

4Ws for Week 43 (21 – 27 Oct 2024)

WELCOME (15 minutes)

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

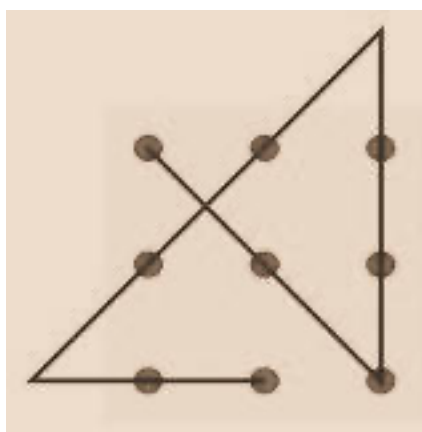
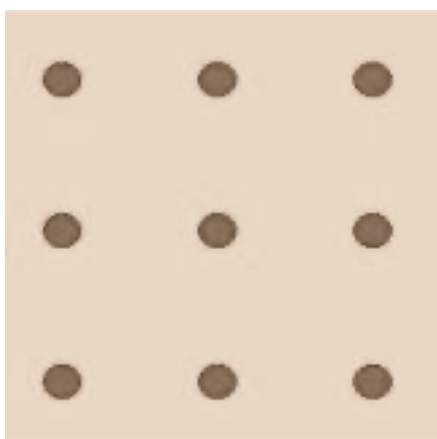
Suggested icebreakers:

1. Tough Times Don't Last, Tough People Do

Share a personal challenge, situation, or assignment that you faced and how you overcame it.

2. Think Out of the Box

Draw a continuous line to join all the dots.



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. Open The Eyes of My Heart
2. How Great is Our God

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: Rev Roland Lee

Scripture Passage: 1 Peter 5:1-11 (NIVUK)

Sermon Title: God's Community in Difficult Times

Introduction

The Bible warns us of the inevitability of suffering and difficult times. As believers, we must be vigilant and prepared for these challenges. During such times, God's family must remain steadfast and continue fulfilling the mission He has entrusted to us.

How can our church remain a strong family during difficult time? In these moments, we must be:

1. Diligent in Shepherding
2. Humble in Submission
3. Steadfast in Suffering

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. What does it mean to be diligent in shepherding?

A1: As church leaders, we are called to shepherd God's people. Shepherding involves consistently caring for, managing and leading those within God's family. Being diligent in this role means making a concerted effort to care for God's people as a shepherd cares for their flock, protecting them from harm. This is a sacred trust that God has given us, and we must take it seriously.

Q2. Why is submission important when we encounter difficult times?

A2. Submission is crucial during difficult times because it fosters unity within the Church. When individuals resist submitting to God's authority or to one another, disunity weakens the Church's ability to effectively serve its community and fulfill God's purposes.

Q3. Why should we be steadfast in our suffering?

A3. Life on this side of heaven is difficult, and Scripture does not hide that reality. It never promises the removal of suffering until we reach glory. However, God uses suffering and trials to test us, develop our perseverance, and strengthen our faith. It is His way of refining us. Therefore, when we encounter difficult times, we should remain steadfast within God's community and not give up.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Can you describe a difficult experience you went through and how your church family supported you during that time?

Q2. Of the three qualities—diligence in shepherding, humility in submission, and steadfastness in suffering—which do you find most challenging to obey?

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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