

## 4Ws for Week 35, 26 Aug – 2 Sep 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. Peanuts fight

Buy a packet of peanuts and give the peanuts to everyone. Have each person challenge others by pressing the head of their peanut against others. The peanut shell that cracks loses and loser will hand over the peanut to the winner. Have everyone go around to challenge each other. The one that have the most peanuts wins.

#### 2. Ping-Pong Blow

Tape two raceways with a few strips of sticky tape on a flat surface, either a table or the floor. Two opponents use straws to blow the ping-pong balls from one end of the track to the next in this race. If the ball is blown over the edge of the track, start over! The next person challenges the winner. The game continues until you have an ultimate winner at the end of the contest.

#### 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! Amen! Let us come and worship Him.*

### WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following suggested worship songs:

1. Awesome In This Place – Hillsong (D)
2. Forever Reign (E)
3. Call Upon The Lord (E)
4. I Love You Lord (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:

*Eternal God, You are mighty and strong. You are the One and Only Creator above all. You are Jehovah Jireh, our God who provides! King above all kings! Jesus, You are God's Worthy Lamb, slain as God's sacrifice for the sins of the world. You have all authority, power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and blessing in heaven and earth. Honor, glory and power belong to You, the One sitting at God's right hand on the throne. You are the Lamb forever and ever. In Your mighty Name, Jesus, we pray. Amen!*

### WORD (45minutes)

#### Memory verse of the week: Leviticus 9:24 (NIVUK)

Fire came out from the presence of LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar. And when all the people saw it, they shout for joy and fell facedown.

**Scripture Passages:**

**Leviticus 6:8-13 (NIVUK)**

<sup>8</sup>The Lord said to Moses: <sup>9</sup>‘Give Aaron and his sons this command: “These are the regulations for the burnt offering: the burnt offering is to remain on the altar hearth throughout the night, till morning, and the fire must be kept burning on the altar. <sup>10</sup>The priest shall then put on his linen clothes, with linen undergarments next to his body, and shall remove the ashes of the burnt offering that the fire has consumed on the altar and place them beside the altar. <sup>11</sup>Then he is to take off these clothes and put on others, and carry the ashes outside the camp to a place that is ceremonially clean. <sup>12</sup>The fire on the altar must be kept burning; it must not go out. Every morning the priest is to add firewood and arrange the burnt offering on the fire and burn the fat of the fellowship offerings on it. <sup>13</sup>The fire must be kept burning on the altar continuously; it must not go out.

**Introduction**

At our recent G12 Asia Conference, God has rekindled a renewed fire and passion to pursue our calling. But we need to stoke the fire to keep it going because unattended fire will go out very quickly. It takes a lot of work to make sure that the fire continues to burn. All of us must take responsibility to keep the fire in our hearts burning.

**2 Timothy 1:6 (NIVUK)**

<sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

**Romans 12:11 (NIRV 1998)**

<sup>11</sup>Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord.

SP Daniel shared two ways how we can stoke the fire to keep it burning in our hearts.

1. Give chase to God
2. Make changes to your life

**Discovery and Understanding Questions:**

**Q1. What does it mean to give chase to God?**

**A1.** To give chase to God means to seek God daily. Simply put, it means praying and reading God’s word. It is going back to the start. Everything needs to start with God. Often, we go from conference to conference to try to keep the fire going when what keeps that fire going is what goes on during the quiet moments of our lives. In order to keep the fire of God burning in our lives, we need to hunger for God daily to spend time with Him, and to seek Him in His holy temple.

**Matthew 6:33 (NIVUK)**

<sup>33</sup>But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**1 Chronicles 22:19 (NIVUK)**

<sup>19</sup>Now devote your heart and soul to seeking the Lord your God...

