

4Ws for Week 28 (8-14 Jul 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. Word Scramble: Prayer & Fasting

Test your vocabulary and have some fun by forming as many words as possible (minimum four letters) from the two words “Prayer and Fasting”.

Materials required: Paper and pen

2. Who Am I in Christ?

Pair up with someone and ask each other, “Who are you?” Encourage the person to share five (5) things about themselves. Listen attentively to how people identify themselves. Notice if anyone mentions being a child of God. This is a significant identity we have in Christ, surpassing any other worldly label.

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) Battle Belongs
- 2) Beautiful Saviour

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: Senior Pastor Daniel Khong

Scripture Passage: Matthew 7:7-11

Sermon Title: Asking God

Introduction

Building on the previous week’s message, SP Daniel’s sermon last weekend delves deeper into the topic of prayer as we enter the second week of our nation’s 40-Day Prayer and Fasting initiative.

Through prayer, we actively participate in fulfilling God’s will “on earth as it is in heaven” (Matt.6:9-10). As Matthew 7:11 reminds us, our Heavenly Father delights in giving good gifts to those who ask Him. Have we truly been turning to God, asking Him for help in everything we do?

When we learn to ask God, our action speaks of two important aspects:

1. We form a **Partnership with God**
2. We build our **Relationship with God**

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. What is our part in a true partnership with God?

A1: God desires to help us, but there is something we need to do: ask. Matthew7:7 tells us, “Ask and it will be **given to you**; seek and you will **find**; knock and the **door will be opened** to you.” However, it requires us to do our part by asking, seeking and knocking.

One of the most common reasons we don't ask God is because our lives are not in a true partnership with Him. We often want to be the sole proprietor, or at least the controlling shareholder, making the final decisions. When we truly live in partnership with God, our lives are not truly ours. He is the major shareholder.

James 4:2-3 reinforces this concept: "...You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures." God desires to give us what we truly need, not just what we want for selfish reasons. We must ask God and trust that He will give us what we need. He will also help us find what's missing in our lives and open the right doors that align with His purpose for us.

Q2. What is the confidence we have in asking God?

A2. The confidence we have in asking God stems from the strength of our relationship with God. We will dare to ask of God when we have a strong relationship with God. God invites us to ask because He has given us the right to become His children (John 1:12). He hears us (1 John 5:14-15) and gives good gifts to those who ask Him (Matt. 7:11).

Application Questions

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

Q1. Share one thing you have done that deepened your partnership with God?

Q2. Do you have confidence in approaching God in prayer? If not, how can you build to strengthen the relationship?

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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