

4Ws for Week 29, 18 - 24 July 2022

(With COVID-19, this 4Ws is to be adapted for use at both 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. Name the Tune (Online Meeting)

Members will take turns to hum/whistle/play on an instrument the tune of a worship or pop song. The rest of the group are to guess what song it is.

Material needed: Musical Instrument (If applicable)

1. Balance the Can (Onsite Meeting)

All Members will be handed a can of soft drink. Each Member is to drink some of the drink so that the can is able to balance on its edge.

Note: What the balanced can should look like.



Materials needed: A can of soft drink for each Member.

Transition to Worship:

Lord Jesus, we acknowledge Your presence here with us both in the fun moments and in the sad moments of our lives, and that You are working in both these moments. This is Your Amazing Grace in our lives and we worship You!

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following worship songs:

1. This Is Amazing Grace - Jeremy Riddle (C)
2. A Thousand Hallelujahs - Brooke Ligertwood (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:

Lord, we sing a thousand hallelujahs to You. You are worthy of even beyond these thousand hallelujahs. We now worship You in meditating on Your Word. By Your Spirit, open up Your Word to us. Amen!

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Sermon Title: Witnesses

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on 16 & 17 July 2022

Scripture Passages: Galatians 5:16-25; Acts 1:8 (NIVUK)

Galatians 5:16-25 (NIVUK)

¹⁶ So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Acts 1:8 (NIVUK)

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

Introduction

We have covered on the Holy Spirit the last few weeks. God gave the Holy Spirit to us in order that through His workings in our lives, our personalities will be transformed and we will become effective witnesses for Him.

To become effective witnesses of God, we need to experience:

1. Personal Transformation – The image of God is replicated in our lives so that our character testify to the Gospel and to the character of God.
2. Perpetual Transformation – We need to allow the Holy Spirit to constantly and continuously work within and into our lives to change us daily so that each day we manifest more and more the image and character of Christ. This should continue till when we see Him face to face.

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. Looking at these verses (Gal. 5:16-17, 19-21, 22-23), what do you learn about personal transformation?

A1. The Holy Spirit works in us to change us to become more like Jesus. However, we need also to work on this transformation by crucifying the deeds of the flesh and walking by the Spirit. As we do so, the Holy Spirit works into us the fruit of the Spirit. So, it is *both* submission to the Spirit and actions to deny self and allow the Spirit to reign completely in our lives.

Galatians 5:16-17

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Galatians 5:19-21 (NIVUK)

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Galatians 5:22-23 (NIVUK)

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Q2. What does perpetual transformation entail?

A2. The transformed life occurs continuously. We are commanded to keep His commands. The object of this command is so that we will be like the Father. But this process is helped along by the Holy Spirit whom the Father gives us. With His help, we walk daily in Him and fight to struggle against the works of the flesh so that we may finish the race well!

John 14:15-18 (NIVUK)

¹⁵ 'If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever – ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you

Galatians 5:25 (NIVUK)

²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

2 Timothy 4:7 (NIVUK)

⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Share one area of your life that has been transformed by the Holy Spirit.

Q2. Share an area of your life that you want the Holy Spirit to transform. What can you do to cooperate with the Holy Spirit to bring about this transformation.

Transition to Works:

Lord, we are Your transformed children. Help us to live transformed lives; help us to do the works You have called us to do. Give us hearts and wills that beat with Your passion and desires. Amen!

WORKS (15 minutes)

1. Focus on CG Outreach

The focus of CG meetings is *edification, equipping* and *evangelism*. In every CG meeting, spend 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
 - 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 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.

4. FCBC Conference (25 – 28 Aug)

Remind your members to block out these dates for the above:

- 25 August, Thursday, evening (for Leaders only)
- 26 August, Friday, evening
- 27 August, Saturday, (full day)
- 28 August, Sunday, morning till afternoon

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