

4Ws for Week 44, 1 Nov 2021 - 7 Nov 2021

(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. Round-Robin Questions.

Cell Leader, invite everyone to choose a question to answer, and then post the question in the Zoom or WhatsApp cell group chat. For smaller groups, you may opt to go a few more rounds.

Below are some suggested questions:

- a. If you can have superpower, what will it be?
- b. What's your favourite historical time period you would like to be in?
- c. Which historical figure would you want to meet?
- d. What's the most interesting historical site you would like to visit?
- e. Which has been the best day of your life since COVID-19 started?
- f. Who is the most influential person in your life so far?
- g. What's the worst travel experience you've ever had?
- h. What's your biggest personal success?
- i. What do you like most about remote work or working from home?
- j. What do you miss most about your office?

2. Hidden Words

Cell Leader, share the word "REFORMATION" with members, and ask them to find as many hidden words as possible in 1 minute. You can restrict the words to have at least 3 letters — examples: Reform, For, Form, From, Roam, Formation, Motion, Ion, Roar, Man, Men, Ear, Rear, Fear, Near, Tear, Mean, Net, Neat, Tea, Not, Rot, Fort, Tort, Tart, Art, Rat, Rate, Eat, Meat, Fat, Ratio, Ration, Foe, Far, Atom, Net, Ten, Earn, etc.

Transition to Worship:

Let us prepare ourselves to enter into God's presence by raising a shout onto the Lord! At the count of 1,2, and 3, let's shout Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Lord Jesus, we welcome YOU! Come and be enthroned in our worship; Holy Spirit, come move among us! We welcome You, Heavenly Father.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following worship songs:

- 1) Shout To The Lord (G)
- 2) Made Me Glad (G)

Let us pause to wait upon the Lord for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. We 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:

Thank You, Holy Spirit for Your presence. We ask that You illuminate us with God's word tonight, so that we may draw closer to You, serve You, and bring glory to our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: Job 19:25 (NIV)

²⁵ I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth."

Sermon Title: The Need for Reformation

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Scripture Passages: 1 Corinthians 10:11-12 (NKJV)

¹¹ Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the age have come. ¹² Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

Introduction

Annually, 31st October is a day known as Reformation Day, because on 31st October 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses on the door of the church in Wittenberg. Martin Luther had many unanswered questions as a monk in the Augustinian order. Some questions he constantly asked were: "How is a person saved?"; "Where does religious authority lie?"; "What is the church?"; "What is the essence of Christian living?"

These questions "bugged" Martin Luther, and it led him to write the 95 theses where he stated 5 essential points in Christian doctrine that needed to be made known. They have since become known as the 5 solas or the 5 "alones" or 5 "onlies" —

1. **Sola Scriptura — Scripture Alone:** The Bible, not man, is the sole authority for all matters of faith and practice.
2. **Sola Gratia — Grace Alone:** The gift of salvation is by grace alone. We did not do anything to deserve it nor earn it.
3. **Sola Fide — Faith Alone:** Justification is by faith in Christ alone and not by works.
4. **Solus Christus — Christ Alone:** Complete salvation comes through Christ's crucifixion alone and nothing more.
5. **Soli Deo Gloria — For God's Glory Alone:** Salvation is for God's glory alone, and we are to live our lives as such.

We learn from The Reformation that no one is infallible, and we all make mistakes. Hence, we need to undergo constant reformations in our lives so that we can continue to grow and become better. As Christians, how can we experience reformations in our lives? To do so, we need to:

1. Reflect on Our Lives
2. Review Our Lives
3. Renew Our Lives

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. What does it mean to reflect and review on our lives?

A1. To reflect is to take a good look at ourselves and consider how we live our lives. To review is about making the necessary changes in our lives. To reflect refers to just thinking about it, but to review, on the other hand, is to critically assess something with the intention to make a change. Reflection is passive but reviewing is active. The act of removing the plank (Matt. 7:3-5), is an action that brings about change.

Matthew 7:3-5 (NKJV)

³ And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank *is* in your own eye? ⁵ Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Galatians 6:1-2

¹ Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. ² Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.

Q2. How can we renew our lives?

Renewing our lives is about crying out to God to help us begin afresh. It means living our lives, after having removed the plank, to live our lives without the said plank (cf. Matt 3-5); it is about us being made new and able to restart our lives no matter how far we have gone.

Romans 3:23-25

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. ²⁴ Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. ²⁵ For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.

Like Martin Luther, we find that the more we review our lives in the light of God's word, the more we realise how far we are. But God not only gives the way to make things right (Rom. 3:23), He wants to make us right too (Rom. 3:24-25).

Application Questions

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

Q1. We all need to undergo reformations in our lives. Discuss what are some areas in your life you would like to experience reformations.

Q2. "God doesn't love us because of our worth. We are of worth because He loves us" – Martin Luther. Share how you experienced God's love in your life.

Transition to Works:

Dear Lord, thank you so much for Your word of exhortation on Reformation. Lord, lead us daily to apply Your truths in our lives; Let there be renewal in our lives so that we can be Your salt and light, bearing testimonies of Your Grace and mercies to others. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

WORKS (15 minutes)

1. Focus on CG Outreach

The focus of CG meetings is *edification, equipping* and *evangelism*. In each CG meeting, spend some time to encourage your members to do personal outreach right where they are. Give some time each week during the WORKS portion for them to share their outreach efforts. Plan regular (monthly or quarterly CG outreach, either as a whole CG or in separate groups) into your CG roster, using the existing COVID-19 guidelines to plan your activities/programmes.

2. Pray over the COVID-19 situation

Consecrate some time each CG meeting to be praying for the situation; and to remain connected with one another.

3. Continue to Connect

a) With cell group members

1. Hold your cell members accountable to watch the Livestream Service.
2. Stay connected with members via:
 - a. Synchronize prayer times
 - b. Share devotional thoughts through WhatsApp. Encourage your members to share 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 by leaving these in your cell group hashtag as a comment.
 - 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

Get 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.

c) 3x3 Prayer

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

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