

4Ws for Week 22, 30May- 5June 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) Childhood Dream

To start, have cell members post on the virtual board what their childhood dream was and relate it to their present aspirations. Members can discuss this as a whole cell or in small groups at breakout rooms. Leader can end by summarising contributions from everyone. For those using breakout rooms, assign a representative to summarise for their group.

2) How's Your Week So Far?

Have everyone describe how their week has been in just three words. Alternatively, give everyone 1 minute to make a quick dash to find an object that describes their week so far. When everyone is back, let them take turns to show and tell why it represents their week. Remember to take fun screenshots with everyone holding up their items and waving to camera.

Transition to Worship:

Almighty God, thank you for Your love and kindness to us. You have given us freedom; Your grace runs deep; we are blessed because of Your mercy and faithfulness to us. Lord, may we experience You in a greater measure tonight. Amen!

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following for your worship:

1) Faithful – Chris Tomlin (D)

2) Who You Say I Am - Hillsong (E)

Take time to wait upon the Lord for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Encourage everyone to exercise the gifts of the Spirit. If there's a word, a vision, tongues and interpretation of tongues, release it to minister to one another.

Transition to Word:

Lord, we thank you for Your great presence in our meeting tonight. We adore You. We pray that as we study Your word, illuminate our mind and give us a teachable spirit to apply it in our lives. Amen.

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: 1 Corinthians 13.13 (NIVUK)

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Sermon Title: A New Life

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on 28-29 May 2022

Scripture Passage: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 (NIVUK)

¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. ¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Introduction

Baptism is about "A New Life". Following Jesus isn't just about knowing that Jesus died for our sins, and we are saved. It's about dedicating our lives to following Jesus. Baptism is one such step. When we get baptized, we enter a new life. Last weekend, SP shared that a new life with Jesus leads us to:

1. A Renewed Future
2. A Revealed Purpose

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. What does a Renewed Future look like for a believer?

A1. Biblically, the word 'renew' means to give fresh life to; to replace (something that is broken or worn out). God's new beginning will lead us to a renewed future. It is to start afresh, start over or to have a clean slate. God knows our sins and our past; but despite all these, God wants to give us a new beginning so that we can have a renewed future that is not affected or dependant on our past.

2 Corinthians 6:16-17 (NIVUK)

¹⁶ So **from now on** we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we **once** regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is **in Christ**, the **new** creation has come: the **old** has gone, the new is here!

What this tells us is that in Christ, we find a new beginning that gives us a renewed future. Without Christ, sin rules our lives and our future is ruined.

Romans 6:23 (NIVUK)

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 3:23 (NLT)

²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Isaiah 43:24-25 (NIVUK)

... But you have burdened me with your sins and wearied me with your offences. ²⁵ 'I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

Isaiah 38:17 (NIVUK)

... In your love you kept me from the pit of destruction; you have put all my sins behind your back.

Q2. To find my purpose, I have to go back to God. What is God's Revealed Purpose for me?

A2. As we commit ourselves and make ourselves one with God, we begin to be able to perceive the purpose for our lives that He's revealing to us. Often in life, we all try to figure out our own purpose. We live for ourselves, chasing our own dreams, ambitions, and so on. And along the way, we do find things that we're good at. But just because we're good at it doesn't mean that it's our purpose. In the end, our purpose is determined by our Creator.

Colossians 1:16 (NIVUK)

¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

2 Corinthians 5:15 (NIVUK)

¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIVUK)

¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 (NIVUK)

¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIVUK)

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

God has this purpose for all of us - to bring His message to the world. This is the underlying truth. Yes, the outworking of this purpose will look different for each of us. Some of us preach behind a pulpit. Some of us preach through actions. Some of us preach by shaping national policies. Some of us preach by serving communities. The list can go on and on. But ultimately, the underlying truth is that just as we have been reconciled to God, we must help others be reconciled to God because He has committed this ministry to us. We are God's ambassador. While the world tells us to find our purpose by looking inwards, God's word tells us to find our purpose by looking upwards.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Do you find God's purpose for your life being revealed to you more and more? Share.

Q2. Share what are some changes you need to make in your life to live in God's revealed purpose.

Transition to Works:

Lord, Your word tells us that You always lead us in triumphal procession and through us spread everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of You. Lord, we pray that in the coming week, we will spread Your kindness and truth around us. Amen

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.

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.

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