

## 4Ws for Week 32, 07 - 13 Aug 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. Check out the Singapore NDP Songs at <https://www.musicaltouch.sg/post/ndp-songs>, and share:**

- What is the name of this year's NDP song?
- Name some of the NDP songs.
- What is your favorite NDP song, and why?

### 2. National Day Celebration Thanksgiving

Share what you'd like to thank God for Singapore during our National Day celebration.

### 3. NDP Bingo Game

The first player to mark four squares in a row, column, or diagonal wins, or you can play blackout Bingo, which require participants to mark every square.

Taken part in NDP	Never attended a live NDP before	I usually watch NDP at home	I prefer NDP at Marina Bay floating platform
Home – My favorite NDP Song	I love NDP	I take opportunity to go holiday	Name one singer of our NDP songs
I have a red color NDP t-shirt	Never watched NDP at all my whole life	I have attended every NDP	I prefer NDP at Padang
Watched NDP at Padang	Watched NDP from Marina Bay floating platform	Theme of NDP 2023 is _____	I am going to celebrate this year's NDP at the Padang

### 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) Raise A Hallelujah - Jonathan and Melissa Helser
- 2) Beautiful Saviour - Planetshakers

### WORD (45 minutes)

**Preacher:** Senior Pastor Daniel Khong

**Scripture Passage:** Mark 9:14-29

**Sermon Title:** Bumpy Faith

#### Introduction

Bumpy (fluctuating) faith means that there are times when our faith goes up and times when our faith goes down. In Mark 9:14-29, Jesus' disciples went through this experience when they struggled trying to cast out the evil spirit from the boy.

SP Daniel shared two encouragements to help us along our journey of faith:

- 1) Struggling with faith is normal.
- 2) Growing in faith takes time.

**Discovery and Understanding Questions:**

**Q1. Why couldn't the disciples cast out the evil spirit from the boy? What does this teach us?**

**A1.** They lacked faith. The disciples had been with Jesus daily, witnessing Him casting out evil spirits from people, healing the sick, and performing miracles. Yet, they still struggled to cast out the evil spirit from this boy. This shows that it is normal for us to struggle from lack of faith from time to time.

**Q2. How did the father of the boy respond to Jesus regarding his insufficient faith? How should we respond when we have insufficient faith?**

**A2.** The father responded in humility to Jesus, asking Him to increase his faith. To increase our faith, we too need to cry out to Jesus to strengthen our faith and walk with Him constantly.

**Application Questions**

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

**Q1.** Share your journey of faith; have you experienced a bumpy faith?

**Q2.** Since growing in faith is a gradual process that takes time, share how you can grow and strengthen your faith, even in the midst of your existing circumstances.

**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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