

4Ws for Week 36, 2 – 8 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. **Keep the Fire Burning**

In following through with the previous weekend's message, "Stoked" by our SP Daniel Khong; share one thing you did last week either in adding fuel (firewood) or removing ashes from your heart's altar so as to keep the fire that God has started in you to continue burning brightly.

2. **Stress Clearing System**

Just as we clear our trash and rubbish daily by taking them out or throwing it down the rubbish chute, we need to do the same with stress when we gather for our time together. Start with three minutes of **silent contemplation**, and then have everyone write down what is stressing them out. When everyone has finished writing, tell them to rip up all of their stress in Jesus' name. Put all the scraps together in a bowl on the table. Now, we are ready to seek the presence of God and to worship Him.

Transition to Worship:

Jesus said in Matthew 11:28, "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." Give to the Lord the things that cause stress and weigh us down, so that we can enter into His presence to worship Him and find rest for our souls.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following suggested worship songs:

1. Majestic – Lincoln Brewster (A)
2. Forever (D)
3. Worthy (D)
4. Pour My Love On You (G)

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, we acknowledge and receive in faith according to the truth and promise of your Word; for in Hebrews 4:12 it says, "For the word of God is **living** and **active** and **sharper** than any two-edged sword, and **piercing** as far as the division of **soul and spirit**, of both **joints and marrow**, and able **to judge** the thoughts and intentions of the heart."*

WORD (45minutes)

Memory verse of the week: Leviticus 14:19-20

"Then the priest is to sacrifice the sin offering and make atonement for the one to be cleansed from their uncleanness. After that, the priest shall slaughter the burnt offering and offer it on the altar, together with the grain offering, and make atonement for them, and they will be clean."

Scripture Passage: 2 Timothy 1:3-9 (NIVUK)

³I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ⁸So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹He has saved us and called us to a holy life— not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.

Introduction

In SP Daniel's message the previous weekend, he shared that in order to stoke the fire of God in our lives; we need to give chase to God and make relevant changes so that our lives can become a blessing to others! For this weekend, Ps Roland Lee continued with the theme and shared that we need the Holy Spirit's fire in us to burn hot and bright so that we can become useful vessels for God and to serve His purposes.

In 2 Timothy 1:5-6, Paul established for his disciple Timothy an important principle that we as believers must understand. This principle is that our **faith** in God can be **inherited** and the **gifting of God** can be **imparted** into our lives through the laying on of hands. However, what is most important is this; our **faith and gifting** for God's effective use is entirely dependent on us **fanning them up** in our lives.

Let's Get Hot for Jesus because anything in between is not acceptable in the eyes of God. Jesus says to us (His Church) in Revelation 3:15-16, **"I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm – neither hot nor cold – I am about to spit you out of my mouth."** Jesus says that the degree of our hotness or coldness is measured by our works and deeds. No matter how fierce the fire is burning, it can never continue on if we are not making effort to keep it burning and to fan it into flame.

In order to fan into flame the gift of God in our lives, we must first do these two things:

- 1. Proclaim the Gospel Boldly**
- 2. Pursue Spiritual Gifts Fervently**

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. Why being fearful and ashamed of proclaiming the gospel will extinguish God's fire from our lives?

A1. The gifting of God entrusted to us are not meant for us to keep but to serve the needs of others. The gift of God mentioned in 2 Timothy 1:6, is our salvation, spiritual gifts and the supreme calling as disciples to preach the gospel. These are gifts given to all by God's grace.

The fire of God's gift is fanned in our lives when we boldly proclaim the Gospel (2 Timothy 1:6-8). If we are not willing to do God's work of proclaiming the gospel, we don't really need the fire of God in our lives. Then, God's fire will be extinguished from our lives.

2 Timothy 1:6-8 (NIVUK)

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Romans 8:15 (NLT)

So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father.”

Joshua 1:9 (NIVUK)

... Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.’

Q2. What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit that God wants us to fan and pursue?

A2. Our motivation to pursue spiritual gifts is to love, serve and minister to others. We are the eyes, hands and mouth of God to people who need a touch from Jesus.

When each and every one of us pursue and earnestly desire and cultivate the spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit in our lives we will see more outpouring of signs, wonders and miracles in our Cells and in our Services.

The Eyes of God	The Hand of God	The Mouth of God
Word of Wisdom	Gift of Faith	Prophecy
Word of Knowledge	Gift of Miracles	Tongues
Discernment of Spirits	Gift of Healing	Interpretation of Tongues

When we serve others fervently with love, the fire will not run out (Romans 12:11) but it will fan into flame the gift of God in our lives

1 Corinthians 14:1 (AMP)

Pursue [this] love [with eagerness, make it your goal], yet earnestly desire and cultivate the spiritual gifts [to be used by believers for the benefit of the church], but especially that you may prophesy [to foretell the future, to speak a new message from God to the people].

Romans 12:11 (NIRV)

Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord.

Application Questions:

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

Q1. Share with one another how you’ve overcome the struggle to share the Gospel to your family members and friends and how you can continue to grow in faith to proclaim the Gospel boldly?

Q2. Are you ready to tell the Lord Jesus that “I am your eyes, your hands, your feet and your mouth”? If yes, share what does it entail to make yourselves available to God?

Transition to Works:

Ephesians 2:10 *“For we are His workmanship, **created** in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.” Lord Jesus, we are ready and willing to do what you have created us for – to do good works. Amen!*

WORKS (15minutes)

1. Happiness Group (幸福小组)

For those from the pilot launch Wave 1, 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. Press on with the consolidation of your BESTs!

For those who are involved in the Happiness Group Wave 2 (i.e. from 19 Aug to 24 Nov), step up prayers as we entrust ourselves to God for all the 8 Sessions. Pray that your group will have an encouraging start with a number of BESTs attending. Set aside a short time to de-brief after the XFXZ sessions and work towards becoming more effective. Continue to connect with your potential BESTs so that you can invite them even in the midst of those 8 sessions. It is important to meet up with your Happiness group members earlier to pray together before each session.

2. 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.

3. 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.

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. Please check out the Equipping page at our website or Mobile App.

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