre. The two characteristics are:

- 1. A Desperation for the Lost**
- 2. A Passion for the Gospel**

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. What was the Apostle Paul's attitude when it comes to reaching the lost?

A1. Even though Paul was a free man, yet he chose to limit his freedom to become a slave to everyone in order to win them. It shows his desperation to save the lost.

1 Corinthians 9:20-22 (NIVUK)

²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.

2 Peter 3:9 (NIVUK)

⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

John 3:16-17 (NKJV)

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. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Q2. What does passion for the gospel mean? What is the gospel?

A2. Gospel means good news. To have passion for the gospel means we must be consumed to spread the good news of God's forgiveness in Jesus Christ and reconcile people to God. When we share the gospel, we become, like Paul said, partaker of it. To partake means to take part in, to participate. It means to be active not passive when it comes to preaching the gospel.

1 Corinthians 9:23 (NIVUK)

²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

1 Corinthians 9:23 (NKJV)

²³ Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be **partaker of it** with you.

John 1:40-42 (NIVUK)

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus...

Application Questions:

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

Q1. What are the obstacles that prevent you from sharing the gospel to the lost?

Q2. How can you apply the winning mindset of the Apostle Paul to reach the lost into 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 either 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 9:19-20 and another person 1 Corinthians 9:21-23.

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

Question: From 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, what can we learn about the character and motivation of the Apostle Paul?

[Let your family members share freely. Some answers include his adaptability, sacrificial nature, inclusiveness (not discriminating between people from different races, religions or convictions), over-riding concern to win the lost, and consuming passion to share the gospel.]

Question: Have you had to restrict your freedom in order to share the gospel and win the lost?

[Let your family members share freely. Encourage them to be specific. Some might have given up their time, hobbies, interests, preferences, and even rights! Explain that their sacrifices have been worthwhile because of the great value of every soul, as can be seen from the fact that Jesus even gave up His life to save the lost.]

Question: Think of a person whom God wants you to share the gospel with. What freedom and rights do you have to give up in order to share the gospel with this person?

[Let your family members share freely. Take note of what they share for the time of prayer at the end of the session. Encourage them as you share about what they need to give up. Highlight that SP Lawrence Khong had to give up much in order to go into the arts and entertainment world and he continues to make these sacrifices in pursuing God's assignment to preach the gospel from the "pulpit of the world".]

End by praying for each other, especially in what they shared in response to the last question. Pray also for SPs Lawrence and Nina and for the work of Gateway Entertainment and Gateway Theatre, and for the salvation of pre-believing family members, relatives and friends.

Transition to Works:

*²² "But prove yourselves **doers** of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and **not a doer**, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. ²⁵ But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an **effectual doer**, this man **will be blessed** in what he does." - James 1:22-25*

WORKS (15minutes)

1. COH – Harvest of Souls

Although it's been two months, do continue to pray for the assimilation of all the new converts and those who have rededicated their lives at the rallies. Pray also for all these converts and guests to be invited to our baptism services this weekend, so that we can successfully consolidate them into our church and cells.

2. 幸福小组 (Happiness Group)

For those from the pilot launch, do continue to build relationship with your 'BEST' and encourage them to attend our weekend Services. Challenge them to get baptized and sign them up for the next baptism. To download baptism forms, click this URL link: www.fcbc.org.sg/pastoral-care/baptism. Press on with the consolidation of your BESTs.

For those with the Churchwide launch, step up prayers even as you enter into the third week of the Preparation Meetings. Continue to plan activities to connect with your potential BESTs, and meet up with your Happiness group members to pray, plan, bond and team-build.

Reminder – those who missed the Happiness Group training Part 1 in June must view all the video-recording sessions by 31 July 2019. Video links are available from your Team Pastors.

3. 3x3 Prayer

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the strongholds that bind the people on your 3x3 list. Ask Him to set up divine appointments for you to minister His power over them (e.g. words of knowledge, healing, helps, etc.) Ask the Lord for boldness, courage and obedience to follow through.

4. Inviting Friends to our Services

Bring your pre-believing friends to our weekend Services this weekend! Do not give up! God will reward you for your faithfulness (Galatians 6:9)! Consider making 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.

5. Connecting with your pre-believer friends

Create opportunities to do so by inviting 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.

6. 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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