

4Ws for Week 35, 30 Aug - 5 Sep 2021

(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. Blessing of Salvation and Who led You to Christ

- a. Give a one-word description on how you felt when you were first being saved or when you encountered God for the first time. (Example: Quiet, Indescribable, Awesome, Uneventful, Blur, Anxious, Relief, Confused, Peace, Wonderful...)
- b. Share who led you to Christ.

2. Topic to Share

Get each person to pick a number from 1 to 10 without revealing the topic. Once they have chosen the number, then reveal the topic they are to share:

1. "What is your greatest childhood accomplishment?"
2. "What is the craziest hair color or style you've ever had?"
3. "What career did you want when you were a child?"
4. "What's the best vacation you've had?"
5. "If you had a dog, what would you name it?"
6. "If you could visit anywhere, where would you go?"
7. "What's the last song you listened to?"
8. "What was your first job?"
9. "What was the last movie you saw?"
10. "How many driving tests did you take before you got your driving license?"

Transition to Worship:

O Lord, our God, we gather together today to give you thanks and praise your greatness. We praise your mighty works to the whole world. We praise you for your wonderful deeds. Your power is limitless, your wisdom is unparalleled, your grace is overwhelming, your love is never failing. You promised that you will never leave or forsake us. Let us worship you in spirit and in truth. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following worship songs:

- 1) Happy Day (D)
- 2) Goodness of God (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 the gift to minister to each other.

Transition to Word:

Faithful Father, we begin today by giving you thanks. We thank you for revealing yourself to us through your word. As we open the Bible today, we pray that we would hear your voice. We ask that your Holy Spirit would be at work, opening our ears to hear and our hearts to receive your word. May we be transformed into your likeness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: Judges 11:21 (NIV)

²¹ “Then the LORD, the God of Israel, gave Sihon and his whole army into Israel’s hands, and they defeated them. Israel took over all the land of the Amorites who lived in that country.”

Sermon Title: Faith Community: Our Strategy

By Senior Pastor Rev. Daniel Khong

on 28-29 Aug 2021

Scripture Passage: Genesis 12:1-3 (NIVUK)

¹ The Lord had said to Abram, ‘Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. ² ‘I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.’

Introduction

Last weekend, SP Daniel continued his sermon series about what it meant to be a faith community. To be a faith community we need to have a common vision that is owned by all of us: Creating realities that do not exist. But in order for us to see this vision become a reality, we need to have a common strategy.

For FCBC, God has given us the G12 Vision and strategy which is a cell church discipleship model anchored in 2 parts:

1. A BELIEF – that every Christian is empowered and entrusted to make disciples, minister to people, and lead the church.
2. A STRUCTURE – where the Church is formed in groups of 12 as a system of governance, which models after Jesus.

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. What are the two reasons why we choose the G12 Vision?

- A1.** a) It challenges our faith.
b) It grows our community.

Q2. How does the G12 vision challenge our faith? How was Abraham’s faith being challenged?

A2. To be a faith community means our faith has to be continuously being challenged. To believe God for things that do not yet exist requires faith. When God told Abraham to leave everything behind and to go to a place which God said He will show him, Abraham obeyed even though he did not know where he was going. The G12 Vision challenges us to be like Abraham to believe God for the multitudes. It means that each one of us must believe that we can be a leader to go and make disciples.

Genesis 12:1-3 (NIVUK)

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Hebrews 11:1-2 (NLT)

¹ Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. ² Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation.

Hebrews 11:8 (NIVUK)

⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

Q3. How does the G12 Vision help grow our community?

A3. The Abrahamic covenant was not just about blessing Abraham. God's desire has always been to bless the nations. God's intention to bless Abraham was so that the nations will be blessed through him, the man of faith. Likewise, God blesses us in order that we can be a blessing to others. Just like through Abraham we are being blessed with salvation in Jesus Christ, so we are to bless the multitudes by bringing them to salvation and seeing them being added into our faith community through the G12 Vision of discipleship.

