

4Ws for Week 37, 13 Sep 2021 - 19 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. Food Trail

The Michelin Bib Gourmand are awarded to food establishments that serve good quality food at a good value. On this list are 69 different places.

<https://cnalifestyle.channelnewsasia.com/dining/singapore-hawkers-michelin-bib-gourmand-2021-275291>

- A) Referring to the URL above, everyone to pick 3 places that they wish to eat at.
- B) Share with the cell what these 3 places are and why you picked them.
- C) Share with the cell why you agree/disagree that these 69 places are even suitable to be on the list.

Many times what makes something trustworthy is the object of the trust itself. If it's worth trusting, then it is worth giving our all.

2. Travel Playbook

Everyone to type a Private Message to the leader. In that message, describe in detail/provide 3 details about a country that you wish to visit/re-visit. Try to make these details as hard to guess as possible.

- The Cell Leader will choose a description at random and read it out.
- The rest of the cell to figure out what this place is

It is always difficult to visualize the unknown and what we do not yet know. But if it is indeed something that does exist and we know it is what lies ahead, then we can have full confidence that it exists.

Transition to Worship:

Let's all quieten our hearts and reflect on what it means for us to call God our Heavenly Father. Let us put aside everything that hinders us, and greatly anticipate the moment for us to enter into the presence of God! The God we serve is a good God and as we worship Him and declare His goodness, it is His grace that allows us to freely praise and worship Him! Indeed! What a Happy Day!

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following worship songs:

- 1) Happy Day (D)
- 2) You Are Faithful (D)

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 it to minister to each other.

Transition to Word:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the privilege of being able to freely enter into your presence. Because you are our perfect Father and your name is great. Your great love draws us to your presence and our hearts yearn for you. Teach us what it means to desire and seek Your face. Amen.

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: Judges 18:31 (NIV)

³¹They continued to use the idol Micah had made, all the time the house of God was in Shiloh.”

Sermon Title: A Faith Community: Our Values – God’s Centrality

By Senior Pastor Daniel Khong

on 11-12 Sep 2021

Scripture Passages: Joshua 1:1-9 (NLT)

¹ After the death of Moses the Lord’s servant, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ assistant. He said, ² “Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. ³ I promise you what I promised Moses: ‘Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you— ⁴ from the Negev wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west, including all the land of the Hittites.’ ⁵ No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you. ⁶ “Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. ⁷ Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. ⁸ Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. ⁹ This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Introduction

This weekend, we continue our sermon series on what it means for us to be “A Faith Community”. We first had Senior Pastor Daniel Khong share with us the Vision – Creating Realities that do not yet exist, as well as the Strategy for the church, and then we had Apostle Lawrence Khong sharing intimately with us how this Strategy was given by and is God’s strategy for us as a Church.

We continue on with the series and this time round, we explore what are the Values that we want to embrace as a church. Values are important as they guide us on how we are to do things as well as serve as a constant reminder why we do them. There are 3 Values that we want to embrace. God’s Centrality, God’s Commission and God’s Creation.

This week, we dive deep into the first Value: A Faith Community: Our Values – God’s Centrality. God’s centrality means that God is the centre in every aspect of our lives. And we can live lives where God is central when we:

- 1) TRUST God – Fix our Eyes on Him
- 2) OBEY God – Fix our Hearts on Him

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. I believe in God, but there are so many difficult things that are happening to and around me. How do I continue to trust in Him?

A1. Oftentimes we allow the troubles of life to distract us and hinder us from fixing our eyes on God. When that happens, we naturally start to lose our focus and begin looking at the obstacles and hurdles in our way and think that the road ahead is impossible to overcome.

Joshua 1:5-6, 9 (NLT)

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There was absolutely no way that Joshua or any one of us can have full confidence that we will be able to accomplish what God has called us to do. It is only by constantly looking to God, at every turn of our lives, that we can have the full assurance that the one who has called us will be the one who will lead us.

It is not that these obstacles and challenges do not exist, but in the light of who goes before us as well as what lies ahead, they are temporal and momentarily. As we choose to persist in the purpose and calling that the Lord gives to you as an individual, or as part of a bigger body, we will eventually look back at everything, and know that God was with us.

Let us have full assurance and hold on in faith as we look towards seeing and accomplishing realities that do not yet exist. The world around us might look bleak and gloomy, but let us allow the shining light of God guide our way!

Q2. I go to church, cell group and even serve in ministries. I don't feel much has changed and there are just some areas in my life that I would like to exercise some independence. I'm sure God will understand.

A2. Jesus is either Lord of all or He is not Lord at all. This is a cliché saying yet it holds so much truth. Another key aspect of saying that we really trust God with our lives is our complete obedience to Him. And by complete, I mean total and complete obedience.

Obedience is a heart issue. It is not something that you can smoke your way through or just regurgitate slogans and psyche yourself up to do so. It is an action, and one that requires you to pay the price to win the prize.

Joshua 1:7-8 (NLT)

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We are told time and again, that we are to obey ALL instructions and not to deviate from them. Obedience is on the very heart of God and if we want to be used mightily by Him, he requires our

complete obedience. Until we give our complete obedience to God, everything that we claim to be doing for God, is meaningless and perhaps even harmful to us.

We continue to lie to ourselves thinking that whatever we are doing pleases God. In actual fact, whatever we are doing is merely to fulfil an inward gratification of the idea that we are “good Christians”. Do you want to grow and be used by God? Then we need to first deal with our heart issues and learn to obey and lean upon His word.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Do you feel like you are stuck in the same cycle trusting and distrusting God and the plans that He has for your life?

Q2. Is there an area in your life that you know that you have not lived in complete obedience to God? Submit and surrender that area to the Lord.

Q3. I want to Trust and Obey, but there are so many difficulties that lie ahead and I feel so unworthy. I want to believe; Lord help me with my unbelief. Is this the cry of your heart? Will you allow God to use you?

Transition to Works:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for saving us. Our lives belong to You and You alone. Many times we have failed you and got distracted and did not fix our eyes on You. But today, we thank You for your never-ending love and reminder. Teach us to love like you loved, and give as you gave.

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 the WORKS portion for them to share their outreach efforts.

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.

2. Prayer over the COVID-19 situation

Consecrate some time each CG meeting to be praying for the situation; and to 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 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.

c) 3x3 Prayer

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the strongholds that bind the people in captivity. Ask Him to set up divine appointments for you to minister His power over them (words of knowledge, healing, helps, etc.). Pray for one another to have boldness, courage and obedience to follow through.

6. Announcements

a. Advisories on Church Services and Events

- On-site English and Chinese Services have resumed at Touch Centre. 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. For more information, please visit <https://www.fcbc.org.sg/covid-19>
- Our advisories on [weddings](#) and [funerals](#) have been updated in our website

b. Leaders' Meeting with SP Daniel Khong

There will an online leaders meeting on Wednesday, 15 Sept 2021, from 8pm to 9.30pm. It will be hosted on YouTube and the link will be circulated through Team Pastors closer to the date. Mandarin interpretation will be provided.

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