

4Ws for Week 25 (17-23 Jun 2024)

WELCOME (15 minutes)

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

Suggested icebreakers:

1. Father's Day

Share how you spent Father's Day last weekend.

2. Guess the bible characters

Have someone write down famous Bible characters on pieces of paper or index cards ahead of time. Then, split the group into teams, making enough sets for each team and placing them in separate bowls. Assign one designated person from each team as the "chosen one." Start the timer for five minutes and have them choose a name from the bowl. Then, they need to act it out or give hints for the team members to guess the character. Once the team guesses correctly, the individual chooses another name from the bowl. The team that guesses the most names in five minutes wins the game.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

(Encourage members to allow the Holy Spirit to minister through them by sharing words, visions, tongues and interpretations of tongues.)

Suggested worship songs:

1. Only King Forever
2. Jesus at the Centre

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: Senior Pastor Daniel Khong

Scripture Passage: Genesis 22, John 4, Matthew 1

Sermon Title: Father Figures

Introduction

Last weekend, SP Daniel walked us through three notable yet different father figures in the Scriptures to help us learn the challenges of fatherhood and how we can become good fathers to our family.

1. Abraham: An Unusual Father, but an Obedient Son of God
2. Unnamed Official: An Uncertain Father, but a Determined Man of Faith
3. Joseph: An Unconventional Father, but a Committed Servant of God

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. How does Abraham being an unusual father but an obedient son help us to be good fathers?

A1. Abraham was an unusual father because God made him wait until he was 100 years old before Isaac was born. He also he did not hold back when God told him to sacrifice Isaac. To be a good father, we need to be patient and be obedient to God's commandments.

Q2. What was so special about the faith of the royal official who went to seek after Jesus to heal his son?

A2. This royal official demonstrated he was a determined man of faith by travelling from his hometown of Capernaum to seek after Jesus, who was in Cana at that time, to heal his son – a distance of 37.4 kilometres. What was so amazing about his faith was that he believed Jesus at His word that his son would be healed without Jesus having to come to his hometown. This official taught us that to be a good father, when we face uncertainties in life, we need to be men of faith, seeking God and believing He can help us in our time of need in our family.

Q3. In what ways was Joseph an unconventional father and also a committed servant of God?

A3. When the angel announced to Joseph in a dream to take Mary as his wife and that she will give birth to a son, it must have been a struggle for him because it was shameful to marry Mary, who had already conceived out of the wedlock. Despite this, Joseph obeyed God because he was a righteous man and a committed servant of God. To be good fathers, we need to be like Joseph – committed servants of God who obey and serve His purposes.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Share the challenges your father faced while you were growing up, or the challenges you have faced as a father.

Q2. How can you become a better father, son or daughter?

WORKS (15 minutes)

Focus on edification, equipping and evangelism.

- 1. Build on the momentum of all your outreach efforts** - continue praying for your pre-believing friends and family, connect with them, and invite them to your Cell and our Weekend Services.
- 2. Consolidation of new believers** – Diligently pray for and reach out to your friends and family who have decided to receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, guiding and helping them grow in the faith.

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