

4Ws for Week 36 (2 – 8 Sep 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. Faith Sparks (Onsite)

Explain that the goal of this icebreaker is to foster connection and community by reflecting on and sharing moments or practices that reignite our passion for God.

- Ask each Member to take a slip of paper or index card and write down one thing that helps them reconnect with/rekindle their passion for God. This could be a specific activity, a Bible verse, a prayer practice, a worship song, a spiritual mentor or a personal experience.
- Pair up Members with someone they do not know well. In their pairs, each person will share what they wrote and explain why it is significant to them.
- After the sharing in pairs, invite a few volunteers to share with the larger group one insight or idea they heard from their partner that resonated with them.

Materials Needed: Slips of paper or index cards, pens or markers and a small container for each pair.

2. Starting afresh in God (Online)

(This icebreaker requires the use of Chat function)

Explain that the goal of the theme “Starting Afresh in God” is to explore new beginnings through a fun word association game.

- Begin with a word related to “Starting Afresh” (e.g., “Renewal,” “Growth,” “Journey”). Say the word out loud or type it in the chat for all members to see.
- The next Member then types in the chat a word related to the first word, following a chain of associations. For example, if the starting word is “Renewal,” the next person might type “Refresh,” then “Prayer,” and so on. Encourage each Member to explain briefly their associations if they want to, but keep it light and quick.
- After the word association game, invite a few members to share their thoughts or an inspiring word that they liked from this icebreaker.

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) God is with Us
- 2) I Give You My Heart

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: Pastor Roland Lee

Scripture Passage: Philippians 3: 17-4:3

Sermon Title: Stronger Together

Introduction

The Christian life can be compared to a long-distance race that we all need to complete. All of us as believers, are called to run this race in our Christian lives. The truth is, it is impossible to finish strong

in our Christian race alone; we need the help of one another. So, what must we do to finish strong together in our Christian race?

To finish strong together in the Christian race, we must spur one another to:

1. Be **heavenly and not earthly minded**, in our *walk with God*
2. Be **united and not divided**, in our *work for God*

The 3x3 Prayer Format is a powerful tool for fostering unity within the cell. It encourages each Member to support their fellow cellmates' outreach efforts by praying for their contacts, creating a strong network of prayer and encouragement.

Every Cell should endeavor to incorporate the 3x3 prayer into their regular cell gatherings, strengthening their bond and enhancing their outreach efforts.

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. Meditate on Philippians 3:18-20. What do these verses communicate?

A1: God regards those who prioritise earthly and carnal desires as His enemies, destined for destruction. In contrast, He desires His children to be heavenly-minded, focusing on their eternal home and living in hopeful expectation of His imminent return, when their earthy bodies will be transformed to become like His glorious body.

Q2. What is God's plea in Philippians 4:2-3?

A2: God implores His children to walk in unity, urging two Members who were in disagreement to set aside their differences and come into agreement in the Lord. He also encourages other believers to actively support these Members in achieving reconciliation.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Reflect on and list aspects of your life where you have been more earthly-minded than heavenly-minded. Repent.

Q2. Brainstorm how the cell can work together to achieve greater unity. Choose one or two specific initiatives to focus on over the next few weeks.

Q3. Set aside time now and at every cell meeting to pray for each other's Bests.

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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