

## 4Ws for Week 44, 31 Oct - 6 Nov 2022

### WELCOME (15 minutes)

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

Suggested icebreakers:

#### 1. Change

- 2 players will face each other and be given about 10 seconds to make a mental note of each other's features and dressing.
- After which, both players will turn around with their back facing each other, and be given 20 seconds to make ONE change to their expression, dressing or any accessories that they are wearing (anything goes as long as it's on them!).
- For online meetings, both players can "blank their screens" while making this change.
- After the 20 seconds is up, both players will turn back to face each other. They will take turns (one attempt each time) to try and guess what this change is.

#### 2. Thumbs Up!

- Everyone to place their fist with their thumbs facing upwards, in the middle of a circle.
- Taking turns, each member of the group will call out a number (between 0 to the maximum number of people in the group).
- When a number is called, instinctively every one in the group can choose to raise their thumbs up, or to keep it down.
- The objective is to see who can accurately pre-emptively guess the number of thumbs that will be raised during their turn to call out the number.
- For online meetings, players can place their fist at the front of the screen where it can be seen visibly.

Did you know that without your thumb, you would not be able to hold or move heavy objects with your hand? It has a crucial function that works together with or against other fingers to create a pinching or grasping action. Such a seemingly small yet insignificant part of our body, yet it plays a crucial role to our daily lives. The word of God tells us that we are one body made out of many parts and no one part is useless. Together as one body, let us give our all to praise and worship the Lord together!

### WORSHIP (20 minutes)

*(Remember to pause for the Holy Spirit to minister through the members. Encourage members to release a word, a vision, tongues and interpretation of tongues, to minister to each other.)*

**Suggested worship songs:**

- 1) Battle Belongs – Phil Wickham (E)
- 2) Holy Spirit – Bryan & Katie Torwalt (C)

### WORD (45 minutes)

**Preacher:** SP Daniel Khong

**Scripture Passage:** Matthew 13:31-32 (NIVUK)

**Sermon Title:** Little by Little

### **Introduction**

Last weekend was baptism weekend, and we celebrated alongside with the many brothers and sisters who took that simple first step towards God. It is a small step, but it is a very important step. At the same time, for those of us who have been believers for a long time, have we gotten so used to moving with the motion that we have somehow picked up the habit or expectation that we are to take multiple or big steps in order to progress in life or in our ministry.

However, there are moments in our life where things don't exactly go the way we want it to go and it is important for us to remind ourselves to slow down and celebrate the important little steps, or in the little things.

1. Little things matter to God
2. Little things multiply through God

### **Discovery and Understanding Questions:**

#### **Q1. How do we know for sure that the little things matter to God?**

**A1.** The word of God is filled with parables and examples that compares and contrasts small things with really large things (Same parable recorded in Matthew 13:31, Mark 4:30 and Luke 13:18). In this parable, Jesus contextualized his sharing to help the people present understand the principle he was driving at, and in all 3 records of the Gospels, this messaging was consistent of how something seemingly insignificant and small, can grow to become large and useful when it is planted.

#### **Q2. How does something that is so small and insignificant, grow to become useful?**

**A2.** Oftentimes we try to take things into our own hands and try to rush growth. However, in the parable, the speed of growth wasn't mentioned; only the requirement and the result. The key principle for growth is to be planted; planted not just anywhere, but in God's Garden. We can tend to the seed and look after it, but we must understand that growth isn't in our hands. Allow our master gardener — God, to bring the growth.

### **Application Questions**

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

**Q1. Have you looked down on yourself and/or your contribution to the church/cell because you feel that you don't have very much to offer?**

**Q2. Do you feel like you are in a season of dryness and a lack of growth? Where have you been planting yourselves? How have you been tending to your "garden"? (spiritual walk)**

### **WORKS (15 minutes)**

Focus on *edification, equipping* and *evangelism*. In every CG gathering, encourage members to reach out right where God has placed them, and give them time to share their outreach efforts. CGs running XFXZ Wave 6 should press on or start 3x3 prayers as a cell group, if you have not already done so.

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