

4Ws for Week 29, 17 - 23 July 2023

WELCOME (15 minutes)

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

Suggested icebreakers:

1. Act of Kindness

World Kindness Day is an international observance on 13 November. Singapore observed this day for the first time in 2009. Share an act of kindness you recently did for someone outside of your family.

2. Expression of Appreciation

Is there someone in your community who makes a difference? Share how you can express appreciation in word or deed for this person in the coming week.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

(Remember to pause for the Holy Spirit to minister through the members. Encourage members to release a word, a vision, tongues and interpretation of tongues, to minister to each other.)

Suggested worship songs:

- 1) Lion and The Lamb - Bethel Music, Leeland (C)
- 2) Here I Bow - Bethel Music (D)

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: Senior Pastor Daniel Khong

Scripture Passage: Luke 10:25-28 (NIVUK)

Sermon Title: Loving God

Introduction

Last weekend, SP Daniel continued his message series on love by sharing how we can express our love for God. The Bible tells us to “Love the Lord your God with all **your heart** and with all **your soul** and with all **your strength** and with **all your mind...**” (Luke 10:27).

Loving God must be **holistic**, encompassing all our emotions and feelings (heart), our inner being (soul), our physical strength (body), and our intellect (mind). This is crucial because it builds and strengthens our relationship with Him, enabling us to learn from God and be empowered to love others; for **love comes from God** (1 John 4:7).

So, how can we express our love for God? We do so by...

1. Praising God
2. Giving to God
3. Serving God
4. Making time for God

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. Why should we constantly praise God?

A1. The very first sentence of the “Hallelujah Psalms” starts with praising God (Psa. 146:1, 147:1, 148:1, 149:1, 150:1). Praising God helps us to focus on Him. The element of praise must permeate every part of our lives.

Quote: “The more you praise God, the more you become God-conscious and absorbed in His greatness, wisdom, faithfulness, and love. Praise reminds you of all that God is able to do and of great things He has already done.” **Wesley L. Duewel**

Q2. Why giving generously to God is not about our wealth?

A2. The Bible says that as we honour the Lord by giving to Him, there is a greater blessing to be found: “then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine” (Prov. 3:9-10) and “whoever sows generously will also reap generously” (2 Cor. 9:6-7). But the focus is not about receiving more, but about trusting Him. In the story of the poor widow who gave two small copper coins, we learn the lesson that the root of generosity is not wealth but trust. We give to God because we trust in His goodness and faithfulness.

Q3. Why should we serve God?

A3. We serve because we love Him. To serve God means to do His will, and it includes doing what He commands us to do. Serving God means making Him real in our lives by reaching out to the lost and by serving His people and the church. “Whoever serves me must follow me: and where I am, my servant also will be”. To follow Jesus is to serve alongside with Him. We all look forward to hearing God say to us, “Well done, good and faithful servant!” (Matthew 25:21).

Q4. What does quality time with God look like?

A4. Jesus was very conscious about making time for God. “He got up very early in the morning, while it was still dark, left the house, and went off to a solitary place where he prayed”. (Mark 1:35). He dedicated time to God; as much time as was needed. “One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray and spent the night praying to God” (Luke 6:12). Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you... (James 4:8).

Application Questions

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

Q1. How can I be generous in praising and giving to God?

Q2. Are there hindrances or obstacles preventing me from serving God?

Q3. What more can I do to carve out time to connect with God daily?

WORKS (15 minutes)

Focus on *edification, equipping* and *evangelism*. In every CG gathering, encourage members to reach out right where God has placed them. Give members time to share their outreach efforts. Press on in praying together for Bests and pre-believer contacts.

For those who have responded or want to respond when the salvation altar call is made during the service, ask them to fill out the Response Form, or you can offer to help them fill it out. The links are:

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