4Ws for Week 30, 24 Jul - 30 Jul 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. Adventure Seekers

Share with everyone your thoughts on one of the following questions and what went through your mind when you experienced it:

- What was the most adventurous thing that you've ever done in your life?
- What was the most exotic thing that you've ever eaten?
- Have you ever confronted a dangerous person/situation in public?
- Has there ever been a moment in your life where you looked back and thought, "I could have died right there?"

2. Chain-of-Command

Everyone will gather in a circle, or the players will be assigned their order of turns.

- This ice-breaker will be played in a clockwise direction.
- It will start with the first player giving a simple command to the next player (e.g., Raise your right hand).
- The next player will have to follow that previous command by doing that action, followed by giving another command that is linked to the previous one (e.g., Raise your right hand...move it up and down...).
- The following player will have to execute the actions of the now chained-command and link another command to it, creating a longer chain (e.g., Raise your right hand...move it up and down...touch your toes).
- This will continue until you circle back to the first player.
- The game will restart if someone breaks the chain of command by forgetting the chain or failing to execute the actions correctly.

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) Champion Bryan and Katie Torwalt
- 2) I Came For You Planetshakers

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: Senior Pastor Daniel Khong **Scripture Passage**: Joshua 6:1-5 (NIVUK)

Sermon Title: A Risky Move

Introduction

Whenever God calls us to act upon something, it is usually not in our most convenient circumstances or in our place of comfort. At times, it might feel like a risky move, or we might have thoughts of "God...really meh?" at the back of our heads.

Taking a step of faith into the unknown or the less trodden path will always be filled with caution. It is a move that requires us to exercise faith. What does it take for us to trust God and make what we deem as a risky move for Him?

Here are 2 truths that will enable us to take a risk for God:

- 1. God is in Command
- 2. God is in Control

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

- Q1. I am in a very comfortable place at my workplace right now, but it seems that God is asking me to leave? It does not make sense to me, and why should I make such a huge risky move?
- **A1**. If we desire God to be the Lord of our lives, He is in command. When we are sure that we've heard from God, it's up to us to obey. Choosing obedience exercises faith but entails some risk. We often rationalize or fear leaving our comfort zones. God calls us to live beyond our comfort zones and embrace the supernatural. Acknowledging God as our master, who is in command of all, lightens the burden of future outcomes. We are called to trust and obey Him.
- Q2. Help! I've obeyed what God has told me to do. However, I am still feeling very anxious and have no sense of peace. Have I made the wrong decision?
- **A2.** It's great that you've obeyed God! Obedience does not always bring immediate peace, and excessive anxiety might signal something else. Remember, it's just the first step; trying to regain control ourselves may lead us off God's intended path. Having faith means being comfortable with uncertainty and risk, trusting in God. Know that only God can win the battle ahead. If He called you, He'll lead you to victory. Even as every inch of our body cries out and protests as you try to rationalize the decision, choose to relinquish control and continue to trust and let God.

Application Questions

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

- Q1. Do you struggle to obey or easily shrug aside the things God has commanded you to do?
- Q2. Are you upset with God? You've obeyed what you thought God has called you to do in the past, but things did not turn out the way you thought it would. Will you let go and let God?
- Q3. Are you really excited about where the Lord is leading you and what He has called you to? Are you ready to take the risk and trust Him? Would you share with your community and pray for covering?

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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