

4Ws for Week 26, 28 June 2021 - 4 July 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. Favourite Songs

Cell Leader, ask each member to submit the title and singer of their favourite song. This must be done ahead of time. The important thing is not to let other members know what each person chose. Cell Leader plays about 30 sec. of each person's favourite song (looking it up on Spotify or YouTube Music, etc.), and everyone has to guess which member picked which song.

2. Something that represents you

Cell Leader asks everyone to dash off and find an object from another room in their house that represents them. Give them 2 minutes to find the object and return to Zoom. When everyone has returned, ask them to show the item and explain why it represents them. You can also do a fun screenshot with everyone holding up their items and waving to camera.

Transition to Worship:

Praise God that we can come again as a cell to worship God. Let's come to our God with a thankful and joyful heart. For He is the Faithful, forever Faithful God, Father to the Fatherless; He upholds the one who feels forsaken, and defend the poor and the forgotten. He is the Lover of the wounded soul.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following worship songs:

- 1) Faithful – Chris Tomlin (D)
- 2) Great Are You Lord (D)
- 3) Shout To The Lord (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:

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for Your love, thank You for giving us rest in our soul in times of trouble. In Proverbs 30:5, it reads "Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him." Lord, teach us Your word and minister to us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen!

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: Exodus 31:15

"For six days work is to be done, but the seventh day is a day of sabbath rest, holy to the LORD."

Sermon Title: YOU/ More of You

Scripture Passages: John 3:22-36 (NLT)

²² Then Jesus and his disciples left Jerusalem and went into the Judean countryside. Jesus spent some time with them there, baptizing people. ²³ At this time John the Baptist was baptizing at Aenon, near Salim, because there was plenty of water there; and people kept coming to him for baptism. ²⁴ (This was before John was thrown into prison.) ²⁵ A debate broke out between John’s disciples and a certain Jew over ceremonial cleansing. ²⁶ So John’s disciples came to him and said, “Rabbi, the man you met on the other side of the Jordan River, the one you identified as the Messiah, is also baptizing people. And everybody is going to him instead of coming to us.”

²⁷ John replied, “No one can receive anything unless God gives it from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves know how plainly I told you, ‘I am not the Messiah. I am only here to prepare the way for him.’ ²⁹ It is the bridegroom who marries the bride, and the bridegroom’s friend is simply glad to stand with him and hear his vows. Therefore, I am filled with joy at his success. ³⁰ He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.

³¹ “He has come from above and is greater than anyone else. We are of the earth, and we speak of earthly things, but he has come from heaven and is greater than anyone else. ³² He testifies about what he has seen and heard, but how few believe what he tells them! ³³ Anyone who accepts his testimony can affirm that God is true. ³⁴ For he is sent by God. He speaks God’s words, for God gives him the Spirit without limit. ³⁵ The Father loves his Son and has put everything into his hands. ³⁶ And anyone who believes in God’s Son has eternal life. Anyone who doesn’t obey the Son will never experience eternal life but remains under God’s angry judgment.”

Introduction

Two weekends ago, SP Daniel started on a new sermon series called, “The Songs We Sing”. It is important for us to talk about the songs we sing, think through them, and understand the meaning of the words. Last weekend, the song looked at was “You” by Hillsong.

<p>You (Hillsong) <u>Verse 1</u> Invading all my weakness You wrapped me up in grace The worst of me succeeded by the best of you</p> <p><u>Verse 2</u> My heart is overtaken My soul is overwhelmed The worst of me succeeded by the best of you</p> <p><u>Verse 3</u> My dreams have found their purpose My future in your hands This life would have no meaning if it weren’t for you</p> <p><u>Verse 4</u> Lord make my life transparent Your life in mine displayed And let every earthly glory</p>	<p>Go back to You</p> <p><u>Pre-Chorus</u> So I lay me down For Kingdom come Steel all that is within me ‘Cause all I want in this world is more of You</p> <p><u>Chorus</u> In the less of me it is You Increasing as I fade away Your light for all the world to see God it is You, who breaks the chains It is You, who lights the way And everything I am cries out for You</p>
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This song reminds us of the passage in John 3, which was recorded by the Apostle John about John the Baptist. When we read John 3, it almost seems like Jesus and John the Baptist were rivals in ministry. However, John the Baptist recorded his response for us in John 3:30 – “He must increase, but I must decrease”, that it’s not about him, but about Jesus the Messiah. And that is a key essence that came out in the song – “In the less of me it is You, increasing as I fade away, Your light for all the world to see!” We all need to constantly cry out for more of God in our lives. He is the One who will empower us to overcome our weaknesses.

Why must we cry out for more of God in our lives?

1. We NEED Him in Our Lives
2. We WANT to Live For Him

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. The song starts with “Invading all my weakness; You wrapped me up in grace. The worst of me succeeded by the best of You.” How does God invade our weakness and wrap us in grace?

A1. The phrase “invading” depicts a military invasion where God sweeps through our lives, and He sets up camp in the midst of our weaknesses. That’s how God transforms us. He knows our shortcomings and weaknesses. But by grace, He strengthens and empowers us to overcome our weaknesses. Consider John 3:27, 30-31, and 2 Corinthians 12:9-10.

John 3:27 (NKJV)

²⁷ John answered and said, “A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven.

John 3:30-31 (NKJV)

³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease. ³¹ He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NLT)

⁹ Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. ¹⁰ That’s why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Q2. “My dreams have found their purpose, My future in Your hands; This life would have no meaning if it weren't for You.” What is your understanding of this stanza in living our life for God?

A2. We live in a world where we are taught to look to ourselves in order to discover our purpose and meaning. However, the word of God teaches us that we follow Jesus because we want to live for Him in all that we do, and not just so that we can be blessed and have eternal life. Example: John the Baptist demonstrated to us what it truly meant to be a disciple of Christ; he was not living for himself, but for God (John 3:28-30).

John 3:28-30 (NKJV)

²⁸ You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but, ‘I have been sent before Him.’ ²⁹ He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and

hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled. ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease.

Luke 9:23-25 (NIVUK)

²³ Then he said to them all: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. ²⁵ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?

Matthew 6:33 (NIVUK)

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Application Questions

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

Q1. How can we cry out for more of God, if we need Him in our lives?

Q2. Are you spiritually jammed? How do you respond to "My dreams have found their purpose, my future in Your hands; This life would have no meaning if it weren't for You"?

Transition to Works:

Dear Lord, we ask that You show us how we can reach out during this COVID-19 pandemic. Just as You pointed to Apostle Peter where to let down the nets, show us where to go and how to bring in the man or woman of peace into Your Kingdom.

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, using the existing COVID-19 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 the COVID-19 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 in 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 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.

6. Announcements

- We will resume on-site English and Chinese Services at Touch Centre starting 3 July 2021. For more information, please visit <https://fcbc.org.sg/serviceresumption>.
- English, Chinese, and Hokkien Services will continue to be streamed at their regular service timings on our [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/user/FCBCsg) (<https://www.youtube.com/user/FCBCsg>)
- In-person cell meetings and gatherings may resume for up to 5 persons.
- Our advisories on [weddings](#) and [funerals](#) have been updated in our website.

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