

4Ws for Week 8, 17-23 Feb 2020

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. Photo Scavenger Hunt

Divide into groups with at least three people who have phones. The leader will call out a picture category, and the first team to locate a photo that matches on their phone must show the judge at the front of the room. Categories can include: pictures of feet, someone in a cap and gown, a person on a bike, the family dog or cat, a picture at the beach, picture of food, crazy Christmas clothes, etc.

2. Virtual Time Capsule for COVID-19

Divide people into groups of five and give each group a large piece of paper and some markers. Have them draw or write words of 10 things they would want in a time capsule that would show people in the future what was important to them during this season of the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19. Have them share with the group.

Transition to Worship:

Lord, today we want to declare that You are good, You are love, You are peace, You are joy and You are life. We will run to Your arms and be safe! Nothing compares to Your embrace, may Your presence fill our lives as we worship You and as You reign forever! Amen!

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following suggested worship songs:

- 1) Forever Reign (E)
- 2) Awesome In This Place – Hillsong (D)
- 3) What A Beautiful Name (D)
- 4) Living Hope (A)

Be sensitive to the prompting of the Holy Spirit 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:

Our Father, thank You for setting us free and that death has lost its grip on us. For You have broken every chain, there is salvation in Your name and that Jesus Christ is our living hope, now and forevermore; in Jesus' name Amen!

WORD (45minutes)

Memory verse of the week: John 12:46 (NIVUK)

⁴⁶ I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness."

Scripture Passage: Matthew 25:14-30 (NKJV)

¹⁴ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. ¹⁵ And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. ¹⁶ Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. ¹⁷ And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. ¹⁸ But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money. ¹⁹ After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ “So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ ²¹ His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ ²² He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’ ²³ His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ ²⁴ “Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’ ²⁶ “But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. ²⁷ So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. ²⁹ ‘For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Introduction

Last week, SP Daniel shared that we must be **Exemplary** in our conduct and action by **daring to be different** and **decide to be better** in facing the challenges of the outbreak and spread of the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19.

For this week, SP Daniel brings a message to the church on a character trait calls **Faithfulness**. He shares the definition, “**Faithfulness** is the quality of being trustworthy, reliable and true to one’s word.”

As we continue to face this crisis of the COVID-19 at a national and personal level, what does it mean and imply for us to be faithful? Under these trying circumstances, will we be found faithful? SP Daniel shared that **Faithfulness** entails two things:

- 1. Earthly Responsibility**
- 2. Divine Reward**

Faithfulness not only involve spiritual things like prayer, evangelism, reading God’s Word and others. But it includes the earthly responsibility God has placed on us to be salt and light for Him, so that through our good works He is glorified. In being faithful we look forward to receive not an earthly but a divine reward. This is when God finds us trustworthy and says, “Well done! My good and faithful servant and enter into the joy of your Lord.”

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. What is Faithfulness?

A1. Faithfulness is the quality of being trustworthy, reliable and true to one's word. It is not just a spiritual matter but pertains also to our earthly responsibilities as designed by God for us.

Genesis 1:26 (NKJV)

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

1 Timothy 5:8 (NKJV)

But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Q2. What is our Earthly Responsibility?

A2. These are the things we do here on earth – how we live, how we do things, how we respond to things etc. so that others will see our good work and give glory to our heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:14-16 (NKJV)

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Q3. What is our Divine Reward?

A3. There are 2 divine rewards:

(i) God is pleased with us and render us as good and faithful servants.

Matthew 25:23 (NKJV)

²³ His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

(ii) God will entrust us with more responsibilities.

Mathew 25:21(NLT)

²¹ "The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!

Application Questions:

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

1. How do we respond today to this COVID-19 crisis? Discuss a time to go for Prayer-Walk in groups in your neighbourhood, workplace or schools etc and ask God how you can be a light for Him in practical ways to shine His light during this season like the "Angels in yellow"- <https://thir.st/blog/christians-in-wuhan-boldly-share-christ-spread-love-on-streets/>.

2. Continue to use Psalms 91 to pray for yourself, your family and your colleagues.

Transition to Works:

Lord we thank you for giving us the earthly responsibility of being the light and salt of this earth. Guide us and grant us wisdom how to be your light and salt in this season of uncertainties. Use us to be carriers of your good news and hope to the world in Jesus' name, Amen!

WORKS (15minutes)**1. Happiness Group (幸福小组)**

Press on with the consolidation of your BESTs. Continue to build relationships 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.

2. XFXZ Wave 3 – (Launching on Wednesday, 19 Feb 2020)

Let's start making as many connections as possible and praying for all our potential BESTs.

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. Consolidation of New Converts

Assimilate them! Let them have a sense of belonging with our faith community! Connect with them via phone calls; meet up with them over a meal; make home visits; introduce them to cell members and invite them to fellowship with our faith community in cell groups and in church.

Announcements:

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