

4Ws for Week 12 (18-24 Mar 2024)

WELCOME (15 minutes)

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

Suggested icebreakers:

1. Most Prized Possession

Up to this point in your life, what would you consider to be the most prized/treasured possession and why?

2. Bucket List

If you have a "Bucket List" share one or two activities you have completed. If you don't have one yet, what is one activity you would add to the list?

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) Praise – Elevation Worship
- 2) When I Look Into Your Holiness

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: Ps Roland Lee

Scripture Passage: 1 John 5:13-15

Sermon Title: Confident Prayer

Introduction

God encourages us through His Word (1 Jn. 5:14, Heb. 4:16) to be confident in our prayers. Confidence in prayer is grounded in obeying God's truths (Matt. 7:24-27) and understanding His character. The foundation of confidence in prayer is our salvation. In Christ, we are the redeemed sons and daughters of God (1 Jn. 5:13-15). We are God's children; our Heavenly Father loves us, and His heart is for us, not against us. Because God hears whatever we ask, we can be confident in our prayers.

How can we be confident in prayer? To be confident in prayer, we must:

- **Know God's Heart**
- **Trust God's Will**

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. How did John the Apostle come to know the heart of God?

A1. John was recognised as the the disciple whom Jesus loved. He gained insight into the heart of God through his intimate experiences with Jesus. John unveiled God's profound love for the world in John 3:16. By drawing near to God, we have the opportunity to deepen our understanding of His heart, laying the groundwork for our confidence in prayer.

Q2. Why should we trust in God's will?

A2. God's will is for us to be holy (1 Thess. 4:3). When we align our requests with His will and trust in Him, we can pray with confidence (1 Jn. 5:14, Prov. 3:5-6). He answers prayers according to our true needs (Jer. 29:11, Rom. 8:28). Even when His response differs from our desires, it is vital to maintain trust in His will for our lives (Heb. 11:6). God loves us, and His ultimate desire is for us to have a deep relationship with Him and to glorify His name by fulfilling His will.

Application Questions

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

Q1. In this prayer and fasting season, please share how can you draw near to God's heart, discern His voice, and pray with unwavering confidence as you place your trust in His will for your life.

Q2. Is there a situation now in which you are struggling to accept and trust God's will?

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.
- 3. 21 Days of Prayer & Fasting** – Encourage your cell members to utilise the prepared daily devotionals and actively participate in praying and fasting, especially focusing on praying for their unsaved family members, friends, neighbours and colleagues.

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