

4Ws for Week 11, 15 - 21 Mar'2021

(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. Memory Game

Take a photo slide of 30 household items such as key, comb, wallet, pencil, clip, scissor, apple, fork ...etc. and let your cell members view the photo slide for one minute. Then, remove it and have everyone recall as many items as they can remember to see if anyone can get the list right.

2. Bread Talk

Share what kind of bread you normally have for breakfast and how you like your bread done.

Transition to Worship:

O Lord, we lift our eyes to see Your glory. We open our hearts to receive Your love. We engage our minds to understand Your truths. We offer our songs to praise Your name. Lord, as we give You our lives, please take everything that we are, so that we may reveal Your blessings to the world. Amen.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following worship songs:

- 1) Every Move I Make – David Ruis (E)
- 2) Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me (A)
- 3) Cornerstone (G)

Please pause to wait upon the Lord for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Encourage everyone to exercise the gifts of the Holy Spirit – be it a word, a vision, tongues and interpretation of tongues – to release it to minister to one other.

Transition to Word:

Thank You Father for making Yourself known to us, showing us the way of salvation through faith in Your Son. We ask You now to teach us through Your word, so that we may be ready to serve You, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: Matthew 24:13 (NIV)

“But the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.”

Sermon Title: The Little Things

By Senior Pastor Daniel Khong

on 13 – 14 March 2021

Scripture Passages:

1 Corinthians 5:1-2 (NLT)

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are so proud of yourselves, but you should be mourning in sorrow and shame. And you should remove this man from your fellowship.

1 Corinthians 5:6-8 (NIVUK)

⁶ Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? ⁷ Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch – as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸ Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Introduction

Destructive sins in our lives begin when we start to make compromises, not in big things, but in little things. The Apostle Paul admonished the Corinthian church for not removing a member who had committed sexual immorality with his stepmother and even boasted of their new found freedom in Christ – a distortion of grace.

As bad as the sin itself was, Paul was more concerned that the Corinthian Christians seemed to take the sin lightly, and that they were unconcerned about such behaviour, thinking it was no big deal. Likewise, when we begin to think that small sins are no big deal, we allow ourselves to be deceived, because all sins are still sins in God's eyes. When we allow small compromises into our lives, we open ourselves to fall into Satan's trap.

Senior Pastor Daniel shared two falsehoods which we buy into:

1. The Little Things Aren't A Problem
2. The Little Things Aren't A Priority

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. Give examples of the little things which we tend to compromise?

A1. Examples include: cutting corners at work, taking things at work that don't belong to us, cheating during school tests, lying to our teachers that we didn't bring our homework when we actually haven't done it, deliberately parking illegally, deliberately breaking traffic rules, and being late for church service.

Q2. Why do we regard making compromises in little things not a problem and not a priority?

A2. We either rationalise that small sins are harmless and/or give excuses to justify our sins, e.g. "Everyone is doing it anyway", "Christians are not perfect, just forgiven." We think that small sins are not important when Jesus had warned, on the contrary, that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in our hearts. It is the little things we compromise that open ourselves to deadly sins.

Matthew 5:27-28 (NKJV)

²⁷ "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.'²⁸ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Galatians 5:19-21 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions,

dissensions, heresies,²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Q3. What is the metaphor Paul referred to as “yeast” that the Corinthian church need to remove?

A3. Biblically, yeast is a metaphor referred to as evil or sin. And like a little yeast that leavens the whole batch of dough, a single sin indulged in or allowed in the church, affects the entire church. And unless it is removed, would pervade, corrupt and even destroy everyone in the whole church. And so, for this reason, Paul demanded the Corinthian church remove this yeast from their midst. In other words, discipline should be administered on the corrupted member who should be excommunicated from the church.

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1 Corinthians 5:6 (NIVUK)

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Galatians 5:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Application Questions

Break into smaller groups (breakout rooms), share, pray and minister to one another. Let’s be back in 15 minutes.

Q1. Share what are the little things which you tend to compromise.

Q2. Share what actions you want to take to remove the ‘yeasts’ from your life?

Transition to Works:

Lord, You have called us to work for You – You have shown us love and You told us to love our neighbours. Give us the courage to minister to a friend in need with love. Give us the wisdom to approach them in a way that we will get their attention. I pray also that You will provide for us to help them in their needs too. Let Your name alone be glorified. Amen.

WORKS (15 minutes)

1. Consolidation of Visitors/New Converts from your outreach

Assimilate them! Let them experience a sense of belonging to our faith community! Connect with them via phone calls; introduce them to cell members via WhatsApp and invite them to join in our livestream services and your online cell group meetings.

2. Continue to Connect

a) With cell group members

1. Hold your cell members accountable to watch the Livestream Service. Suggest CG Members to meet in different homes to view the online service together. Please adhere to 8 guests per group. CG Members should limit visits to households to 2 per day.
2. Seek ways and means to stay connected with each other. For example:
 - 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
 - e. Arrange get-togethers of no more than 8 people.
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

Encourage 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.

3. Organise activities for your CG members to connect face-to-face with their contacts, e.g. go for a nature walk, meet together for meals, etc. But please keep to social distancing guidelines and limit to no more than 8 per group.

3. 3x3 Prayer

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the strongholds that bind the people in captivity. 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.

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