

4Ws for Week 40, 28 Sep – 4 Oct 2020

(With COVID-19, this 4Ws is to be adapted for use at online cell 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. Who Said That?

Read each famous line from the bible characters below, and get the members to guess who said that. To make the ice breaker more fun you could:

- award points for right answers and deduct points for wrong answers
- divide the CG into groups to compete against each other
- award extra points if they can give the Scripture reference/the book of the Bible
- award extra points if they can give the context of the verse/the quote

Famous Lines from Bible Characters

- “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” – **Adam**, Gen 3:10
- “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” – **serpent/Satan** Gen 3:1
- “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” – **Moses**, Deut 31:6
- “When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.” – **Esther**, Esther 4:16
- Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. –**David**, 1 Sam 17:36
- “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” – **Apostle Paul**, Phi 4:13
- “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do all the work alone? Tell her to help me.” – **Martha**, Luke 10:40
- “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?” – **John the Baptist**, Matt 3:14
- “Meaningless! Meaningless! Everything is meaningless.” – **King Solomon**, Eccl 1:2
- “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” – **Jesus**, Matt 14:31

2. My Dream Vacation

Share your dream vacation by doodling on Zoom whiteboard or a piece of paper and describing the picture to the group.

Materials Needed: Zoom whiteboard or a piece of paper and pen.

Transition to Worship:

O Lord, You are the omniscient God who has knowledge above all else. You know everything there is to know in this world and even the most intimate knowledge of us like our desires. When we place our lives in Your hands, we will see a victory, for You are the all-knowing God who leads us.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following worship songs:

- 1) See A Victory (C)
- 2) Nothing Else – Cody Carnes (E)
- 3) The Blessing (C)

Let the Lord minister to everyone through the release of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Pause and wait upon the Lord, and if there is a word of knowledge, a vision, tongues and interpretation of tongues – release it to minister to each other.

Transition to Word:

Jesus, You are ever ready to bless us always. We ask for Your blessings of understanding and obedience as we read and meditate on Your Word.

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: Jeremiah 39:18 (NIVUK)

“I will save you; you will not fall by the sword but will escape with your life, because you trust in Me,” declares the LORD.

Sermon Title: A Beacon to the World: Here As in Heaven

By Senior Pastor Daniel Khong

on 26 & 27 Sep 2020

Scripture Passage: 1 Peter 4:1-19 (NLT)

So then, since Christ suffered physical pain, you must arm yourselves with the same attitude he had, and be ready to suffer, too. For if you have suffered physically for Christ, you have finished with sin. ² You won't spend the rest of your lives chasing your own desires, but you will be anxious to do the will of God. ³ You have had enough in the past of the evil things that godless people enjoy—their immorality and lust, their feasting and drunkenness and wild parties, and their terrible worship of idols. ⁴ Of course, your former friends are surprised when you no longer plunge into the flood of wild and destructive things they do. So they slander you. ⁵ But remember that they will have to face God, who stands ready to judge everyone, both the living and the dead. ⁶ That is why the Good News was preached to those who are now dead—so although they were destined to die like all people, they now live forever with God in the Spirit. ⁷ The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers. ⁸ Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. ¹⁰ God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. ¹¹ Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen. ¹² Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. ¹³ Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because you bear the name of Christ, you will be blessed, for the glorious Spirit of God rests upon you. ¹⁵ If you suffer, however, it must not be for murder, stealing, making trouble, or prying into other people's affairs. ¹⁶ But it is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the privilege of being called by his name! ¹⁷ For the time has come for judgment, and it must begin with God's household. And if judgment begins with us, what terrible fate awaits those who have never obeyed God's Good News? ¹⁸ And also, "If the righteous are barely saved, what will happen to godless sinners?" ¹⁹ So if you are suffering in a manner that pleases God, keep on doing what is right, and trust your lives to the God who created you, for he will never fail you.

