

4Ws for Week 22, 31 May – 6 Jun 2021

(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. Who is who?

The Facilitator reads the questions and gets the Members to answer.

Question	Answer
1. She gave birth to Jesus.	Mary
2. He was the first man created by God.	Adam
3. This King of Israel is renowned for his wisdom.	Solomon
4. He betrayed Jesus.	Judas Iscariot
5. As a baby, he was floated down the Nile in a basket.	Moses
6. She was a female follower of Jesus.	Mary Magdalene
7. She was made from Adam's rib.	Eve
8. About half of the books in the New Testament are attributed to this apostle.	Paul
9. He committed the first murder.	Cain
10. Jacob first fell in love with this woman.	Rachel
11. He is best known for allowing the crucifixion of Jesus.	Pontius Pilate
12. He was almost sacrificed to God.	Isaac
13. Jesus brought him back to life.	Lazarus
14. He killed Goliath.	David
15. He baptized Jesus.	John the Baptist

Alternatives:

- You can show the questions, with the answers jumbled up, in Share Screen and let them select the correct answer. This is easier if you have pre-believers, or new believers in your CG.
- You can get each Member to call out the name of a CG Member to answer the question before reading out the question. If you do this, tell them they cannot repeat a name till all the names have been called out, so as to ensure that every Member has a chance to answer/participate.

2. Team Picasso

The objective is to collectively create a drawing as a group of a pre-determined theme. The Facilitator will open the zoom whiteboard and announce the theme. Each Member will take turns to draw on the whiteboard, and each person is only allowed to draw 5 strokes. The drawing should be completed when everyone has had a turn to draw.

Suggested themes: Singapore, heaven, SG food, parenting, Sentosa

Materials needed: Zoom whiteboard

Transition to Worship:

Our Lord Jesus, we thank You for the fun time we had during the icebreaker. Now we want to turn our thoughts to You and worship You, our everlasting God, and our everlasting Father who loves and cares infinitely for us.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following worship songs:

- 1) Everlasting God (G)
- 2) Goodness of God (G)
- 3) Worthy Is The Lamb (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:

Lord Jesus, thank You for being the worthy Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the earth for the sins of Mankind and sending Your Holy Spirit within us to lead and guide us. Speak now, Lord through Your Spirit as we meditate on Your Word and cause us to have obedient hearts to make changes to our lives as Your Spirit convicts us. Thank You.

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: Exodus 24:3 (NIV)

³When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the LORD has said we will do."

Sermon Title: Growing in Anointing

By Senior Pastor Daniel Khong

on 29-30 May 2021

Scripture Passages: Ephesians 3:14-21 (NIVUK)

¹⁴For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Introduction

As a body of believers, we earnestly look to God to revive the Church; and we believe revival **will** come! Eric B Johnson says, "The question should never be whether God wants to move. The question should be whether **we are in a place to receive His move and steward it to a place of increase.**" The theme of the message last weekend is: How can we sustain a revival when it comes? To do this, we need to grow in the anointing of the Holy Spirit. There are three things we need to do to ensure the anointing of the Holy Spirit does not depart from us, but grows more intensely in us:

- 1) Walk in *holiness*
- 2) Life in *intimacy* with Him

3) Commit to *reaching out*

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1a. How would you define holiness?

Q1b. From the verses below, what are some indicators of holiness?

A1a. Holiness is a state of being consecrated and sacred to God; it is being spiritually and morally upright and excellent - being saintly, godly, pious, righteous and devout; holiness is expressed in devotion to the service of God. For the believer, holiness means living a life as free from sin as is possible.

A1b. The indicators of holiness are:

- (i) Being transformed into the glorious image of God
- (ii) Living in peace and harmony with others
- (iii) A heart of obedience
- (iv) A spirit alive/sensitive to God
- (v) Doing (obeying) God's decrees/laws

It covers the internal and invisible (our thoughts, emotions, attitudes, desires, will, spirit, etc) and the external and evident (our deeds, actions, acts, lifestyle, etc.)

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (NIVUK)

¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with everincreasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Hebrews 12:14 (NIVUK)

¹⁴ Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NIVUK)

²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

Q2. What is the Psalmist's sentiments on intimacy with God? How is intimacy (being near) with God related to outreach for the Psalmist?

A2. For the Psalmist it is a good thing to pursue intimacy with God. Such intimacy causes him to make God his constant Refuge and leads him to testify of the marvellous deeds of God to those who do not know Him or do not know of His works.

Psalm 73:28 (NIVUK)

²⁸ But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds

Q3. What is the natural outcome of the anointing of the Holy Spirit?

A3. When the Holy Spirit anoints us He give us power and boldness to witness for Him; reaching out is the natural outcome of this Holy Spirit anointing.

Psalm 73:28 (NIVUK)

²⁸ But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds

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.'

Acts 2:14, 41 (NIVUK)

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

The purpose of us being anointed is not to sit around and enjoy the anointing. The purpose of being anointed is for service and evangelism.

Luke 4:18-19 (NIVUK)

¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

Application Questions

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

Q1. Take a close look at your life. What are the areas in which you have fallen short of holiness? Share one area you want to work on.

Q2. Scrutinise your life. How are you doing in terms of your intimacy with God? Are you doing your Quiet Time daily? Praying regularly and faithfully? Living out the life of faith? Being a good testimony? Share one area of your life that needs to change and the steps you need to make to effect this change.

Q3. Brainstorm as a CG what you can do:

- a) To encourage individual outreach
- b) To include outreach as part of your CG life (corporate outreach)

Transition to Works:

Lord Jesus, thank You for this message and Your Holy Spirit speaking to us; help us apply Your Word into our lives – cause us to pursue holiness at all cause; to walk in close intimacy with You, being faithful in our spiritual disciplines, and to have a heart to reach out to the lost.

WORKS (15 minutes)

1. 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 sometime 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 covid19 guidelines to plan your activities/programmes.

The next XFXZ will be in September. Use the CG time to prepare your Members and get their buy-in to conducting a XFXZ cell the next round.

2. Prayer over Covid19 Situation

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

3. Consolidation of Visitors/New Converts from your outreach

Assimilate them! Let them experience a sense of belonging to our faith community! Connect with them via phone calls; introduce them to cell members via WhatsApp and invite them to join in our livestream services and your online cell group meetings.

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. 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.

5. 3x3 Prayer

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

Announcements

TIGHTER MEASURES FOR IN-PERSON CHURCH GATHERINGS

On 14 May, the government's Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) updated its list of measures taken to minimize the current spread of COVID-19. One key update is the reduction in the number of people who can gather in groups and visit households.

In line with the government's measures: -

- **All FCBC in-person cell meetings and gatherings will be suspended.**
- All English, Chinese and Hokkien Services will only be held online.
- English, Chinese, and Hokkien Services will continue to be streamed at their regular service timings on our YouTube channel.
- There will be no live-streamed Youth Service until further notice.
- Online GKidz and Youth programmes will continue to run.
- LifeClass will be conducted online only.

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