

4Ws for Week 32, 8 Aug - 14 Aug 2022

WELCOME (15 minutes)

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

Suggested icebreakers:

1. It's a celebration! — It is National Day! While not all of us may be Singaporeans or grew up in Singapore, I am sure we can all share something that we are thankful to God about Singapore.
2. Baptism Story — At last weekend's Baptism service, we heard the stories of many who went through the waters of Baptism. For those in the cell who have already gotten baptized, share your stories with the rest and encourage them to go through the waters of baptism too!

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

(Remember to pause for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Encourage members to exercise the gifts of the Spirit. If there's a word, a vision, tongues and interpretation of tongues, release it to minister to each other.)

Suggested worship songs:

1. This Is Amazing Grace – Jeremy Riddle (C)
2. A Thousand Hallelujahs – Brooke Ligertwood (E)

WORD (45 minutes)

By Senior Pastor Rev. Daniel Khong on 6-7 August 2022

Scripture Passage: Philippians 1:3-11

Sermon Title: Thankful for You

Introduction

We live in a world that is constantly filled with turmoil, rumours of war, and other bad news. Yet despite all that, we can always look to the Lord and be thankful for so many things.

This week, we can be thankful for both the National Day of Singapore, as well as the many who have obeyed God's command to walk through the waters of baptism. Additionally, we can and should be thankful for FCBC too. On that note, SP Daniel shared he is thankful for FCBC because:

1. You Are Part of Our Family
2. We Are Part of Your Journey

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. What does it mean to be part of a "Spiritual Family"? And why is that important?

A1. It is intended for the church to be a Spiritual Family. Though we might not be of the same blood, share the same preferences, or even of different nationalities, a Spiritual Family is one that there is the oneness of heart, and we are bound to one another because we share this unity.

Having and being part of a Spiritual Family is not just a great idea, but it is also a God idea! (Gen. 2:18)

Perhaps you might have a preference of being alone. But it is in the very heart of God for His people to live in community. So, while it is not wrong to have a preference, it is only when we are in community, where we learn how to love and work in partnership with one another. (Phil. 1:3-5)

Are you working in partnership with others in the things of God? Have you prayed for those in your Spiritual Family today?

Q2. I find it difficult to see/identify the people around me in church as part of my Spiritual Family. I find it hard to grow with them/identify with where they are.

A2. It is important to first recognize that we are all on a journey, and that journey will look very different for each of us. We need to learn to trust the process, and that the Lord has placed us in this community we are in to experience the fullness of Christ in our lives. (Phil. 1:6)

We need to look at things with an eternal perspective and not just focus on the now. Our entire life here on earth can be summed up with one phrase – the rehearsal for life in eternity. Learning how to live, grow, support and work together is all within God’s grand plan.

When we choose to be involved in each other’s life regardless of our likes and dislikes, we will begin to see the hand of God in the lives of others. At the same time, when we share our lives with one another, we will also see and leave our fingerprints of love on those around us. (1 John 1:6-7)

God wants us to learn to walk in unity and fellowship with one another. It might not always be easy, but it is part of the intended process of growth that the Lord has for us. When we live in unity with one another, the Lord is pleased.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Do you feel difficult identifying the church as your Spiritual Family? What is it that is hindering you?

Q2. How often do you show love to those around you? Be it in deed or in words, what is something new/different that you can do today?

Q3. Are you serving in partnership with fellow believers for the sake of the Gospel? If you have yet to start serving, where is an area that you can start today?

WORKS (15 minutes)

The focus of CG meetings is *edification, equipping and evangelism*. In every CG meeting, spend time to encourage members to do personal outreach right where they are. Give some time each week during the WORKS portion for them to share their outreach efforts.

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