

4Ws for Week 31, 27 July – 02 Aug 2020

(With COVID-19, this 4Ws is to be adapted for use at online 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. Sketch Your Neighbour

Ask everyone to sketch out their on-screen neighbour and then hold their handiwork up to the camera. Make it clear that this is only for fun and that artistic ability is not important. Get everyone to hold their work up and take turns to share their sketches. You can also choose the whiteboard function for sharing of the sketches by selecting 'View Option' at the top of the Zoom window and then click 'Annotate'. A toolbar to annotate will appear with options to text, draw, arrow, etc.

2. My Friend Next Door

Have everyone to take turns to share two truths and one lie about their neighbour. Encourage everyone to inject fun by including some funny facts about their neighbour. The lie can be outrageous or wacky, and even made to sound like a truth to make it harder for the other participants to differentiate between the truths and the lie.

Suggested closing for both ice-breakers

In connection with 9 August National Day celebrations, encourage everyone to be a good neighbour by doing something special. To find out more about how to be a good neighbour, head to the following social media platforms:

- Facebook: @myfriendnextdoor
- Instagram: @myfriendnextdoor_sg

Transition to Worship:

Thank you everyone for your sharing and participation in the icebreakers. Love it! Now let us come to God for a time of worship. Our God is faithful and whatever challenges we go through, God is going to turn it into a victory! Hallelujah!

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following suggested worship songs:

- 1) See A Victory (C)
- 2) Nothing Else – Cody Carnes (E)
- 3) King Of My Heart (G)

Let us pause to wait upon the Lord for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. We would like to encourage everyone to exercise the gifts of the Holy Spirit – if you have a word, a vision, tongues and interpretation of tongues – release it to minister to each other.

Transition to Word:

Lord we thank You for Your Presence here with us today. We bless Your Name - You are King of our Heart! You are good; You are good. Your love for us is never ending. Lord, we love You and we want to know You more. Lord, we open up our hearts to You and as we study Your word, reveal Yourself to us, teach us and work in us. In Jesus name! Amen.

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: Romans 3:25

²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.

Sermon Title: Less of Me

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on 25 & 26 Jul 2020

Scripture Passage: Mark 12:29-31 (NKJV)

²⁹ Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment. ³¹ And the second, like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Introduction

Last week, many of us did the test on 5 Love Languages to discover what is our love language, and quite a number of cells had gone through it and spent some time discussing it. Now that we know what is our love language and how best we receive and interpret love, what’s next? Let’s love our neighbour as ourselves like we would want to be loved in the way that we best receive love.

Last weekend, SP’s sermon is entitled, “Less of Me”. Essentially, we need to learn what it means to love others, that is we need to go beyond ourselves. Ultimately, this will make us better at demonstrating love.

How can we become better at showing and demonstrating love? For us to become better at showing and demonstrating love, we need to:-

1. **Seek to Understand, not just to be Understood**
2. **Commit to Change, not just Expect Change**

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. All of us want to be understood. In any relationships, it is not surprising to have some level of misunderstanding because of our differences. How did Jesus makes it a point to understand the people he was reaching out to?

A1. Jesus made it a point to understand the felt needs of those he was reaching out to so that he can meet their felt needs. Consider the man with leprosy and Zacchaeus the tax collector.

Matthew 8:2-3 (NLT)

²Suddenly, a man with leprosy approached him and knelt before him. “Lord,” the man said, “if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean.” ³Jesus reached out and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!” And instantly the leprosy disappeared.

Jesus did not just speak but reached out to touch the leper to heal him. We know that Jesus did not need to touch the leper physically, but He understood his felt need. By doing so, Jesus communicated His love for the leper in such clear way that He would never be misunderstood about His love for him.

Luke 19:5-7 (NKJV)

⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” ⁶ So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. ⁷ But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.”

Jesus reached out to Zacchaeus the tax collector by telling him that He wanted to stay at his house. Jesus communicated to Zacchaeus that He truly loved him and chose to stay with him to demonstrate His love for him.

Q2. To become better in showing and demonstrating love, we need to commit to change for those around us and not just expect those around us to change. How can we learn from Jesus in showing and demonstrating love by changing for those around us?

A2. In Jesus’ very time here on earth, that itself was already an expression of God’s love for us. Furthermore, when Jesus was sent by God, He had to “change” His very nature by making Himself not just to a servant, but (in a sense equivalent) to “nothing”.

Philippians 2:5-7 (NIKVUK)

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ who, being in **very nature God**, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he **made himself nothing** by taking the very nature of a **servant**, being made in human likeness.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Share an ‘Over the Top’ (OTT) love you have received from someone before. Who is that person and what did the person do or say. How did you feel about it?

Q2. Have each member come up with a way to demonstrate love, either to a cell member, a friend, a neighbor, a colleague or an elderly person this week.

Transition to Works:

Let’s remind one another to be proactive and deliberate in showing love to the prebelievers in our midst, and as a result, be a Good Neighbour!

WORKS (15 minutes)

1. Continue to Connect

a) With cell group members

1. Hold your cell members accountable to watch the Livestream Service or download the message to listen later.
2. Seek ways and means to stay connected with each other, especially those who’ve been impacted by COVID-19’s post circuit breaker. For example:
 - a. Synchronize prayer times.
 - b. Share devotional thoughts through WhatsApp. Encourage your members to post their Quiet Time Reflections in the CG chat.
 - c. Create a cell group hashtag - Post uplifting messages, sermon videos and notes, or even bookmark pretty verse images that you like on Instagram by leaving these in your cell group hashtag as a comment. Everything that has been tagged with your cell group hashtag will be available for the entire group to see!

- d. Video call each other.
3. Continue with your cell group meetings online. Ensure that none of your members fall through the cracks. Continue to monitor the attendance of your online meetings.

b) With Potential BESTs / Pre-Believers

1. Evangelism need not take a back seat with livestreaming or COVID-19. Invite pre-believing friends/Bests/3x3 contacts (depending on their comfort level) to join you in watching our livestream service. Connect online with them and spur other members to do so.
2. When the salvation altar call is made during livestreaming, a Response Form link will be screened over the livestream for those who have responded or want to respond, to fill in. The livestream links are:

- For English -- www.fcbc.org.sg/connectwithus
- For Chinese -- www.fcbc.org.sg/zh/connectwithus

Encourage 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 livestream service.

2. 3x3 Prayer

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the strongholds that bind the people. Ask Him to set up divine appointments for us to minister His power over them (words of knowledge, healing, helps, etc.). Pray for one another to have boldness, courage and obedience to follow through.

3. Consolidation of New Converts

Assimilate them! Let them have a sense of belonging with our faith community! Connect with them via phone calls; introduce them to cell members via WhatsApp and invite them to join in our livestream services and your online cell group meetings.

4. 40.Day.2020

We are in the 40Days of Prayer and Fasting. *In the Long Run* is the theme of 40.Day.2020. It is a listening journey through the Sermon to the Hebrews. Click on the link for the daily prayer guide: <https://lovesingapore.org.sg/40day/2020>

Announcements:

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