

4Ws for Week 25, 20 Jun - 26 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. Blind Bag (in-person & online versions)

- A. **In-person meeting:** Cell leader to prepare a dark bag with several objects (5-6 of them) inside. Do not reveal what's in the bag. Each person in the cell will take turns to dip their hands in the bag, grab hold of something, and then describe the object that they held to the rest of the cell as best as they can. Everyone in the cell is supposed to guess what that object is.
- B. **Online meeting:** Cell leader to prepare detailed but somewhat vague description of several objects of a particular theme. Let the cell know what the theme is. Flash the description of the objects one by one on the screen. Let the cell guess what that object is.

Possible themes: Different types of Fruits (can use toy fruits), Drinking apparatus.

2. Praying in tongues

Apostle Lawrence, FCBC's Apostolic Overseer, called upon everyone who received the newly received gift of tongues to pray in tongues for 15 minutes in their daily quiet time. He mentioned that the gift of tongues opens us up to exercise our faith in other spiritual gifts such as releasing words of knowledge and praying for the sick.

Regardless of whether you received the gift of tongues for the first time or you have received it previously, let us all exercise this gift together and edify one another.

(Cell leader, lead the cell to pray in tongues for whatever duration that is appropriate. Encourage the cell to exercise faith by asking them to release words of knowledge along the way).

Transition to Worship:

We might not fully comprehend the mysteries of God, but that should not deter us from drawing near to Him. Let's put aside all distractions, and not allow the unknown to hinder us from seeking Him. Let's embrace the freedom that Christ has given to us, and give our all to worship Him!

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following worship songs:

1. Who You Say I Am – Hillsong (E)
2. Worthy Of It All – David Brymer (C)

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

Transition to Word:

Lord, we long for more of You in our lives. You alone deserve all glory and praise, and there is none like You. Teach us to linger in Your Presence, and to wait on You. Help us put aside our restlessness and anxious thoughts, and hear from You through your word. Amen!

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: Esther 9:1b (NIVUK)

On this day the enemies of the Jews had hoped to overpower them, but now the tables were turned and the Jews got the upper hand over those who hated them.

Sermon Title: Ready for God's Last Day's Revival

By Apostle Lawrence Khong

on 18-19 June 2022

Scripture Passage: John 7:37-39 (NIV)

³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." ³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Introduction

Do you desire more of God's grace and power in your life? We are not talking about merely about the manifestations of the Holy Spirit, but a turning of hearts and a transformation of lives.

Revival is coming, we need to get our hearts right and ready ourselves to do what God wants us to do. The church, the cells and the individual needs to ready herself for revival.

How do we ready ourselves to experience revival? We need to:

1. Thirst
2. Believe
3. Drink

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. What is the significance of Jesus' declaration in John 7:37-38?

A1. Just as water satisfies thirst and produces fruitfulness, so the Spirit of God satisfies the inner person and enables us to bear fruit. As we ready ourselves for God's last day's revival, believers need to drink of Jesus' "living water" so that we become channels of living water to bless a thirsty world.

John 7:37b (NIVUK)

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If we desire for more of God in our lives, if we desire a revival in our spiritual lives, then we need to 'Thirst'. Ask the Lord for a Holy Discontent, and deposit in us a desire for the deeper things of God.

Q2. Is it necessary to desire for the deeper things of God? Can't one be satisfied with being a "normal Christian" and not having to dig deep?

A2. It is only when we dig deep and search within our inner man to touch the inner recesses of our spirit being, that we come to the realization that truly only God can satisfy that deep hunger and thirst that is within us. It is hearing, and then answering the call to complete surrender and coming to the realization of how unworthy we are in the eyes of God. Even the most seemingly righteous of us, is deemed unworthy and has thoroughly offended the Lord with our iniquities.

Romans 1:18 (NIVUK)

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. The Lord knows all about the deepest, hidden secrets that you have tried to hide. He sees beyond the facade of godliness that we have tried to portray. He alone knows the darkness that we have hidden in our hearts. And He holds it against us.

Our sin is not detached from us. When we sin against God, we are the conduit and the agents of that very sin. As such we have fully offended the Lord. It is impossible for God to not be displeased with us. However, not all is lost! We have a hope so sure, that is founded upon the grace of the Lord.

Romans 5:7-8 (NIVUK)

⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

This is an amazing truth. God hates our sin and us as sinners, right to the very core. But He loves us so much more, than He hates us. Let that sink in for a moment. How wide, how long, how high and how deep is the love of Christ? Of this we will never know until we thirst, dig deep and drink from the very depths of our being.

There is no normalcy in this. Only when we dig deep to commune with the Spirit who reveals all things to us, that we realize both our very own depravity as well as the perfect encompassing love of Christ. Only when we believe, accept and receive the love of God through the death and sacrifice of Jesus Christ, then we can truly experience revival.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Take turns to share about the grave theological error: "God hates sin but loves the sinner" that Apostle Lawrence mentioned based on Charles Finney's quote:

"God is not angry merely against the sin abstracted from the sinner, but against the sinner himself. Some persons have labored hard to set this ridiculous and absurd abstraction, and would fain make it appear that God is angry at sin, yet not at the sinner. He hates the theft, but loves the thief. He abhors adultery, but is pleased with the adulterer. Now this is supreme nonsense. The sin has no moral character apart from the sinner. The act is nothing apart from the actor. The very thing that God hates and disapproves is not the mere event—the thing done

in distinction from the doer; but it is the doer himself. It grieves and displeases Him that a rational moral agent, under His government, should array himself against his own God and Father, against all that is right and just in the universe. This is the thing that offends God. The sinner himself is the direct and the only object of his anger.”

Q2. Have you prayed to receive the gift of tongues? If not, why? Would you receive this gift of Grace today?

Transition to Works:

Holy Spirit Come, fall afresh on us. Not by might, not by power, but by the very Spirit of God. We long not just for Your manifestation, but for Your very Presence. Come and reveal yourself to us. Lead us into waters and help us to drink deep. Let us not be satisfied with the status quo, help us desire for more of You in our lives. Help us desire for a revival in our personal lives, our cell and the church. Amen.

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.