

## 4Ws for Week 41, 9 - 15 Oct 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. Camera, Lights, Action (onsite)

Divide members into groups of five. The facilitator will announce a theme to all groups. Each group will get 15 mins to plan a 5-minute roleplay based on the theme. Groups then take turns performing their roleplays. After all the acts, members will vote for the group that portrayed the theme the best. **Suggested themes:** love, compassion, leadership, faithfulness, forgiveness.

#### 2. My Billboard (online)

Each member should prepare an A4-size blank paper and some colored markers. Members will then design a billboard that represents themselves with drawings and words. After that, take a photo of their billboard and share it with the cell group via WhatsApp or screen sharing in the online meeting. **Materials Needed:** A4 paper and colored markers.

### WORSHIP (20 minutes)

*(Ensure to pause and allow the Holy Spirit to minister through the members. Encourage everyone to share a word, vision, tongues or interpretation of tongues to minister to one another.)*

**Suggested worship songs:**

- 1) Friend of God
- 2) I Stand In Awe - Hillsong

### WORD (45 minutes)

**Preacher:** Pastor Roland Lee

**Scripture Passage:** John 4:7-26

**Sermon Title:** Beyond Barriers

#### Introduction

In our journey of faith, it is imperative that every believer *must* bear fruit (John 15:1-8). Fruit-bearing disciples of Jesus glorify Him. In order for us to effectively bear fruit:

- a) Our hearts must have *God's grace* to *relate* (to others)
- b) Our hearts must have *God's love* to *reach out* (to others)

Relating and reaching out to pre-believers are perquisites to a fruit-bearing life. God's grace and His love in our hearts facilitate our outreach.

#### Discovery and Understanding Questions:

**Q1. Mediate on John 4:4, 7. What observations can you surface from Jesus' example of relating (connecting) with those outside the Kingdom?**

**A1.** Jesus...

- I. deliberately went where the lost sheep could be found (John 4:4) – He went by the route that most Jews avoided.

- II. seized every presenting opportunity to connect (John 4:7) – He initiated a conversation with the Samaritan woman.
- III. had divine wisdom to seize the opportunity to start a conversation (she was drawing water and He was thirsty, needing a drink – He put Himself in a position of needing help from the woman).
- IV. exhibited sensitivity towards the woman – He spoke to her alone, so her sins would not be exposed to others (John 4:7)

**Q2. Ponder over John 4:10-26. What can you learn from how Jesus approached the woman?**

**A2.**

- I. In verses 10-15, Jesus turned the conversation Godward – She spoke of natural (physical) water; He, of living, everlasting (spiritual) water to abundantly satisfy every thirst.
- II. In verses 16-18, Jesus addressed her need for intimacy – she turned to five husbands; Jesus turned her to the living God.
- III. In verses 20 -24, Jesus directed her attention from religious practices to true worship, founded not in a location but in the hearts of men and women called to Him to worship in Spirit and in truth.
- IV. In verse 26, He clinched the deal – “I who speak to you am He.”

**Application Questions**

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

**Q1. Read John 4:34-38. “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work.” To what extent does this reflect your life’s purpose and orientation? What changes need to be made in your life for you to be able to *sincerely* echo these words to God?**

**Q2. Review A1 and A2 above. Brainstorm how you can contextualise Jesus’ approach to your *oikos*/Bests. List one aspect you want to apply in your relationship with, and outreach to your *oikos*/Bests.**

**Q3. How can you apply last weekend’s message as it relates to Celebration of Life? See below.**

**WORKS (15 minutes)**

Focus on *edification, equipping* and *evangelism*.

**Celebration of Life (COL) 10 - 26 November.**

1. Pray at every CG gathering.
2. Book tickets.
3. Explore ways to expedite your invitations, e.g., arranging transportation for your invitees or planning a meal together before the show, etc.
4. Challenge members to each bring at least one pre-believer.  
(NOTE: This is not an event for you or the CG to enjoy together; encourage everyone going to bring at least a pre-believer.)
5. Update status of CG Members’ Invitees List.

For more information, go to <https://www.fcbc.org.sg/COL2023>. Early bird discount (20%) ends on 15 Oct. For announcements: visit [www.fcbc.org.sg/announcements](http://www.fcbc.org.sg/announcements) or our social media platforms – Facebook and Instagram @fbcscg.