

4Ws for Week 42, 12 Oct 2020 - 18 Oct 2020

(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. Precious Memories, How they linger

Everyone is given 1-2 minutes to think and recall his or her fondest childhood memory. After which, everyone will be given 1-2 minute (depending on the size of the group) to share this memory.

To take this further, cell leader can check how many of them in the group grew up in a family of believers and have trusted the Lord from a young age. Ask them to share about the moment they truly trusted and believe in Jesus.

2. Among Us

If you are updated with social trends, you would most likely have heard (or even tried) the game "Among Us". This game is not only popular with young adults, but also a hit with school-going children. It is an excellent way to quickly bond with friends and build bridges with communities that you might be reaching out to.

It is a social deduction game and players have to complete certain individual tasks in order to escape and win the game. However, among you will be an imposter, who will try to prevent you from doing so. Learn simple basics of the game via this short (4 mins) video on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=muqaBob6pfw>

Transition to Worship:

Memories are something that make us who we are today. Our experiences, positive or negative, shape who we are. However, there is one thing that it does not do – it does not define us. We must remember that whatever we have experienced in the past and whatever we will experience in the future, does not define us. As we live our lives, our roles may change, but through it all, there is one constant. Let our confidence and certainty for the future be built upon a relationship with our Heavenly Father. Let us look towards Him and praise Him.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following worship songs:

- 1) See a Victory (C)
- 2) You Are Good – Kari Jobe (G)
- 3) Waymaker (G)

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:

Heavenly Father, You are victorious. You have won the victory over sin and You have made a way for us. We pray that we will always see Your goodness in all that we do. Even as we explore Your word, we pray that we will be able to come before Your presence with a child-like faith, allowing Your Holy Spirit to speak to us and reveal Your heart to us. Amen!

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: Jeremiah 46:27

“Do not be afraid, Jacob my servant; do not be dismayed, Israel. I will surely save you out of a distant place, your descendants from the land of their exile. Jacob will again have peace and security, and no one will make him afraid.”

Sermon Title: Our Blessing

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on 10 & 11 Oct 2020

Scripture Passage: Psalms 127 (NLT)

¹ Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the Lord protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good. ² It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to his loved ones.

³ Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him. ⁴ Children born to a young man are like arrows in a warrior’s hands. ⁵ How joyful is the man whose quiver is full of them! He will not be put to shame when he confronts his accusers at the city gates.

Introduction

Last weekend was Children’s Day! While we had a special message for children, there is much all of us “older folks” can also learn from last weekend’s message. Ultimately, we are all children of God!

Are we able to approach God like a child? Often times when we are not able to do so, it is because there might be something that is hindering us from taking hold of this identity. Perhaps it might be a personal struggle or it might be false beliefs that are hindering us from approaching God. Let us remember, however, that we are all sinners who have already been saved by grace. Where we stand condemned, Jesus has already taken our place.

With this wonderful knowledge, let us approach Jesus once again like a little child, knowing two truths:

1. You Are Precious
2. You Have a Purpose

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. I am neither a smart person nor someone who has contributed in society since I was a child. I have always felt unwanted and useless and I do not think or feel that I am anyone’s pride or joy.

A1. The moment we are born, we are already precious and valuable! The reason for that is because we have been given life by the ultimate gift-giver – God! (Psalms 127:3)

We are already precious regardless whether we have done something amazing or how we may even feel! God thinks we are amazing and we are not put here on earth by chance or as an

accident. You are not a mistake and you are very precious in God's eyes. (Psalms 139:13-14) You are a precious gift to your parents and you are a precious gift to the community of God's people. Above all, you will always be a precious gift to God.

Psalms 127:3 (NLT)

³ Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.

Psalms 139:13-14 (CEV)

¹³ You are the one who put me together inside my mother's body, ¹⁴ and I praise you because of the wonderful way you created me.

Q2. I've been in church as a Christian for so many years, however I don't feel any excitement nor can I find any relevance or reason to bring my church beliefs into my workplace or community.

A2. One of the greatest joys and difference with being a Christian is that in God, we have a purpose. Our purpose does not suddenly come to us when we "level up" – grow older or in our skill sets, or become a "better Christian" – but our purpose can be found right where we are, just as you are.

God gives each one of us a reason for existence regardless of our age and our current situation. The example given is the image of a warrior holding an arrow. (Psalms 127:4) In order for an arrow to fulfil its purpose, it has to be fired out. It has to leave the safe confines of its quiver or the master's hands, and reach its target. Even so, we are not alone in fulfilling that purpose, we are in the hands of a masterful and skilful warrior, who directs us towards that target.

If we want to find relevance, joy and excitement in our spiritual life, then we need to return back to the Master. Our Master not only created and fashioned us, He also directs our path.

God loves you and He already has something in store for you and your whole life, right where you are now, and ahead of where you will be in the future. Things may seem tough to scale right now, but remember – if the mountain is smooth, you would not be able to climb it.

Psalms 127:4 (NLT)

⁴ Children born to a young man are like arrows in a warrior's hands.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Do you struggle with coming to God with the simplicity of a child and exercising a child-like faith? Is something preventing you from doing so?

Q2. Do you feel God made a mistake with your life here on Earth? Perhaps due to your circumstances, you feel that your life is a mistake and you are not meant to be. Do you find it hard to accept that you are precious?

Q3. Do you feel that your life is meaningful? Have you been actively seeking to discover God's purpose for your life?

Transition to Works:

Heavenly Father, we thank You that You have called us to be Your child. Thank You for the reminder that we are deeply loved by You, regardless of our circumstances, and we know that we have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus. We pray that we may always discover our very purpose right where we are, and that we will continue to walk towards the purposes that You have called us to. Let us choose to live our lives to please You in all that we do. Amen!

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 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 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.

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. Now with Phase 2 of Circuit Breaker, organise activities for your CG members to connect face-to-face with their contacts, e.g. go for a nature walk, meet together for meals, etc. But please keep to social distancing guidelines and limit to no more than 5 per 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.

Announcements:

For more announcements, please visit www.fcbc.org.sg/announcements or our social media platforms – we can be found on Facebook and Instagram @fbcsg.