

4Ws for Week 42 (14 – 20 Oct 2024)

WELCOME (15 minutes)

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

Suggested icebreakers:

1. Acts of Kindness

Each person in the group will take turns to share: “When was the last time you noticed someone in need and helped them?” What was the most challenging or rewarding aspect of this experience.

2. Ripple Effect

- This is a form of storytelling where everyone takes turns adding a phrase to the story. The leader will facilitate the storytelling, ensuring everyone participates and keeping the story on track.
- The story begins with a scenario (e.g., “I was walking to work when I came across an elderly auntie selling tissue paper.”)
- The rest of the group takes turns continuing the story.

Example of continuation:

- Member 1: “I continued walking and did not stop.”
- Member 2: “Suddenly, the Holy Spirit impressed upon me to stop.”
- Member 3: “I turned around and returned to the auntie.”

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

(Encourage members to allow the Holy Spirit to minister through them by sharing words, visions, tongues and interpretations of tongues.)

Suggested worship songs:

1. Psalms 18
2. Living Hope

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: Rev Daniel Khong

Scripture Passage: Matthew 25:31-45

Sermon Title: Don't Forget

Introduction

Jesus warns about the final judgement, when He will separate people into two groups. Those who neglected to show compassion to others will be separated from those who reflected Christ's heart by serving “the least of these.” What must we never forget to do as faithful Christians?

Two things that Christians must never forget to do:

1. Help those in need.
2. Hold on to God's heart.

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. Why is helping those in need a central part of the Christian faith?

A1: Helping those in need reflects God’s love and is a core part of the Christian faith. Jesus taught us to live out our faith by caring for others, providing specific examples. When we serve “the least of these,” we are serving and honoring God.

While we are not saved by our works, faith without works is incomplete. We are called to live out our faith outwardly, reflecting God’s love to others.

Q2. What can we do to hold on to God’s heart?

A2. To hold on to God’s heart, we need to live a life that is aware of and acting on the compassion we have for those in need. We can do this by being mindful and deliberate in recognising opportunities to serve and show compassion to others.

When we serve, we must always remind ourselves of the reason behind our actions. This ensures that our efforts are rooted in genuine care. We must not become so focused on tasks and duties that we lose sight of the reason *why* and the One behind our actions.

Application Questions

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

Q1. What is your typical response when you encounter someone in need?

Q2. Is your faith “silent” and “quiet”? If so, what is one way you can express it more openly today?

Q3. Have you ever been actively involved in serving God’s people? If so, what has changed?

WORKS (15 minutes)

Focus on *edification, equipping and evangelism*.

- 1. Build on the momentum of all your outreach efforts** - continue praying for your pre-believing friends and family, connect with them, and invite them to your Cell and our Weekend Services.
- 2. Consolidation of new believers** – Diligently pray for and reach out to your friends and family who have decided to receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, guiding and helping them grow in the faith.

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