

4Ws for Week 40, 3 - 9 Oct 2022

WELCOME (10 minutes)

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

Suggested icebreakers:

1. Tell Us

- Prepare slips of paper numbered 1 -5. Get Members to pick a piece of paper.
- Each Member is to share according to the number picked:
 - 1 = My Favourite Food
 - 2 = The One Place I would like to visit
 - 3 = Where I stayed when I was 10 years old
 - 4 = My most notable achievement
 - 5 = The naughtiest thing I ever did

2. I wish ...

Go around and get each Member to share one thing s/he wished to do but never got a chance to.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

(Remember to pause for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Encourage members to release a word, a vision, tongues and interpretation of tongues, to minister to each other.)

Suggested worship songs:

- 1) Lion and the Lamb - Leeland (C)
- 2) Make Room - Community Music (E)

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: SP Daniel Khong

Scripture Passage: Revelation 3:14 -22

Sermon Title: Church Reflections Part 4: Definite Living

Introduction

The Laodicean Church was a self-sufficient church - they did not see their need for God; this led to their being lukewarm (lacking in zeal and enthusiasm) (v16). They had drifted so far away that Jesus was consigned to a place outside of their hearts and the church (v20), knocking to come in again. They were in danger of being spat out (v16) unless they went back to living definitely (reverting to zeal and repentance).

In order for them to *live definitely* they needed to choose:

- a) spiritual satisfaction over worldly comfort
- b) spiritual awakening over worldly complacency

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. How can we obtain spiritual satisfaction?

A1. To obtain spiritual satisfaction, we need to:

- a) pursue spiritual riches ("gold refined in fire") and not material riches (Rev. 3:18)

- b) develop godly righteousness (“white garments”) and not worldly “righteousness” (Matt 6:19-20)
- c) have heavenly vision (“anointed eyes”) and not temporal, earthly vision (Matt 19:21-22)

Q2. In what ways does worldly/spiritual complacency manifest itself?

A2. Worldly/spiritual complacency manifests itself in:

- a) self-reliance and self-sufficiency rather than God reliance (Rev 3:17)
- b) displaying a *form* of religion but not experiencing the *power* of the abundant life (1 Tim 3:5)
- c) desiring to have the best of both worlds – God and money (Matt 6:24)

We need to *wholeheartedly and single-mindedly* live definitely, for no one can serve two masters.

Application Questions

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

Q1. What are the evidences of spiritual complacencies in your life?

Q2. What are the steps you need to take to live out Joshua 24:15 – “*But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord*”? What is one step you will take this week?

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. Start sharing about XFXZ and get the Members’ buy-in.

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