

## 4Ws for Week 33 (12 -18 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. Singapore's 59<sup>th</sup> National Day Theme

- What is this year's National Day theme? (Answer: Together, As One United People)
- What kind of spirit does the theme reflect? (Answer: Inclusivity, Community, and Trust)

##### 2. Our National Flag and its Meaning

Do you know the meaning of our National Flag?

- Red stands for universal brotherhood and equality of man.
- White symbolises pervading and everlasting purity and virtue.
- Crescent moon represents an ascending young nation.
- Five stars depict Singapore's ideals of democracy, peace, progress, justice and equality.

Have fun learning!

### 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. Endless Praise
2. Goodness of God

### WORD (45 minutes)

**Preacher:** Senior Pastor Daniel Khong

**Scripture Passages:** Genesis 9:18-27

**Sermon Title:** Home

#### Introduction

Home is often seen as a place of love, warmth, acceptance and security. However, the reality is that imperfections exist within our homes, churches, and nation. Despite these imperfections caused by sin, there is hope for us as God's children who are still "works in progress." God is continually perfecting His work in us. Similarly, we can build perfect homes by responding appropriately to imperfections through two key steps:

1. Acknowledge our imperfections.
2. Make room for imperfections.

#### Discovery and Understanding Questions:

##### **Q1. What is the Bible's definition of perfection?**

**A1:** In God's eyes, perfection isn't about flawlessness. The Bible declares, "*For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard*" (Rom.3:23). True perfection is restored likeness to God's original creation. As Jesus commanded, "*Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect*" (Matt.5:48). Recognizing our ongoing growth, the Apostle Paul wrote, "*Not that I have already*

*obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on...."* (Phil.3:12), acknowledging his own journey towards perfection.

### **Q2. How does God respond to Noah's imperfection?**

**A2.** Noah was described as righteous and blameless (Gen.6:9). Although he found favour in God's eyes, Noah also makes mistakes (Gen.9). Yet, by God's grace, he is included among the heroes of faith in Hebrews 11. This story reveals that God can use even imperfect people. Recognizing that we are all "works in progress," we should extend grace and patience to one another as we journey together.

### **Q3. Why should we serve and help people in our family?**

**A3.** *"But those who won't care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers."* (1 Tim.5:8) Serving and helping the people in our own home is important because:

1. We are best positioned to love our home.
2. We are best positioned to understand the needs of our home.
3. It is in our best interest to see our home transformed.
4. God has entrusted the well-being of our home to us.

### **Q4. How should we respond to imperfections in our family, cell, church, and nation?**

**A4.** Instead of focusing on our frustrations, complaining, and grumbling about imperfections, we should exercise our faith by praying for those involved. Rather than dwelling on what we see, we should look through the lens of faith, perceiving the unseen (Heb.11:1). *"Whoever would foster love covers over an offence, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends"* (Prov.17:9). *Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love* (Eph.4:2). As a model for us, Apostle Paul demonstrated a fervent prayer life for those he cared for (Eph.3:13-19).

### **Application Questions**

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

**Q1. How tolerant and forgiving are you when others fall short of your expectations? What steps can you take to create a more accepting and supportive home environment?**

**Q2. We are called to be the salt and light of this world (Matt. 5). How can we effectively demonstrate this truth of God to our family, cell, church and nation?**

### **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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