

## 4Ws for Week 1, 2 - 8 Jan 2023

### WELCOME (15 minutes)

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

Suggested icebreakers:

#### 1. Farewell 2022

Last year brought back a relative amount of normalcy to our lives. Noteworthy was that we were able to travel again. Share a significant event that happened last year.

#### 2. Welcome 2023

How would you receive the New Year? Do you embrace what is to come in faith or fear? It's all about our perspective. Share a faith goal you have for 2023.

### WORSHIP (20 minutes)

*(Remember to pause for the Holy Spirit to minister through the members. Encourage members to release a word, a vision, tongues and interpretation of tongues, to minister to each other.)*

**Suggested worship songs:**

- 1) Great Things - Phil Wickham (C)
- 2) 10,000 Reasons - Matt Redman (G)

### WORD (45 minutes)

**Preacher:** Rev. Poh Wee Long

**Scripture Passage:** Psalm 90:12

**Sermon Title:** Live Wisely

#### Introduction

Last weekend, we bade farewell to 2022 and welcomed the New Year, 2023. With it comes new resolutions. Before making any resolutions, Pastor Wee Long encouraged us, through his sermon last weekend, entitled "Live Wisely" from Psalm 90:12, to take some time to reflect on the past year.

As we enter the New Year, we can live wisely and gain a heart of wisdom. To live wisely, we must remember these two truths:

1. The Brevity and Frailty of life – Don't waste it
2. The Greatness and Goodness of God – Don't walk away from Him

#### Discovery and Understanding Questions:

##### **Q1. How should we live our lives knowing that life is brief and frail?**

**A1.** Moses knew that even if we live to 80 years, our life is short (Psalm 90:10). The shortness of life is also described in Psalm 89:47-48. Given the brevity and frailty of life, if we have been wasting our life all these while, it is time to stop. As we start 2023 and every single day of our life from now on, we should aim to do things of value and productive. This is how we live life wisely and not waste it.

##### **Q2. Why must we not depart and move away from God?**

**A2.** Knowing the brevity and frailty of life alone does not automatically make us wise. Sometimes it can still produce foolishness. Moses understood that it is not enough for us to just number our days, but the importance of having God teach us to number our days in His way (Psalm 90:12). This is because God is great, and a recognition of our weakness before God is the necessary foundation for any true wisdom (Psalm 90:1-3, 7-8, 10-11, 14-17).

### **Application Questions**

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

**Q1. Reflect and share what activities or things you aim to do that are considered of value and productive from now on.**

**Q2. Share one new thing you need to do to make God and reaching out to others your resolution this year.**

### **WORKS (15 minutes)**

Focus on *edification, equipping* and *evangelism*. In every CG gathering, encourage members to reach out right where God has placed them. Give members time to share their outreach efforts. Press on in praying together for Bests and pre believer contacts.

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