Introduction

The focus of last week's message is to demonstrate heaven on earth by living out being a Christian in the world, and by living by a different standard from the world. We do this by:

- a) being a Community that loves
- b) being a Community that serves

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. Meditate on these verses.

- a) As a CG, what is one way we show love to one another?
- b) List some other ways we can show love to each other in the CG

A1.

- a) We show love to one another by not allowing offenses to overcome us but rather we overcome these offences.
- b) We show love to one another by sympathising with others, being kind and tenderhearted to others, not repaying or retaliating against others who have hurt us and doing good to others.

John 13:35 (NIVUK)

³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'

Proverbs 10:12 (NLT)

¹² Hatred stirs up quarrels, but love **makes up for all offenses.**

1 Peter 4:8 (NLT)

⁸ Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for **love covers a multitude of sins.**

1 Peter 3:8-9 (NLT)

⁸ Finally, all of you should be of **one mind.** Sympathize with each other. Love each other as **brothers and sisters.** Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude. **9** Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing.

Q2. What should be our response to the community? How can we serve the community?

A2. We need to be hospitable which includes sharing what we have (including our homes) and meeting the needs of others

1 Peter 4:7-9 (NLT)

⁷ The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers. ⁸ Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Cheerfully **share your home** with those who **need a meal** or a **place to stay.**

1 Peter 4:9 (NKJV)

⁹ Be **hospitable** to one another without grumbling.

Q3. In what ways can we serve the community?

A3. Inviting them for a meal; providing them with accommodation. [CG members are free to brainstorm ideas, e.g., visiting them when they are sick; helping to babysit; cooking a meal for a neighbor, etc.]

Application Questions

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

Q1. Meditate on this:

“Where love abounds in a fellowship of Christians, many small offences, and even some large ones, are readily overlooked and forgotten. But where love is lacking, every word is viewed with suspicion, every action is liable to misunderstanding, and conflicts abound – to Satan’s perverse delight.”

- Wayne Grudem

Examine your heart and ask God to reveal if you have an offence against someone in the CG. Ask God to help you reconcile with this person. [CG Leaders: Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit’s leading and don’t let this be a time of complaining/accusation against one another. Encourage them to settle it the Matt 18:15 – 16 way - ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’

Q2. As a CG, think of ways the CG can serve the community? This need not be activities involving all the CG members as this may not be possible due to safe distancing and the limit of 5 persons per gathering. Divide into sub groups and let each subgroup coordinate their service to the community activity.

Transition to Works:

Lord, You have spoken to us to serve the community. Help us be faithful in this as we pray for and continue to connect with prebelievers and serve them.

WORKS (15 minutes)

1. Continue to Connect

a) With cell group members

1. Hold your cell members accountable to watch the Livestream Service or download the message to listen later.
2. Seek ways and means to stay connected with each other. For example:
 - a. Synchronize prayer times
 - b. Share devotional thoughts through WhatsApp. Encourage your members to post their Quite 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 that you like on Instagram by leaving these in your cell group hashtag as a comment. Everything that has been tagged with your cell group hashtag will be available for the entire group to see!
 - 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.

4. Organise face to face gatherings in smaller groups of no more than five for interaction and bonding.

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
- For Chinese -- www.fcbc.org.sg/zh/connectwithus

Encourage 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.

3. Organise activities for your CG members to connect face-to-face with their contacts, e.g. go for nature walks, meet for meals, etc. However, do observe the latest safe distancing guidelines, including the number of people permitted in your group.

2. 3x3 Prayer

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the strongholds that bind the people. Ask Him to set up divine appointments for us 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.

3. Consolidation of New Converts

Assimilate them! Let them have a sense of belonging with 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. Service to the Community Activity by the CG

Decide on one activity that the CG (or subgroups of the CG) can participate in this coming week to serve the community. E.g., distributing groceries/fruits/bread/mooncakes to the residents in your block/vicinity. [Obey safe distancing and group gatherings guidelines.]

Announcements:

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