

4Ws for Week 2 (6 –12 Jan 2025)

WELCOME (15 minutes)

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

Suggested icebreakers:

1. Dreams and Aspirations

Invite everyone to share their thoughts on the following question: *“What is a dream/aspiration that you feel God has given to you?”* For those who may not have an answer yet, they can instead share: *“What is something you are doing to discover the dream or aspiration that God wants you to have?”*

2. Fear Factor

Have each member take turns sharing their greatest fear. After that, each member will rate the fear shared on a scale of 1-5. The person who shared the fear will then add up these scores and remember their total. At the end, everyone will reveal the total score for the fear they shared.

There are two possible outcomes:

- A) The average scores are similar, indicating that everyone has different fears. This diversity highlights how the community can help balance and support one another.
- B) One fear has a drastically higher score. This suggests that the fear is not irrational, and as a community, everyone can come together to address it and support one another in overcoming it.

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) Alive
- 2) I Give You My Heart

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: Rev. Daniel Khong

Scripture Passage: Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon Title: Level Up

Introduction

As we enter the new year, we should strive for progress and improvement in all aspects of our lives, especially in our spiritual growth. However, progress and improvement don't come easily. Obstacles and challenges will arise, requiring consistent effort to overcome them.

What must we do to level up spiritually?

- 1. Step Out in Faith
- 2. Stay Put in Faithfulness

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. What was it about the third servant that caused the master to be upset?

A1: The servant claimed that the master was a hard and unreasonable man. In reality, however, the servant acted out of fear. This fear prevented him from taking even a single small step of faith, leading him to make irrational choices.

The master did not have unreasonable expectations, he would have been satisfied if the servant had done the minimum, such as depositing the money with the bankers. The master's frustration wasn't with the servant's failure but with his unwillingness to even try.

Q2. Even if I step out in faith, how do I overcome my fear? It's difficult to see when things will end.

A2. Feeling fear is not wrong. The way to overcome it is to cling to God! Remind yourself through Scripture that He has called us to live a life of power, love and a sound mind. We are called to live by faith, not by sight.

Taking a step of faith is important, but we must go further by persevering and seeing things through. It may be difficult and exhausting at times, but perseverance is key. When fulfilling what God has called us to do, let us shift our focus from the end result to our faithfulness. Let our faithfulness be what defines and is credited to us.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Has God entrusted you with something that you have been putting off or ignoring?

Q2. Are you constantly seeking the "next big thing" or "spiritual work"? Have you been faithfully fulfilling the last thing God called you to do?

Q3. When faced with a fearful or crippling situation, what is your first response? Do you flee in fear, or persevere in faith?

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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