

4Ws for Week 33, 10 – 16 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. Photo of the Week

Get members to find an interesting photo that they had come across in the past week in their mobile phones. The photos can be taken by the members themselves, or received from their chat groups, or a photo that they have come across on social media. Members take turns to share about their photo.

2. “Cannot live without”

Get members to go around their house and find an object that they “cannot live without” and share about it with the group. The chosen objects cannot be something common that everyone has, such as mobile phones, laptops, bible, food, etc.

Transition to Worship:

Jesus, as we go over our lives, we cannot help but realise that You are our all and we cannot live without You. Help us to reflect the victorious life You have opened up for us. Each day may we see a victory. Amen.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following suggested worship songs:

- 1) See A Victory (C)
- 2) Build My Life (D)
- 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:

Jesus, You are indeed King of our hearts. We enthrone You afresh in our lives and in our midst. Enthroned Yourself in Your Word as we meditate on Your Word.

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: Romans 10:10

For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Sermon Title: Loving Singapore
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Scripture Passage: Luke 10:25-37 (NLT)

²⁵ One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do

you read it?" ²⁷ The man answered, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'"

²⁸ "Right!" Jesus told him. "Do this and you will live!" ²⁹ The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" ³⁰ Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. ³¹ "By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. ³² A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. ³³ "Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. ³⁴ Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.' ³⁶ "Now which of these three would you say was a neighbour to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked. ³⁷ The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."

Introduction

We are all called to be royal and patriotic citizens to the nation God has placed us in. During this National Day period, let us reflect on how we can love Singapore, by loving our fellowmen. Love is an act of the will. For us to love our fellowmen (our neighbours), we must:

- a) See (open our eyes)
- b) Serve (open our hands)
- c) Sacrifice (open our hearts)

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. Why do you think the priest and the temple assistant didn't see the need/plight of the injured man?

A1. They didn't have compassion.

Matthew 9:36 (NKJV)

³⁶ But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

Q2. Contrast the responses of the priest & temple assistant, and that of the Samaritan. What does this speak to you of loving our neighbour?

A2. The priest and the temple assistant didn't stop to help but the Samaritan did.

Love acts (serves):

- (a) He soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them.
- (b) He put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn.
- (c) In the inn, he took care of him for a day.
- (d) Before leaving, he handed the innkeeper two silver coins to take care of the man.
- (e) He committed himself to pay for whatever extra charges that may be incurred.

Love also sacrifices – The Samaritan could have just stopped at just tending the injured man's wounds; but he went beyond, to the extent of bringing the man to an inn and committing further resources to ensure the man recovered fully.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Meditate on Jeremiah 29:4-7. Develop a habit of praying for Singapore daily. Use the 40Day pointers to pray for our nation and our leaders:

Speak divine blessings over every Cabinet Minister by name; Divine protection in spirit, soul, and body; Divine grace to heal the wounds of the nation; Divine insight to turn crisis into opportunity for national flourishing; Divine conviction to do the right thing in the right way and for all the right reasons; Divine wisdom to pursue righteous policies; Divine courage to resist liberal ideologies and populist ideas that harm Singapore in the long run; Divine foresight to formulate solutions for economic recovery, leaving no one behind; Divine favour on home ground and on the international stage – to inaugurate and expedite God’s perfect will in Singapore and through Singapore to the rest of the world.

Jeremiah 29:4-7 (NLT)

⁴ This is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, the God of Israel, says to all the captives he has exiled to Babylon from Jerusalem: ⁵ “Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens, and eat the food they produce. ⁶ Marry and have children. Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away! ⁷ And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. **Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare.**”

Q2. Ponder over the verses below. Think of one thing you can do to show practical love to your neighbour this coming week.

John 3:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Ephesians 5:1-2 (NIVUK)

¹ Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children **2** and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

John 15:3 (NKJV)

¹³ Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.

Transition to Works:

Lord, Your Word tells us that love has to be put into action. Motivate us to do so as we seek to love the prebelievers and those who are in Your Kingdom.

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 Quite Time Reflections in your cell group 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.

3. Now with Phase 2 of Circuit Breaker, organise activities for your CG members to connect face-to-face with their contacts, e.g. go for a nature walk, meet together for meals, etc. But please keep to social distancing guidelines and limit to no more than 5 per group.

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.

Announcements:

For more latest announcements, please visit www.fcbc.org.sg/announcements or our social media platforms – we can be found on Facebook and Instagram @fbcscg.