

4Ws for Week 9 (24Feb-2Mar 2025)

WELCOME (15 minutes)

(If there are first-time guests, begin with a round of introduction and warmly welcome the new visitors.)

Suggested icebreakers:

1. Lifelong Learning (Online)

Members take turns sharing a skill or area of knowledge they are currently learning or plan to learn, and explain why they chose it.

2. Home Sweet Home (Onsite)

Give members 10 minutes to sketch their dream house. Afterward, each member will take turns sharing their drawings and describing three activities they would enjoy doing in their dream home.

Materials needed: Paper and pens

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

(Encourage members to allow the Holy Spirit to minister through them by sharing words, visions, tongues and interpretations of tongues.)

Suggested worship songs:

1. God Is for Us
2. Goodness of God

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: Pastor Charmaine Cheong

Scripture Passage: 1 John 4:7-8; John 15:12-13

Sermon Title: True Friendship

Introduction

God exists in community (Gen. 1:26); He created man to live in community (Gen. 2:18) and to have friends. There are two types of friendships: true friendships and toxic friendships.

True friendships:

- a) Lift us up
- b) Protect us from harm
- c) Bring out the best in us

Toxic friendships:

- a) Put us down
- b) Destroy our lives
- c) Make use of us

We are called to pursue true friendships and avoid toxic friendships.

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. List the qualities of true and toxic friendship in 1 Samuel 18:4, 7-9, 17; 19:11; 20:20-23; 23:15-18.

A1: True friendship is characterised by sacrifice, generosity, loyalty, and a strong desire to protect one another. In contrast, toxic friendships are defined by jealousy when friends succeed and a tendency to harbour ill will or wish harm upon them.

Q2. List what the Scriptures say about true friendships (Proverbs 17:17; Romans 12:9-10; 1 Corinthians 13:6; Hebrews 10:24-25).

A2. A true friend loves at all times and is closer than a sibling; loves sincerely; hates evil and holds on to what is good; shows affection; honours and respects the other person; rejoices in the truth; encourages love and good deeds; is always present for us; and provides continuous encouragement.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Reflect on 1 John 4:7-8; 18-21. What are some practical steps we can take to uplift others, protect them from harm, and help bring out the best in them?

Q2. Consider whether you have put others down, destroyed their lives (or reputation), or used them for personal gain. If so, repent, make restitution, and commit to turning away from these actions.

WORKS (15 minutes)

Focus on *edification, equipping and evangelism*.

- 1. Build on the momentum of all your outreach efforts** - continue praying for your pre-believing friends and family, connect with them, and invite them to your Cell and our Weekend Services.
- 2. Consolidation of new believers** – Diligently pray for and reach out to your friends and family who have decided to receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, guiding and helping them grow in the faith.

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