

4Ws for Week 16, 18–24 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. Would You Rather...?

Would you rather live in another country than in Singapore? If so, please share which is the country and the reasons.

2. Fasting and Prayer

We have just completed the 14 Days of Fasting and Prayer as a church during the season of Lent leading to Easter Sunday. Please share your experience.

Transition to Worship:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your great love demonstrated when your begotten Son, Jesus died on the cross on our behalf. Indeed, our salvation is a gift, and we can only boast of you and your wonderful grace, and accord to you our allegiance and worship always and eternally!

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following worship songs:

- 1) Glorious Day - Kristian Stanfill (E)
- 2) Worthy Of It All - David Brymer (C)

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:

Lord Jesus, you are the risen and living Christ; having arisen from the tomb three days after your crucifixion. Open your Word to our eyes and hearts and let your Word dwell richly in our hearts.

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: Ezra 8:22b (NIVUK)

“The gracious hand of our God is on everyone who looks to him, but his great anger is against all who forsake him.”

Sermon Title: The Resurrected Life

By Senior Pastor Daniel Khong

on 16 & 17 April 2022

Scripture Passage: John 11:25-26, Philippians 1:4-6 (NIVUK)

John 11:25-26

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Philippians 1:4-6 (NIVUK)

⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Introduction

SP Daniel shared a very apt message entitled "The Resurrected Life" over the Easter weekend. We remember Jesus' death by crucifixion and His resurrection. The message is apt because it was also Baptism weekend, and symbolically baptism signifies the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

God's mighty power that raised Jesus from the dead is the same power that lives in us today. We are called by God to live in the power of His resurrection. The resurrected life means leaving our past behind, forsaking the things of this world and being willing to be crucified over and over again as we live daily in the presence and power of Christ's Spirit.

In summary, SP Daniel shared that the resurrected life brings:

- 1. Completion of our Faith**
- 2. Confidence in our Faith**
- 3. Conviction for our Faith.**

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. What if there was no resurrection?

A1. Our faith is incomplete without the power of the resurrection of Christ. The basis of our faith is the resurrection (1 Cor 15:14). Jesus didn't say He's the crucifixion, but that He's the resurrection (John 11:25-25). While it is important for us to live the crucified life, which is about dying to ourselves – our desires, our ambitions, etc., it is also important for us to go beyond that and live a resurrected life. To live a resurrected life means that we are willing to be crucified over and over again every single day and trust that the Lord will raise us up higher than wherever we were (Phil 1:4-6).

John 11:25-26 (NIVUK)

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1 Corinthians 15:14 (NIVUK)

¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

Philippians 1:4-6 (NIVUK)

⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to **completion** until the day of Christ Jesus.

Q2. What led to the disciples' transformation from being cowards to their willingness to suffer humiliation, torture and death?

A2. One thing Jesus did after His resurrection was to restore the disciples' confidence. He appeared to them in person on more than ten separate occasions. He showed them His nail pierced hands and feet, and told them to touch Him (John 20:24-27). Having seen Jesus and experienced His resurrection power, they were transformed. Their faith in Jesus was completed, and they had **confidence** and **conviction** (John 11:25-26). It was the resurrection power that transformed them, and they eventually gave their life for the gospel.

John 20:24-27 (NIVUK)

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.' ²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'

John 11:25-26 (NIVUK)

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Application Questions

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

Q1. Share what are some hindrances and struggles that is preventing you from living the resurrected life in Christ?

Q2. We are more than conquerors and nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 8:37-39). How can these truths transform you to live out the resurrected life?

Romans 8:37-39 (NIVUK)

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For **I am convinced** that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.

Transition to Works:

Holy Spirit, on the day of Pentecost, you baptised the disciples with power to be witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth. Baptise us with power today to be your witnesses in proclaiming Jesus' death and resurrection and the gospel of salvation here in Singapore and to the rest of the world.

WORKS (15 minutes)

1. Pray and Fast

Our 14 Days of Fasting and Prayer has just ended on Easter Sunday. Let's continue to cultivate this spiritual discipline. Ask God to give you the strength to press on.

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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