

4Ws for Week 15, 11 Apr – 17 Apr 2022

(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. Holy Week Words Search Puzzle

Cut and paste the words search puzzle on your PowerPoint slide, and have cell members guess the words. <https://wordsearchwizard.com/puzzles/good-friday/>

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2. Guess the Jumbled Words (Video)

Click <https://youtu.be/QifGE9k2dNE> and have cell members guess the jumbled words.

Transition to Worship:

Father, as we come before You today in the name of Jesus, we declare that You are God, and earnestly we will seek You. Father, it's our desire to see You in the sanctuary; to behold Your power and Your glory. Father, Your love is greater than life and our lips will glorify You. We will praise You as long as we live, and in Your name we will lift up our hands. You have satisfied our souls as with the riches of foods, and with singing lips our mouths will give You praise. Amen.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following worship songs:

- 1) Battle Belongs - Phil Wickham (E)
- 2) Sing - METRO Church (E)

Let us pause to wait upon the Lord for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. We would like to encourage everyone to exercise the gifts of the Holy Spirit – if you have a word, a vision, tongues and interpretation of tongues – release it to minister to each other.

Transition to Word:

God, indeed You are great, and worthy of our praise. Thank you for Your love, mercy and grace in our lives. As we begin to discuss Your Word, Holy Spirit, please open our eyes to see, our ears to hear, and our hearts to receive a fresh understanding of God’s Word. Align our lives with Your Word and Your will today. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen!

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: John 13:14 (NIVUK)

“Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.”

Sermon Title: Finding the Message of the Cross

By Senior Pastor Daniel Khong

on 9 & 10 April 2022

Scripture Passage: Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIVUK)

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Introduction

Last week, we learned how God turned the cross, a horrendous instrument of torture that Jesus was nailed, into an instrument of beauty by which we were all saved by His grace as a result. In this Passion Week, we learned that we are not just to appreciate the beauty of the cross but to spread this message of the cross to a lost world. We are called to be witnesses of the reality of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Acts 1:8 (NIVUK)

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’

In order for us to be witnesses of the message of the cross, we are to:

- a) *Look around* – a message of love for all
- b) *Look forward* – a message of hope for eternity

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. Why do we need to look around to share the message of the cross? What was the joy that made Jesus endure the cross, scorning its shame?

A1. For us, we need to look around to share the message of the cross because it is a message for all people, and not just for us individually. Consider the message of the cross found in John 3:16. For

Jesus, the joy that made Him endure the cross, scorning its shame was the joy of knowing that He has obeyed His Father, including the joy of knowing that people are saved from eternal damnation because of His work on the cross.

John 3:16-17 (NIVUK)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Hebrews 12:2 (NIVUK)

² For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

1 John 4:9-10 (NIVUK)

⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Q2. Why is the message of the cross a message of hope for eternity that we can look forward?

A2. It is because Jesus' death and suffering on the cross was actually meant for us. But Jesus swapped it out for us. So, instead of us suffering, Jesus took that and changed our future – a destiny that is not just momentary but eternal (2 Cor. 4:16-18; Hebrew 12:1-3). In doing so, He gave us hope. And nothing can rob us of that; not sin, not death, nor the devil.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIVUK)

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2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NIVUK)

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

1 Corinthians 15:54-57 (NLT)

⁵⁴ Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵ O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶ For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. ⁵⁷ But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Share what you plan to do in witnessing to someone about Jesus or to bring them to church for this Passion Week.

Q2. Share the names of those in your contacts who have not heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and pray for them.

Transition to Works:

Holy Spirit, help us be a blessing to our colleagues at work by praying and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to those who are pre-believers. Amen.

WORKS (15 minutes)

1. Pray and Fast

Continue to cultivate this spiritual discipling by consecrating each day in prayer and fasting. Ask God to give you the strength to press on in doing this. Persevere!

2. Volunteering in the Church

Provide an opportunity for each Member to consider, and share an area of ministry that he/she may want to go into. Perhaps as a CG, you may want to decide to go into an area of ministry in the Church. Get Members to go into the FCBC portal to volunteer. If possible, do it together during the Cell time. But be careful that CG Members don't feel pressured to do so.

3. Focus on CG Outreach

The focus of CG meetings is *edification, equipping* and *evangelism*. In each CG meeting, spend some time to encourage your members to do personal outreach right where they are. Give some time each week during the WORKS portion for them to share their outreach efforts. Plan regular (monthly or quarterly CG outreach, either as a whole CG or in separate groups) into your CG roster, using the existing COVID-19 guidelines to plan your activities/programmes.

4. Pray over the COVID-19 situation

Consecrate some time each CG meeting to be praying for the situation; and to remain connected with one another.

5. Continue to Connect

a) With cell group members

1. Hold your cell members accountable to watch the Livestream Service.
2. Stay connected with members via:
 - 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
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

Get 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.

c) 3x3 Prayer

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the strongholds that bind the people in captivity. Ask Him to set up divine appointments for you 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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