

4Ws for Week 37, 12-18 Sep 2022

WELCOME (15 minutes)

(If there are first-time guests, begin with a round of introduction and warmly welcome the new visitors.)

Suggested icebreakers:

1. Miraculous Happenings

“If you could be part of any of the miraculous happenings recorded in biblical history, what would it be and why?” For example, how would you feel if you were in Bethlehem at the time of the birth of Jesus, or in the midst of the parting of the Red Sea during the time of Moses?

2. Changing homeland

If you are given the choice to live somewhere else in the world, where would you live and why do you pick this country?

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

(Remember to pause for the Holy Spirit to minister through the members. Encourage members to release a word, a vision, tongues and interpretation of tongues, to minister to each other.)

Suggested worship songs:

- 1) I Love You Lord - Steffany Gretzinger (C)
- 2) Come Holy Spirit - Vertical Worship (E)

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: SP Rev. Daniel Khong

Scripture Passage: Revelation 1:19-20, Revelation 3:1-6

Sermon Title: Church Reflections: Maskless Living

Introduction

Last weekend, SP Daniel delivered the first of a 7-part sermon series entitled “Church Reflections”, taken from Revelation chapters 2 and 3. As the church enters this new season and navigates in the world we live today, it’s important for us to reflect.

As we examine the 7 churches in the book of Revelation, written by the Apostle John when he was exiled on the island of Patmos, we will see a reflection of ourselves in them. In the first message, entitled: “Maskless Living”, the church in Sardis – the 5th church listed in John’s letter – would be known as a church living with a spiritual mask.

How we can work towards “Maskless Living”?

1. Be Honest
2. Be Accountable
3. Be Humble

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. How can we “wake up!” (Rev. 3:2) from hiding behind our spiritual masks?

A1. By being honest with ourselves about where we are spiritually, and by examining ourselves to see if our faith is genuine (2 Cor. 13:5). Otherwise, we will end up putting on spiritual masks by just going through the motion, and going nowhere in spite of us getting caught up in all kinds of activities and work.

Q2. How can we ensure that we are being honest, open, and authentic?

A2. By being accountable (Rev. 3:1-3). Accountability must be measurable; it is not about control, but about growing in a community (James 5:13-16, Hebrews 13:17). This enables us as a close-knit community to have maskless living.

Q3. How can we overcome our pride and repent?

A3. We overcome our pride by being humble. Often, the reason people hide behind masks is because we are not humble. Basically, we are proud. Repentance can only come when we humble ourselves (Rev. 3:3).

Application Questions

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

Q1. Share areas you can start to work on towards maskless living.

Q2. Share how we can grow in community and help each other be accountable for our actions.

WORKS (15 minutes)

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