

## 4Ws for Week 33, 15 Aug - 21 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. Knowing You Knowing Me — Share the following questions in the cell and invite members to participate.
  - Favourite childhood snacks.
  - Hawker food you eat every week.
  - Best place to relax in Singapore.
  - Favourite subject/sports in school.
  - Tourist spot you would recommend.
  - Your Dream Housing Estate to live in.
2. National Day Song — Ask members to hum their favourite National Day songs for others to guess.

### 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) Lion And The Lamb - Leeland (C)
- 2) Goodness of God - Bethel (G)

### WORD (45 minutes)

By Senior Pastor Rev. Daniel Khong on 13-14 August 2022

Scripture Passage: Jeremiah 29:1 & 3, 4-7, 10-14

Sermon Title: King & Country

#### Introduction

Last weekend, SP Daniel shared a message which was relevant in relation to this season as Singapore celebrates her 57<sup>th</sup> National Day. We love our country and how do we work out our loyalty to this nation as well as our faithfulness to God?

SP Daniel shared three lessons to help us better love and serve both King & Country:

1. God Prepares a Place for Us
2. God Calls Us to His Prepared Place
3. God Fulfills His Purpose in His Prepared Place Through Us

#### Discovery and Understanding Questions:

##### **Q1. What does it mean by “the country where we are born in is not incidental”?**

**A1.** The country that we are born in is often far more spiritually significant than we think. Where we are placed is intentional because God has created and chosen us in a very intentional way too (Psalm 139:13-14). Jeremiah gives us a parallel understanding with Psalm 139 (Jeremiah 1:5). God spoke to Jeremiah that before he was formed in the womb, God *knew* him. The word *knew* means *chose*. Before he was born, God set him apart and appointed him as a prophet to the nations. We

are fearfully and wonderfully made, and that must include the place where we are born. It is not incidental but intentional.

**Q2. Why should we be patriotic to the country where God places us in?**

**A2.** There is a divine duty for us to serve our country where God has placed us. There is a purpose that God wants to fulfil through us (Jeremiah 29:4-7). God called the Israelites to be committed to the country that they were exiled to, and commanded them to work for the peace and prosperity of that city. Additionally, they were also to pray to the Lord for her welfare (Jeremiah 29:7). Babylon prospered because of Judah. Because of four talented and brilliant young men from Israel: Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who served King Nebuchadnezzar, the king would testify of God's power and greatness.

**Application Questions**

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

**Q1. Discuss how you can love and serve Singapore in practical ways?**

**Q2. Do you often grumble or complain about the place (work, school, family, community, country) where God has placed you? How was your perception changed after last weekend's sermon?**

**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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