

4Ws for Week 24, 13 - 19 Jun 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) Superlatives

Nothing tells more about a person than the superlatives in their life. What they consider the most important, best, least, oldest, worst, and newest tells a great deal about them. Use the suggested superlative icebreaker questions below to find out just how much...

- a) What is the hardest thing you have ever done?
- b) What was the most terrifying situation you have ever been in?
- c) What was the most outlandish/wild thing you ever did?
- d) What is the kindest thing that someone has ever done for you?
- e) What is the weirdest thing you have ever eaten?
- f) What is the bravest thing you have ever done?

2) What You Want

If you could have any of the following right this minute, which one would you choose, and why?

- a full body massage.
- lose 10 pounds.
- a new haircut and color.
- sleep 10 hours.
- a scar removed.
- quit my job.

Transition to Worship:

Our God is an awesome God. He is kind, tenderhearted, and merciful. Our Father loves us with an everlasting love and He is always concerned about our welfare no matter how we feel or what we have done. All that we need He provides through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. God should always be revered and adored. He should have our utmost respect. Today, bless the Lord. Lift up your praises to the One who is the living God; our God who is our Father. Amen.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following worship songs:

- 1) Battle Belongs - Phil Wickham (E)
- 2) Goodness of God - Bethel Music (G)

(Remember to pause for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Encourage everyone to exercise the gifts of the Holy Spirit. If there's a word, a vision, tongues and interpretation of tongues, release it to minister to each other).

Transition to Word:

Eternal God, You are mighty and strong. You are the One and Only Creator above all. You are Jehovah Jireh, our God who provides! King above all kings! Jesus, You are God's Worthy Lamb, slain as God's sacrifice for the sin of the world. You have all authority, power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and blessing in heaven and earth. Honor, glory and power belong to You, the One sitting at God's right hand on the throne. You are the Lamb forever and ever. In Your mighty Name, Jesus, we pray. Amen!

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: Esther 4:14 (NIVUK)

¹⁴ For if you remain at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

Sermon Title: A Dwelling Place
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on 11-12 June 2022

Scripture Passage: Psalm 132:1-5 (NKJV)

¹ Lord, remember David and all his afflictions; ² how he swore to the Lord, and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob: ³ "Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house, or go up to the comfort of my bed; ⁴ I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, ⁵ until I find a place for the Lord, a **dwelling place** for the Mighty One of Jacob."

Introduction

Psalm 132:1-5 is the psalmist's plea for God to remember David's hardships that he had to endure to find a dwelling place for the Lord, and his vow not to rest until he fulfills his promise to find a place for the ark, the symbol of God's dwelling presence to rest. Like David, we must desire to make FCBC a dwelling place for God, not a place for visitation.

In order for our church, our cells, our homes, and our lives to create a dwelling place for God's presence, we must focus on:

1. Alignment, not just Atmosphere
2. Proximity, not just Power
3. "Afresh", not just "Again"

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. Why should we seek alignment and not just atmosphere? What is the difference?

A1. Atmosphere revolves around feelings. Alignment revolves around faith. For sure, having a conducive atmosphere helps, but atmosphere is not consistent. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in Daniel 3:19-27, were thrown into the furnace. The atmosphere or environment they were in were by no means ideal, yet they encountered the awesome presence and power of God.

Daniel 3:19-27 (NLT)

¹⁹ Nebuchadnezzar was so furious with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face became distorted with rage. He commanded that the furnace be heated seven times hotter than usual.

²⁰ Then he ordered some of the strongest men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. ²¹ So they tied them up and threw them into the furnace, fully dressed in their pants, turbans, robes, and other garments. ²² And because the king, in his anger, had demanded such a hot fire in the furnace, the flames killed the soldiers as they threw the three men in. ²³ So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, securely tied, fell into the roaring flames. ²⁴ But suddenly, Nebuchadnezzar jumped up in amazement and exclaimed to his advisers, "Didn't we tie up three men and throw them into the furnace?" "Yes, Your Majesty, we certainly did," they replied. ²⁵ "Look!" Nebuchadnezzar shouted. "I see four men, unbound, walking around in the fire unharmed! And the fourth looks like a god!" ²⁶ Then Nebuchadnezzar came as close as he could to the door of the flaming furnace and shouted: "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stepped out of the fire. ²⁷ Then the high officers, officials, governors, and advisers crowded around them and saw that the fire had not touched them. Not a hair on their heads was singed, and their clothing was not scorched. They didn't even smell of smoke!

Q2. Why is proximity more important than power? What can we learn from the life of Moses?

A2. The word proximity refers to the closeness in relationship, synonymous to a certain degree to intimacy. If our desire is to just chase after God's power (signs, wonders & miracles), we can end up completely losing sight of what really matters – God, or even lose our love for God.

Matthew 7:21-23 (NLT)

²¹ "Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. ²² On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' ²³ But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.'

Revelation 2:4 (NKJV)

Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

Moses witnessed and demonstrated many signs, wonders and miracles, but at the end of the day, he was known as a friend of God. Like Moses and David, if we stay close to God, the miraculous won't be far behind.

Exodus 33:11 (NLT)

Inside the Tent of Meeting, the Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend...

Psalms 51:11 (NKJV)

Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

Q3. What does it mean to experience the Holy Spirit "afresh" and not "again"?

A3. We should not box up the Holy Spirit to do the same things "again" from past revivals. "Again" signifies a repeat. Hence, we should seek the Holy Spirit to do new things, something to be revived, something to happen "afresh". Let's not forget that the purpose of having the new wineskin is to contain the "new wine". So the question is, "are we crying out to God for the new wine, or are we stuck looking for the old wine?"

Matthew 9:16-17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse. ¹⁷ Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Share how can you make your life, home, office and cell group as a dwelling place for God's presence?

Q2. What mindsets and obstacles do you need to change in order for God's presence to dwell in your life?

Transition to Works:

Our Lord Jesus has planted faith in our hearts to believe Him as Saviour of the world and we have exercised that faith to become a child of God. Let us now pray for our pre-believer contacts so that they too will be able to exercise this faith.

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 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.

2. Continue to Connect with Potential BESTs / Pre-Believers

a. 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.

b. 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.

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