

4Ws for Week 38, 18-24 Sep 2023

WELCOME (15 minutes)

(If there are first-time guests, start with introductions and warmly welcome them.)

Suggested icebreakers:

1. Share a Compliment

Have everyone in the group share a compliment about the person seated on their left. The sharing should continue until the first person who started has received a compliment. This is a great way to boost morale and strengthen bonds within the cell group.

2. Enriching Our Lives

Sharing personal experiences is one way we can enrich each other's lives. Please share something that happened recently.

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) Raise A Hallelujah - Jonathan and Melissa Helsler
- 2) Exalted Over All - Vertical Worship

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: SP Daniel Khong

Scripture Passage: John 15:1-8

Sermon Title: Faithfulness: The Challenge to Fruitfulness

Introduction

Continuing last week's sermon on Fruitfulness, SP Daniel highlighted a significant challenge on our journey towards fruitfulness: Faithfulness. In John 15:1-8, there are two types of branches: fruitful and fruitless, with the key difference being their ability to abide or remain faithful. Fruitfulness and faithfulness are intertwined. Our role is to abide in Jesus (faithful), while God nurtures growth (fruitfulness). To achieve fruitfulness, we must maintain faithfulness to Jesus (the True Vine), and allow God (the Gardener) to prune us for greater fruitfulness.

What does it take to be faithful to God's call?

1. Faithfulness requires Resolve
2. Faithfulness requires Humility

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. What is the reward of faithfulness?

A1. The reward of faithful is twofold. First, it involves being pruned for increased fruitfulness, as stated in John 15:2. Second, it leads to greater responsibilities, as expressed in Matthew 25:21 & 23. Faithfulness requires unwavering resolve, and it may bring added complexity to life.

Q2. What attitude must we have to remain faithful to God's call?

A2. To remain faithful to God's call, we must embrace humility, as Jesus emphatically states, "*for without Me you can do nothing*" (John 15:4-5). Bearing fruit is a result of God's grace, as Paul tells the Corinthians, "*I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.*" (1 Cor. 3:6).

Without humility, we cannot truly abide in Christ. Jesus illustrates this truth saying, "*as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.*" (John 15:4).

Faithfulness requires humility. Let's not try to exalt or lift ourselves up. "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up." (James 4:10)

Application Questions

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

Q1. Reflect on your current state: Are you fruitful or fruitless? What actions have you resolved to take to remain faithful to God's call?

Q2. Do you struggle with attributing the growth in your work/ministry solely to your efforts and abilities because of the success it brings? Share.

WORKS (15 minutes)

Focus on *edification, equipping and evangelism.*

Build momentum for the Celebration of Life (COL) outreach event taking place from 10-26 November.

- a) Start praying for COL.
- b) Get them start a list of their Bests or contacts to invite.
- c) At every CG gathering, pray over these Bests.
- d) Start booking tickets, if you have not done so (do it by faith while working on inviting your Bests).
- e) Identify additional ways to expedite your invitations, such as arranging transportation for your invitees or planning a meal together before going to the show, etc.)

Remember: This is not a show for the CG to go and enjoy together, but as an outreach activity.

For more information, go to <https://www.fcbc.org.sg/COL2023>.

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