

## **4Ws for Week 27, 4 - 10 July 2022**

*(With COVID-19, this 4Ws is to be adapted for use at online and in-person 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. What's on My Desk? (Online Meeting)**

Members take a zoomed-in photo of an object of their choice from their desk. The image should show just enough clues for people to make a guess without revealing the answer, e.g. the edges of the object, a text on the object etc. Members take turns to share the image to the group over Zoom or WhatsApp, and have the group guess what the object is.

**Materials needed:** Mobile phone

#### **2. Blind Retriever (Onsite Meeting)**

Facilitator will mark out a square of 1.5m x 1.5m on the floor and scatter random objects within the square. Divide the Members into 2 or 3 groups. Each group will nominate a person who will be the retriever and be blind folded. At the start of each round, all the blind retrievers will stand at the same edge of the square. The facilitator will call out an object within the square, and the respective groups are to give instructions from the edge of the square to help their retrievers navigate to the object and pick it up to win.

#### **Transition to Worship:**

*Lord Jesus, You are our all-knowing and ever present God; we have come into Your house to worship You. We ask You Lord Jesus to come in the fulness of Your Holy Spirit. Cause Your presence to be felt in this place. Amen.*

### **WORSHIP (20 minutes)**

You may use the following worship songs:

- 1) House of the Lord - Phil Wickham (C)
- 2) Come Holy Spirit - Vertical Worship (E)

*(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:**

*Holy Spirit, You are present with us, and You illuminate the Word to us. Stir up Your Spirit within us to listen to Your Word and obey it! Amen.*

### **WORD (45 minutes)**

#### **Memory verse of the week: Psalm 29:11 (NIVUK)**

The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

**Scripture Passage: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (NIVUK)**

<sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. <sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

**Introduction**

Two weeks ago, God spoke to us about Anointing (which is the outpouring of God's favour or power upon a believer). Last week, He spoke to us about Spiritual Gifts (which is the *specific manifestation* of the anointing of God), and the three truths to help us appreciate spiritual gifts:

- a) Spiritual gifts are gifts of grace – They are freely given by God as He purposes and are not based on our merit.
- b) Spiritual gifts are tools for tasks – They are given so that the believer can perform ministry, and perform ministry with power.
- c) Spiritual gifts are disciplines to be developed – They are not natural talents. They are special empowering for the occasion and need to be exercised and practiced by the believer to sharpen the tool.

**Discovery and Understanding Questions:**

**Q1.** What is being taught here about spiritual gifts?

**A1.** Spiritual gifts are given freely by God through His Holy Spirit. He gives spiritual gifts to every believer according to His purposes, and wants every believer to use the gift for the common good.

**1 Corinthians 12:7 (NIVUK)**

<sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

**1 Corinthians 12:11 (NIVUK)**

<sup>11</sup> All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as **he determines**.

**Q2.** What is the link between calling, ministry and spiritual gifts?

**A2.** Every believer is called to a ministry. Each believer is given the empowering of the Holy Spirit for the ministry he/she has been called to. This empowering is poured out upon the believer through the distribution of spiritual gifts appropriate for each occasion.

**Luke 4:18-19 (NIVUK)**

<sup>18</sup> '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, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

### **1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (NIVUK)**

<sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

### **John 14:12-14 (NIVUK)**

<sup>12</sup> Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. And you know what this passage leads on to?

### **John 14:15-18 (NIVUK)**

<sup>15</sup> 'If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever – <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

**Q3.** What is the Holy Scriptures exhortation as it relates to spiritual gifts?

**A3.** The Scriptures exhorts every believer to desire spiritual gifts and to exercise these spiritual gifts when there is a gathering of the believers.

### **1 Corinthians 12:7 (NIVUK)**

<sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

### **1 Corinthians 14:1 (NIVUK)**

<sup>1</sup> Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.

### **1 Corinthians 14:39 (NIVUK)**

<sup>39</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.

### **Application Questions**

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

**Q1.** Look at the list of spiritual gifts. Identify one gift that you think you have, and share how you can use this gift when you meet in the Cell or in Service.

### **Examples of Spiritual Gifts: (1 Corinthians 12)**

1. Words of Wisdom (vs 8)
2. Words of Knowledge (vs 8)
3. Great Faith (vs 9)
4. Healing (vs 9)
5. Miracles (vs 10)
6. Prophecy (vs 10)

7. Discernment (vs 10)
8. Speaking Tongues (vs 10)
9. Interpreting Tongues (vs 10)

**Q2.** Look again at the gifts above. What is one gift you would like to ask God for? How would you use this gift in your CG or when you are in service?

**Transition to Works:**

*God, You have taught us that spiritual gifts are tools for tasks, and that they are to be exercised for the common good. Help us to desire these gifts that we will minister in greater power through Your Holy Spirit. As You pour out Your anointing and spiritual gifts upon us, help us to use these for the service of others - to edify the Body, and to evangelise the Lost. In Jesus' name. 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. Make evangelism a lifestyle – each week invite pre-believing friends/Bests/3x3 contacts (depending on their comfort level) to join you in watching our livestream service/in church onsite service. Connect with them and spur other members to do so.
- b. When the salvation altar call is made during the service, a Response Form link will be screened for those who have responded or want to respond, to fill in. The links are:
  - For English -- [www.fcbc.org.sg/connectwithus](http://www.fcbc.org.sg/connectwithus)
  - For Chinese -- [www.fcbc.org.sg/zh/connectwithus](http://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 service.

**3. Encourage CG Members to Attend Onsite Service**

Arrange to meet up before or after service for fellowship. Get them to invite pre-believing contacts to the service. Use the pre/post service fellowship times for your CG members to connect with your invitees.

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