

4Ws for Week 19, 9 - 15 May 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. Star Awards

Facilitator announces a number of “awards” one by one and members vote who amongst the group should win the award, and why. Examples of awards:

1. The most caring
2. The most helpful
3. The funniest
4. The wisest
5. The foodie

Materials needed: Paper badges or a small token e.g. chocolates for the award winners.

2. Act it Out

Facilitator writes a short sentence or phrase on a piece of paper and mixes the written papers in a container. Each member takes turns to draw a paper and act out what they read on the paper they picked without saying a word. Examples of sentences:

1. Being chased by a dog
2. Riding a folding bike
3. Planting rice in the field

Variation for online meeting:

Facilitator sends a phrase/sentence to a member via WhatsApp chat, and he/she draws this sentence in the zoom white board for the rest to guess.

Materials needed:

For onsite meetings - Pieces of paper and pens. Container for the paper

For online meetings: Zoom whiteboard; individual marker pens

Transition to Worship:

Lord Jesus, You are the God who knows all things and the Almighty One. We worship You as the One above all else! You are God with us! You are God who is for us!

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following for your worship

1. God Is for Us - CityAlight (D)
2. Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me - CityAlight (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:

Our heavenly Father, we are Your beloved children. Your Spirit lives within us and we can say with confidence “It is not I but Christ who lives in me.” Let the living Christ in us now open up Your Word to us to enlighten us. Grant us spiritual eyes to see and spiritual ears to hear. Make us obedient to Your Words. Amen.

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: 1 Corinthians 3:19a (NIV)

¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God’s sight.

Sermon Title: Stuck Between Places

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on 7 - 8 May 2022

Scripture Passages: Ecclesiastes 3:1, 11-14 (NKJV)

¹ To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: ¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end. ¹² I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, ¹³ and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor— it is the gift of God. ¹⁴ I know that whatever God does, It shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, And nothing taken from it. God does it, that men should fear before Him.

Introduction

Last week we looked at experiencing God as being Sovereign, Faithful and Great as we walk through the doubts in our lives. This week, we will look at how we can experience God when we are in *in-between situations*, by:

1. *Following* God because He is *Constant*
2. *Trusting* God because He is *in control*

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. Meditate on these verses. What facts about God do these verses speak to you?

- A1.**
1. God is eternal (forever); He is unchanging (nothing can be added or taken from it; He is always the same).
 2. God in heaven is in control over all matters on earth.

Ecclesiastes 3:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ I know that whatever God does, it shall be *forever*. *Nothing can be added to it, And nothing taken from it.* God does it, that men should fear before Him.

Hebrews 13:8 (NKJV)

⁸ Jesus Christ is *the same* yesterday, today, and forever.

Hebrews 13:16-19 (NIVUK)

¹⁶ People swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. ¹⁷ Because God wanted to make the *unchanging nature* of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. ¹⁸ God did this so that, by two *unchangeable things* in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. ¹⁹ We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, *firm and secure...*

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 11 (NKJV)

¹ To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: ¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time.

Mark 4:39 (NLT)

³⁹ When Jesus woke up, *he rebuked the wind* and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly *the wind stopped, and there was a great calm.*

Q2. Because of what we have experienced of the character of God, what should be our response?

A2. To fear (revere/adore/honor/glorify) Him and obey His commands.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 (NLT)

¹³ That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Share one aspect of your life in which you have not lived out the fact of God being a *Constant/in Control* in your life. How will this thought that God is a *Constant*, or that He is *in Control* change the way you respond to your circumstances. Share one experience.

Q2. Are there areas of your life in which you have not obeyed God's command/s? In the light of what you have learnt about God being a *Constant*, or God being *in control*, how will this change your response. Share one practical application.

Transition to Works:

Lord, we are blessed to be worshipping You – a God who changes not, and who has authority over all things. Help us respond correctly to You on obedience and righteousness. Daily cause us to submit to You and Your Word.

WORKS (15 minutes)

1. 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.

2. 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/programs.

3. 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.

4. 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 or in-person. Ensure that none of your members fall through the cracks. Continue to monitor the attendance of your 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.

For more announcements, please visit www.fcbc.org.sg/announcements or our social media platforms – we can be found on Facebook and Instagram @fbcsg.