

## 4Ws for Week 38, 20 Sep 2021 - 26 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:

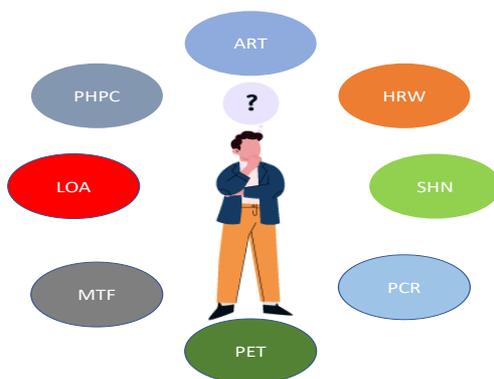
(If you have first-time guests, begin with a round of introduction and warmly welcome the new visitors.)

#### 1. "Work From Home" Fails!

We have probably experienced or done a lot of silly things since we started 'Work From Home.' At the start of your cell meeting, take a minute to discuss some major fails and invite every member to share their experiences. It will certainly make everyone chuckle due to the shared experiences.

#### 2. Guess The Acronym

Share screen with cell members and challenge them to guess the following acronyms. The person who has the most correct responses wins. Cell Leader googles the correct answers and writes somewhere for easy reference.



#### Transition to Worship:

*God created us in His image. And since God lives in community: the Father; the Son and the Holy Spirit, He also wants us to live in community as His children serving and loving one another. Let us worship the one true God in spirit and in truth.*

### WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following worship songs:

- 1) This is Amazing Grace (D)
- 2) How Great is Our God (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:

*Lord God, thank You for Your amazing grace. As we look into Your Word, grant us the desire to come after You, deny ourselves, and take up our cross and follow You daily.*

## WORD (45 minutes)

### Memory verse of the week: 1 Timothy 1:15 (NIV)

<sup>15</sup> Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst.

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

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on 18-19 Sep 2021

### Scripture Passages: Genesis 1:27-28 (NIVUK)

<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.’

### Introduction

Last weekend, SP continued our sermon series on what it means for us to be “A Faith Community”. He reiterated that “A faith community” must have a common vision; Our Vision needs to be grounded in a common strategy, and our vision and strategy must be carried by common values. Values are important as they guide us on how we do things and serve as a constant reminder on why we do them. The 3 values that we want to embrace are: God’s Centrality, God’s Commission and God’s Creation.

The second value that SP dived deep into last weekend was: A Faith Community: Our Values – God’s Commission. A “commission” is a given responsibility and trust by a group or someone with authority to get something done. So, when we talk about God’s commission, it means that we are commissioned by God Himself (the greatest authority of all) to do something for the Kingdom of God. The distinction between command and commission is that a command is simply an instruction or being told to do something; anyone can be commanded, but not everyone may be commissioned. The determinant of whether you are commissioned or not, is not just on God, but also on us; whether we are willing to or not.

What is the significance of God’s Commission for us? It shows that:

- 1) God trusts us
- 2) God treasures us

### Discovery and Understanding Questions:

**Q1. What are some biblical examples that revealed God’s commission entrusted to His people?**

**A1.** Moses and Peter are two biblical examples that revealed God’s commission entrusted to His people.

**Exodus 3:9-10 (NIVUK)** — The biblical example of Moses

<sup>9</sup> And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup> So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.’

God chose to work through Moses. Think about it – God could have done it all by Himself. Yet, He did not. He chose to work through Moses.

**John 21:15-17 (NIVUK)** — The biblical example of Peter

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’

‘Yes, Lord,’ he said, ‘you know that I love you.’

Jesus said, ‘**Feed my lambs.**’

<sup>16</sup> Again Jesus said, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’

He answered, ‘Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.’

Jesus said, ‘**Take care of my sheep.**’

<sup>17</sup> The third time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ He said, ‘Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.’

Jesus said, ‘**Feed my sheep.**’

Peter disappointed Jesus. He abandoned Jesus. To a certain degree, we might even say he betrayed Jesus. Nonetheless, after Jesus’ death on the cross and His resurrection, Jesus chose to restore Peter and commissioned him to “Feed MY Sheep”.

**Q2. God’s commission to us reveals how much He treasures us. Where do we see in Scripture that God does not write us off.**

**A2.** Consider Ephesians 2:8-10 and Matthew 16:18-19.

**Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIVUK)**

<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God –<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

God sees how we have messed up, yet He does not write us off. He could have destroyed Adam and Eve and all of humanity for their sin, but He didn’t. He gave them a chance. When God looks at us, He doesn’t see us the same way we see ourselves. Yes, He sees the messiness in our lives and all that. But, He also sees the potential that we have. He has a destiny for us, and He wants us to live up to that. So, when God commissions us, it’s not just so that something that He wants to be done can be accomplished. It’s so that we can grow and be transformed as well.

Moses—even though many things had happened that affected Moses’ commission, God still has a plan for him because God treasures him. For example:

- Moses committed murder (Exodus 1:16, 2:10)
- Moses was wanted and was to be put to death (Exodus 2:12)
- Moses fled Egypt (Exodus 2:15)
- Moses became a shepherd (Exodus 2:15)

**Matthew 16:18-19 (NIVUK)**

<sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’

Peter—God knew how Peter would mess up. Yet, Jesus chose Peter to build His church.

### **Application Questions**

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

**Q1. “What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.” — Zig Ziglar.** Share your thoughts on this quote.

**Q2. Discuss among yourselves how you want God to trust you as you prepare for the upcoming XFXZ wave 5.**

### **Transition to Works:**

*Lord Jesus, your final words to your disciples in Matthew 28:18-20 was for them to know that you have given them the authority to go and make disciples of all nations. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we may go in your authority to lead people to repentance and accept you as their personal Lord and Savior. Help us to be faithful in this commission to make disciples.*

### **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](http://www.fcbc.org.sg/connectwithus)
- For Chinese -- [www.fcbc.org.sg/zh/connectwithus](http://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.

**5. 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

For more announcements, please visit [www.fcbc.org.sg/announcements](http://www.fcbc.org.sg/announcements) or our social media platforms – we can be found on Facebook and Instagram @fbcscg.