

4Ws for Week 38 (16 – 22 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. Spot the leader

- Choose a spotter and ask them to close their eyes. While the rest of the group decides on a leader.
- The leader will start doing one action (e.g. clapping hands, rubbing head) and the rest of the group will follow the leader's action.
- The spotter will be asked to open their eyes and has 30 seconds to guess who the leader is.
- Without the spotter noticing, the leader must quickly change up their actions up to three times within the 30 seconds, and the rest of the group must follow.

2. 2 Lies & 1 Truth – Fear Factor version

Everyone thinks of 2 lies and 1 truth about things they are personally afraid of. They will take turns sharing these statements with the group. The group must decide which one is the truth – the thing the person sharing is truly fearful of!

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) Happy Day
- 2) Fresh Wind

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: Rev Daniel Khong

Scripture Passage: John 10:10-18

Sermon Title: Following Jesus

Introduction

Baptism weekend has just passed, marking a significant milestone and a time to reflect on our commitment to follow Jesus. In John 10:10-18, we can see three things that are on the shepherd heart of Jesus. As believers, we should strive to deepen our relationship with Him and follow His example. In doing so, we are transformed by “Following Jesus.”

What will we develop as we follow Jesus?

1. A Sacrificial Heart
2. A Courageous Heart
3. A Compassionate Heart

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. What's the difference with someone who serves with a sacrificial heart and someone who does not?

A1: Someone who serves with a sacrificial heart does so out of a sacrificial love for those around them, rather than for selfish gain. This is illustrated in the parable of the shepherd and the hired hand. Both serve and care for the sheep, but the shepherd sacrifices to protect them, while the hired hand works only for personal benefit, such as money or gain.

We cannot offer anything to the Lord that costs us nothing.

Q2. I am a pretty fearful person. How do I develop a courageous heart?

A2. Developing a courageous heart does not mean that we will have no fear in life. All of us are often placed in fearful situations, but it is how we choose to respond to fear that helps us grow and develop courage. We need to grasp the truth that God is on our side and that the battle has already been won. Do not be intimidated by the tricks and lies of the devil!

Surrender your situation to God and stand firm in faith!

Q3. How can I have a compassionate heart, especially when I don't really like the group of people I am called to serve?

A3. You may not automatically develop a deep love for everyone, including the group you've been called to serve. However, as we grow and become more like Jesus, we can learn to love everyone unconditionally—not just a select group of people. More importantly, we will no longer view people with a spirit of indifference.

Having a compassionate heart means loving others, even when it's inconvenient.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Giving to the Lord will cost you something. What is He asking you to give up today?

Q2. Is there an area in your life where you need to take courage and stand firm, or perhaps boldly respond to God's call to do something that makes you fearful?

Q3. What is your response when called to serve in a ministry? Do you respond as a shepherd or a hired hand?

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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