

4Ws for Week 13 (25 Mar-31 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. Word Unscramble

Split the group into two teams. Given a minute, when the timer starts, each team is supposed to make a list of as many words as possible from the word "FAITHFUL". The challenge is to see which team can persevere in thinking of as many words as possible.

Possible answers: Fit, Fat, Hat, Hut, Flat, Faith, Fault, Lift, Half, Halt, Hail, Tail, Flat, Flu, Filth

2. Grateful Surroundings

Everyone is given a minute to find an object. From where you are seated, choose one object that best expresses your gratefulness to God. After that, everyone will take turns to share what that object is and how it reminds them of their gratefulness to God.

Examples:

- Object: A phone – Grateful that we can talk to God and present to Him both our joys and our sorrows at any time of the day.
- Object: A chair – Grateful for community that God has given you and for the support this community provides.

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) He is the Light – Jesus Culture
- 2) Living Hope

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: Pastor Wang Guang Han

Scripture Passage: James 5:13-20 (NIVUK)

Sermon Title: Faithful Prayer

Introduction

Do we view prayer as our "last line of defense" or "our first course of action"? The word of God tells us that we need to be praying at ALL times – that is, faithfully praying. As Christians, we are all called and challenged to engage in faithful prayer.

We should be praying faithfully when:

1. Our lives are faced with Suffering
2. Our lives are Smooth Sailing
3. Our lives are faced with Sin

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. I pray every time I face a problem. How is it that God does not answer my prayers?

A1: If our prayers align with God's will and there is no sin hindering our relationship with Him, then we should persevere in faithful prayer. Often, we pray briefly about a situation, and when results are not immediate, we doubt, get discouraged, and feel demoralized.

Persist until breakthrough! Yes, it might be tiring and feel hopeless, but let us ask God to give us the strength for unwavering hope.

Q2. I am content with life and where I am right now. Do I need to devote my time to prayer?

A2. Absolutely! Praise is an integral aspect of our prayer life. It's wonderful that you've found contentment with where you are. However, our Heavenly Father loves to hear from us and provide for us, not only in troubled times but also in good times. By choosing to praise God, we not only recount the good things He has done for us, but we also cultivate gratefulness and thankfulness as we count our blessings.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Do you frequently become so fixated on a problem that it leads to feelings of anxiety and hopelessness?

Q2. Is your prayer life active solely when seeking something from God, or is it an expression of your relationship with Him?

Q3. Do you attribute the blessings in your life solely to your own efforts, or do you recognize that every good and perfect gift comes from God?

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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