

4Ws for Week 2, 10-16 Jan 2022

(With COVID-19, this 4Ws is to be adapted for use at online meetings.)

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. New Year, New Me

Last week, we shared about the resolutions that we want to have for 2022 or what was one thing that we are hoping for the New Year. New Year, New Me – is a common phrase oftentimes used by people to describe how they wish to do away with something of the old (presumably something unwanted) and embrace something new.

In the same fashion, share with the cell if there is something unwanted from the past few years that you wish to do away, and what is something new that you wish to embrace today?

2. Charge, Recharge and Charge!

Cell Leader to get everyone to share, by showing each question 1 at a time.

- Q1) What is one activity that you use for relaxation/recharge after a long day?
- Q2) How do you know that you have pursued that activity sufficiently to get into a “charged up state?”

There is nothing wrong with wanting to rest and relax in order to recharge after going through a tiring time. However, is a state of rest and relaxation the end goal of life? How much is enough? We will never be truly fulfilled unless we understand that the goal and purpose for being filled – is only for us to once again be the hands and feet of God to love those around us.

Transition to Worship:

Time and tide waits for no man, but we serve a Heavenly Father who loves us through the echoes of time. We can boldly come before Him in worship because our circumstances and situation does not determine our Identity. We are the children of a King and our identity is found in Him! So, let praises spring forth from our hearts and let us worship Him.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following worship songs:

1. Who You Say I Am (E)
2. Goodness of God (G)

Let us pause to wait upon the Lord for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. We would like to encourage everyone to exercise the gifts of the Holy Spirit – if you have a word, a vision, tongues and interpretation of tongues – release it to minister to each other.

Transition to Word:

Heavenly Father, we thank You and acknowledge that You are Good. We want to especially remember that even though we are surrounded by ‘wars and rumours of wars’, we do not need to

be troubled and that we can turn to You. May we continue to be faithful to your call and walk in the paths that Your Spirit leads us to. Help us see You in all that we do. In Jesus name we pray, Amen!

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: Luke 2:40 (NIVUK)

And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Sermon Title: Season of Renewal

By Senior Pastor Daniel Khong

on 8-9 Jan 2022

Scripture Passage: Revelation 21:1-7 (NKJV)

¹ Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

⁶ And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. ⁷ He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

Introduction

As a culmination and recap of what went through in 2021, Senior Pastor Daniel shared with us how a season of renewal requires us to not only have a faithful persistence, but it also requires of us to continue to trust and obey God. The road ahead might not be an easy one, but we need to put on a faith perspective and continue to pursue what God has called us to. With that, it will bring about the change and transformation that we desire. It will bring about a season of renewal for us.

God's season of renewal will bring about

1. Renewed Experiences from God
2. Renewed Encounters from God

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. I have been disappointed by _____ way too many times, and the reason why I retreat is because I do not want to be hurt again. How can I breakthrough from this and have a renewed experience again?

A1. We are probably living in one of the worse times in the world, and it might possibly get worse. The word of God states that there will be wars, famines, sickness, persecution and much more. In such a world and its state, it is bound that there will be people or situation that disappoints us. The Lord sees and knows your hurts, frustrations and sadness. However, do not lose hope!

Revelations 21:4 (NKJV)

⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.

This is the promise of God! Revelations 21 is the chapter in the Bible where it is the “start of the end of it all” that leads to a new beginning. The Lord is telling us that there will be an end to the sorrow and suffering that you face. You do not need to be defined by your past negative experiences, and you can return to the embrace of the Heavenly Father.

1 Kings 18:43-44 (NKJV)

⁴³ and said to his servant, “Go up now, look towards the sea.” So he went up and looked, and said, “There is nothing.” And seven times he said, “Go again.” ⁴⁴ Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said, “There is a cloud, as small as a man’s hand, rising out of the sea!” So he said, “Go up, say to Ahab, ‘Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.’”

The Lord wants to send rain into your life again. He wants to refresh you with His living water and give to you a renewed experience. But will you persist in trusting and obeying God faithfully? You might have tried and failed again countless times, and your pain is real. But today will you choose to believe that the God you serve is immeasurably far greater and bigger than all your struggles, and that He wants to heal and restore you.

