

## 4Ws for Week 2, 9 - 15 Jan 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. Reverse Bucket List

A reverse bucket list is about writing down the things that you have already accomplished or feel proud of. Write the top 10 things that makes you feel that way.

#### 2. Top Activity

What is the one activity (or top three) that you spend the most amount of time doing in the 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) Forever – Chris Tomlin (D)
- 2) Same God – Elevation Worship (E)

### WORD (45 minutes)

**Preacher:** Rev. Roland Lee

**Scripture Passage:** 1 John 2:15-17 (NLT)

**Sermon Title:** Make Room

#### Introduction

How has the last 2 over years of dealing with COVID-19 affected your spiritual walk? Are you struggling to return to a life of spiritual vibrancy or have you been masking your sins and struggles? Oftentimes, we do not focus on what's important and start filling our lives with many other things until there is no room or space for the more important things – the things of God.

The answer to our predicament is not to fill our lives with many things and then try to top it up with God. Instead, when we allow God to first fill the room of our hearts, there will be true blessings in our lives. In order to make room for God in our hearts, we need to make a big change in:

1. Our Affections – Love God's Presence Fully
2. Our Attitudes – Love God's Purposes Fully
3. Our Actions – Love God's People Fully

#### Discovery and Understanding Questions:

##### **Q1. What does it mean to set our affections on the things above, and not on things on the Earth?**

**A1.** The word of God in Colossians 3:2 (KJV) is not saying we cannot enjoy the good things on Earth that we have worked hard for, and that He has blessed us with. What it is saying is that does our enjoyment (and love) for these things (of the world) fill our hearts (and time) so much that there is no

longer any room for God? Where is God in the picture? Does He have first place in our hearts or is He merely a formality that you slot in?

**Q2. Do we truly believe that God is the giver of all good things or do we believe it is solely due to our own ability?**

**A2.** If we buy into the belief system that it is solely due to our own ability that allows us to achieve what we have, we have allowed the sinful attitude of pride to creep into our lives. We must remember all that we have, including our abilities, was first given by God.

When we do not get this attitude and order of things right, we may find ourselves desiring less and less to do and will not fulfil the purposes of God in our lives. As a result of that, we will be placing ourselves out of God's blessings in our lives.

### **Application Questions**

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

**Q1. Are there things in your life that have filled up the room of your heart, till there is no space for God?**

**Q2. Are you able to truly say that God is your one true love? Is your love for God simply a good idea in your head, or does God have and own the room of your heart?**

**Q3. Are there hurts, resentments or even wounds that you have kept locked up in your heart? Would you allow the healing grace of God to restore your freedom?**

### **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.

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