Genesis 12:2 (NIVUK)

² 'I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NLT)

²⁰ Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. ²¹ Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Application Questions

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

Q1. What are the barriers that prevent you from believing that God can use you to become a leader and make disciples through the G12 Vision? Share.

Q2. In what ways are we like Moses when God called him to go and lead His people out of slavery in Egypt in Exodus 4:10-11?

A2. When God called Moses to go to Pharaoh to set His people free, Moses was fearful and gave excuses on why God should not use him, i.e. because he could not speak well. But despite his disability, God chose to use Moses not because of his ability but because of his disability. Similarly, though we may be fearful and we may not be eloquent, God still wants to use us to show us His mighty power if only we believe God can use us to be a leader like Moses to bring the blessing of salvation to others.

Ephesians 3:20 (NLT)

²⁰ Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

Transition to Works:

Lord, we thank You for Your saving faith and Your promise of eternal life. Make us ever grateful for these blessings and increase our willingness to serve You in this faith community, especially as a witness to Your gracious love for all sinners. We pray, dear Lord, empower us with the Holy Spirit as we witness to others. In Jesus' name, Amen!

WORKS (15 minutes)

1. Focus on CG Outreach

The focus of CG meetings is *edification, equipping* and *evangelism*. In each CG meeting, spend some time to encourage your members to do personal outreach right where they are.

- Give some time each week during 'WORKS' portion for them to share their outreach efforts.
- Press on with your CG's 3x3 prayers - Pray for one another to have boldness, courage and obedience to follow through.
- Plan regular (monthly or quarterly CG outreach, either as a whole CG or in separate groups) into your CG roster, using the existing COVID-19 guidelines to plan your activities/programmes.
- The next XFXZ will be in September. Use the CG time to prepare your members and get their buy-in to conducting a XFXZ cell the next round.

2. Prayer over the COVID-19 situation

Consecrate some time each CG meeting to be praying for the situation; and remain connected with one another.

3. Consolidation of Visitors/New Converts from your outreach

Assimilate them! Let them experience a sense of belonging in our faith community! Connect with them via phone calls; introduce them to cell members via WhatsApp and invite them to join in our livestream or onsite services and your online cell group meetings.

4. Continue to Connect

a) With cell group members

1. Hold your cell members accountable to watch the Livestream Service.
2. Stay connected with members via:
 - a. Synchronize prayer times
 - b. Share devotional thoughts through WhatsApp. Encourage your members to share their Quiet 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 by leaving these in your cell group hashtag as a comment.
 - 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. 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

Get 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.

6. Announcements

- On-site English and Chinese Services have resumed at Touch Centre. According to our authorities covid19 safe management practices guidelines, all who intend to attend our onsite services have to be fully vaccinated. For more information, please visit <https://fcbc.org.sg/serviceresumption>.
- English, Chinese, and Hokkien Services will continue to be streamed at their regular service timings on our [YouTube channel](#)
- In-person cell meetings and gatherings may resume, subject to current guidelines on social gatherings.
- Our advisories on [weddings](#) and [funerals](#) have been updated in our website.

7. Partial resumption of onsite Services

Praise God we have gone back to onsite Services! Remind members to practise Phil 2:3, 4 – **³ Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves; ⁴ do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.**

- a) Reserve seats only for yourselves and your family members. Don't mass book. Don't double book to secure more chances of getting a seat.
- b) Turn up for service after getting your seats. Don't cancel *last minute* – every *last minute* cancellation deprives one person of an opportunity to come to onsite service.
- c) Obey Covid-19 safety procedures to safeguard yourself and others – e.g., stay in your zones; don't turn up if you are sick, etc.
- d) Be patient and calm if there are delays in admitting you because of Covid-19 safe entry processes. Don't abuse the Staff or volunteers on duty.
- e) Honour God – have a worshipful attitude even though you cannot sing aloud.
- f) Be punctual – build in extra time so that you will be seated already when Service starts.
- g) Dress appropriately.
- h) Recognise that there are many others also worshipping with you online.
- i) Continue to invite your pre-believer friends.
- j) Etc...

For more announcements, please visit www.fcbc.org.sg/announcements or our social media platforms – Facebook and Instagram@fbcsg.