Choose to come once again to Encounter the Lord and allow Him to do a work in your life. Only then can you restore the years that the locusts have eaten.

Q2. How can I Encounter the Lord? What does it mean to Encounter God?

A2. Encountering God simply means to draw close – or as close as possible to the Presence of God. It is unlikely that we will experience an actual physical closeness to God, but it is totally possible that we are so drawn into His presence that we will be able to sense a closeness to Him.

Part of God’s renewal process is for us to Encounter Him. God has created us to be in His presence and He desires for us to draw close to Him. He desires for us to be and work with Him.

Genesis 2:15 (NIVUK)

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

There is just one problem. Sin. When we allow sin to enter our lives, we become separated from God. However, there is good news! God is in also in the business of redemption! Despite our sinfulness and how we have wandered and strayed from Him. God has never and will never give up on us.

Revelation 21:3 (NKJV)

³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

Once again, the promises of God! At the start of the end of it all, God’s desire is still to be with us. That is the heart of the Father. Allow the love of God to overwhelm you again and again. Put aside your inhibitions, weariness and wariness. God will bring an end to the spiritual dryness in your life.

Choose to seek Him with all your heart. Cry out to Him, do not be content with the status quo. Desire a new experience with Him. With that, you will encounter God.

Application Questions

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

Q1. When was the last time you encountered God? Do you struggle to encounter God?

Q2. Are you in the habit of reading your Bible and praying? Re-examine your lives and what you have been feeding it.

Q3. Is there a past bitter or hurtful experience that you have yet to let go of? Will you allow the healing Grace of God to permeate your being and restore you?

Transition to Works:

Lord Jesus, release us from our past, as we seek Your face. Wash us free at last. Help us receive Your love and Your healing Grace again. As we are encounter You, we are renewed and restored. Help us to bring about renewal and restoration to others.

WORKS (15 minutes)

1. Volunteering in the Church

Provide an opportunity for each Member to consider, and share an area of ministry that he/she may want to go into. Perhaps as a CG, you may want to decide to go into an area of ministry in the Church. Get Members to go into the FCBC portal to volunteer. If possible, do it together during the Cell time. But be careful that CG Members don't feel pressured to do so.

2. Focus on CG Outreach

The focus of CG meetings is *edification, equipping* and *evangelism*. In each CG meeting, spend some time to encourage your members to do personal outreach right where they are. Give some time each week during the WORKS portion for them to share their outreach efforts. Plan regular (monthly or quarterly CG outreach, either as a whole CG or in separate groups) into your CG roster, using the existing COVID-19 guidelines to plan your activities/programmes.

3. Pray over the COVID-19 situation

Consecrate some time each CG meeting to be praying for the situation; and to remain connected with one another.

4. Continue to Connect

a) With cell group members

1. Hold your cell members accountable to watch the Livestream Service.
2. Stay connected with members via:
 - a. Synchronize prayer times
 - b. Share devotional thoughts through WhatsApp. Encourage your members to share their Quiet Time Reflections in your cell group chat.
 - c. Create a cell group hashtag - Post uplifting messages, sermon videos and notes, or even bookmark pretty verse images by leaving these in your cell group hashtag as a comment.
 - d. Video call each other

3. Continue with your cell group meetings online. Ensure that none of your members fall through the cracks. Continue to monitor the attendance of your online meetings.

b) With Potential BESTs / Pre-Believers

1. Evangelism need not take a back seat with livestreaming. Invite pre-believing friends/Bests/3x3 contacts (depending on their comfort level) to join you in watching our livestream service. Connect online with them and spur other members to do so.
2. When the salvation altar call is made during livestreaming, a Response Form link will be screened over the livestream for those who have responded or want to respond, to fill in. The livestream links are:
 - For English -- www.fcbc.org.sg/connectwithus
 - For Chinese -- www.fcbc.org.sg/zh/connectwithus

Get your pre-believing contacts to fill up the Response Form or you can help them fill it up. When filling up the Form, try to provide as much of the information needed as possible, and do so immediately after the livestream service.

c) 3x3 Prayer

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the strongholds that bind the people in captivity. Ask Him to set up divine appointments for you 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.

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