

4Ws for Week 32 (5 -11 Aug 2024)

WELCOME (15 minutes)

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

Suggested icebreakers:

1. Comfort food (online)

Each member draws their comfort food on a piece of paper and then shares the drawing with the group online. Group members take turns guessing the food before the artist reveals the answer.

Materials needed: Paper, pen, or Zoom whiteboard.

2. Doodle challenge (onsite)

Divide the members into 2 or 3 equal-sized groups. Each group receives one paper and one pen. Members take turns drawing on the group paper for 20 seconds each. A leader times the activity and announces when to switch drawers. The leader selects the winning drawing based on artistic merit and cohesiveness.

Materials needed: Paper, pen, stopwatch app

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. How Great Is Our God
2. Come Holy Spirit (Fall on me now)

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: Pastor Poh Wee Long

Scripture Passages: Ecclesiastes 1:11; 12:13-14

Sermon Title: The Futility of Life

Introduction

A life devoid of a purposeful connection to our Creator is fundamentally futile. However, a life centred on Jesus as Saviour and Lord offers true meaning and purpose. Knowing Jesus is the initial step toward a life filled with significance. We can overcome the futility of life by:

- a) *Obeying His commands - Fear Him*
- b) *Waiting for His judgment- Trust Him*

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. Meditate on Romans 8:18-22. What thoughts come to your mind?

A1: All of creation is subject to futility and eventual decay (doom). However, amidst this suffering, lies a profound hope. The futility and sufferings we face in this world are incomparable to the glory that will be revealed to us when Jesus returns and establishes God's kingdom on earth. This will be a realm of perfect freedom, forever liberated from futility.

Q2. List the main learning points of Ecclesiastes 3:14, 17; 11:5, and Acts 17:30-31.

A2. God is in control; He has appointed a time when He will right all wrongs. While we may currently lack understanding of why things are as they are, we can confidently trust in our God, who is the fair Judge, to recompense all men justly. *This Day of His righteous judgment will come!*

Application Questions

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

Q1. If all of life is futile without knowing, fearing, and trusting Him:

- A. What are the futile pursuits in your life that God is speaking to you to forgo?
- B. What new things is God speaking to you to embrace as replacements?

Q2. “A genuine fear of God leads us to do our part and lets God do His part.”

- A. What specific actions or attitudes are necessary to cultivate a genuine fear of God?
- B. In which areas of your life do you need to surrender control and allow God to take the lead?

Q3. Meditate on Acts 17:30-31 and 2 Corinthians 5:10 and consider your life in light of these verses.

- A. How have you lived your life?
- B. Where will you stand on the final judgment day?
- C. Have you loved God sufficiently?
- D. Have you served others well?
- E. Have you treated others well, with respect and dignity (especially the marginalised and foreign workers in our midst)?
- F. In what areas do you need to repent?

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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