

4Ws for Week 3, 16-22 Jan 2023

WELCOME (15 minutes)

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

Suggested icebreakers:

1. A New Day

Have members search for a photo of an item on their mobile phones that has special meaning of a new day. Next, take turns to show the photo and share what the special meaning is. This activity is not only interesting, it is also fun to play with maximum interaction and funny exchanges. In addition, it also allows everyone to gain a deeper knowledge of each other.

(Suggested photos: Alarm clock, toothbrush, MRT, coffee, Bible, running shoes, sunrise, etc.)

2. New Year, New Future

Give members an A4 size paper each. Everyone to fold it into 4 squares, and in each square, draw to depict how life is or will be: (a) now; (b) on 31 December 2023; (c) in 5 years' time; and (d) in 10 years' time. Next, take turns to share about the 4 squares.

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) This Is Amazing Grace - Jeremy Riddle (C)
- 2) Build My Life - Housefires (C)

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: Senior Pastor Daniel Khong

Scripture Passage: Revelation 21:1-7

Sermon Title: Season of Renewal: A New Day

Introduction

Last weekend, SP preached his first message in 2023 entitled: "Season of Renewal: A New Day" based on Revelation 21:1-7 (NKJV). In this season of renewal, however, the Lord kept bringing SP back to verse 5 – Then He who sat on the throne said, "**Behold, I make all things new.**" And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

In this "Season of Renewal: A New Day", what will we find in the new days ahead?

1. New Challenges (Renewed Experiences from God)
2. New Confidence (Renewed Encounters with God)

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. In Revelation 21:5, what does it mean when God said "Behold, I make all things new"?

A1. The Greek word for "new" in Rev. 21:5 is **καινός** (kainos), which means 'to be changed or transformed into something better than before.' In other words, it's about renewal. To renew is to

give fresh life or strength; to begin doing something again or with increased strength. Therefore, in Rev. 21:5, what God is saying is not about something brand new to be given, but about renewal.

Q2. How can we have *New Confidence* in God as we face new challenges?

A2. As we face new challenges, we have one of the best opportunities to have renewed encounters with God. And as we have renewed encounters with God, that's when we will find a new found confidence; not in ourselves but in God. God's desire is to dwell in/with us so that we can have new confidence in Him. (Revelation 21:3, 7; Psalm 16:8; 2 Corinthians 4:8-9)

Application Questions

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

Q1. In the days ahead, there will be existing and new challenges (e.g. setbacks, agony, disappointments, etc). Share how you want to believe God for breakthroughs?

Q2. What can you do to experience a new confidence in God as you approach the new year?

WORKS (15 minutes)

Focus on *edification, equipping* and *evangelism*. In every CG gathering, encourage members to reach out right where God has placed them. Give members time to share their outreach efforts. Press on in praying together for Bests and pre-believer contacts.

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