### Luke 5:16 (NIVUK)

<sup>16</sup> But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

### Mark 1:35 (NIVUK)

<sup>35</sup> Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

**Q2. In order to keep the fire burning, the priests had to remove the ashes of the burnt offering. How does this relate to making changes in our lives? What are the ashes in our lives that we need to remove?**

**A2.** The reason why the priests had to remove the ashes of the burnt offering was so that the fire would not be snuffed out. For the same reason, to keep the fire of God burning in our lives, we need to make changes in our lives by removing the ashes – the old things in our lives, our past experiences, past failures, past glories and successes. God wants to start a new thing; therefore, in order to move on with God, we must be willing to let go of the old things and let God bring us into a new season.

### Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIVUK)

<sup>18</sup> 'Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. <sup>19</sup> See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

### Matthew 9:17 (NIVUK)

<sup>17</sup> Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out, and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.'

### **Application Questions:**

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

**Q1.** Describe what changes you would need to make to keep the fire of God burning in your heart.

**Q2.** Share what are the ashes in your life - past experiences, successes or failures which you need to let go so that God can bring you into a new season 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 either of the icebreakers in the WELCOME segment above or any other you deem suitable 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 Leviticus 6:8-13; another read 2 Timothy 1:6, 7, Romans 12:11 and Deuteronomy 4:29; and another, Isaiah 43:18-19.  
With reference to the **Introduction** and the **Discovery and Understanding Questions** of the **WORD** segment above, lead in the following discussion.

**Question: What is the most exciting experience that you have ever had? What was the impact of that experience on you?**

*[Let your family members share freely. For some of us, it might have remained as a happy memory; but for others it might have been life-changing because we learned powerful lessons from it. It is the same with the things of God. We could experience God in a powerful way many times over – some of these experiences merely remain as wonderful memories but others transform us. As we grow in God, it will be good to learn how to stay excited over every God-experience and make it one which has eternal value.]*

**Question: How do we keep ourselves excited after every God-experience?**

*[Let your family members share freely. The priests kept the fire burning by adding firewood (Leviticus 6:12). Similarly, we need to seek God continually. Sometimes it might feel that we can only experience God when there is a special atmosphere or when there are certain people who bring a special anointing, like at a big conference or at Church, but the Bible promises that God will be found by us when we seek Him with all our heart (Deuteronomy 4:29). Jesus modelled for us how to do it (Luke 5:16, Mark 1:35).]*

**Question: What is God's purpose in giving us God-experiences? What was God's purpose in your most recent God-experience?**

*[Let your family members share freely. Explain that God loves us and wants to give us an emotional connection with Him. However, while that could be the most enjoyable part of each God-experience, it is not the only important part because emotions are fleeting and can sometimes be misleading – we must base our lives on Truth, instead of our emotions. Each God-experience reveals to us something new which God is doing in, or through us. Our response should be to work together with God either in making a change in our lives, or in taking action for people or for the environment around us.]*

End by praying for each other, that we will learn how to keep the fire from each God-experience alive and lasting, through constantly seeking God and changing our lives, in response to God's prompting. Pray also for the salvation of pre-believing family members, relatives and friends.

#### **Transition to Works:**

*Let's spend some time praying for our SP & DSP and continue the work of impacting others under their leadership.*

#### **WORKS (15minutes)**

##### **1. COH – Harvest of Souls**

Although it's been three 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 services this weekend, so that we can successfully consolidate them into our church and cells.

## 2. Happiness Group (幸福小组)

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 on this URL link: [www.fcbc.org.sg/pastoral-care/baptism](http://www.fcbc.org.sg/pastoral-care/baptism). Press on with the consolidation of your BESTs!

For those who will be involved in the Happiness Group Round 1 (i.e. 19 Aug to 24 Nov), step up prayers as we gear up for Preparation Week 2. 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.

## 3. 3x3 Prayer

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the strongholds that bind the people. Ask Him to set up divine appointments for us to minister His power over them (words of knowledge, healing, helps, etc.). Pray for one another to have boldness, courage and obedience to follow through.

## 4. 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.

## 5. 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 honored.

## 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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