

4Ws for Week 45, 7-13 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. I Remember

Cell Leader (CL) to ask every member to take out a coin and hold it in his or her hand. Next, have the group share something from their life (prompters below) pertaining to the year of the coin, they hold in their hand, was minted. Give 10-15 minutes for everyone to share with the group.

- Which school you studied? How did you fare in your studies then?
- Are you a child in that year? Are there special childhood moments that you remember?
- Where did you live? Who were your neighbours then?
- Are you married then? Where did you go for your honeymoon?
- What was something significant in your life at that time?
- What was the popular song of the day then? Any particular song was your favourite then?

2. I Am A Collector

Cell Leader (CL) starts by asking everyone: "Do you collect anything?" Give members some time to think, then CL start by sharing, "I am a Collector, I collect XXX. After everyone shared one round on what they collect, CL then ask, "Share an interesting experience as a Collector."

Example of things people collect: stamps, coins, fridge magnets, antiques, matchboxes, mementos, old phones, Angpow envelops, Christmas Cards, photographs etc.

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) Glorious Day (G)
- 2) Way Maker - Leeland (G)

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: SP Daniel Khong

Scripture Passage: John 10:10-18 (NLT)

Sermon Title: The Good Shepherd

Introduction

Last weekend, SP shared on what our hearts should become as we follow Jesus. The longer we are as disciples of Jesus, the more our hearts should become like Him. If Christ is the Shepherd with a shepherd's heart, then we too must be shepherds with the same heart as well. The Bible uses the profession of a shepherd to show us how our hearts should be. It's not something that is only found in John 10, but we see this all throughout scripture (e.g., Psalm 100, Acts 20).

What is the heart of our Good Shepherd like? It is:

1. Not Selfish, but Sacrificial
2. Not Intimidated, but Courageous
3. Not Indifferent, but Compassionate

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. How should we as shepherds lead, as modelled and taught by Jesus?

A1. Jesus had a very different model of what leadership is. While most people view leadership as being in charge, Jesus' model of leadership was about how much He could give. He demonstrated what it meant to live a sacrificial life instead of a selfish one. Jesus' whole life revolved around being sacrificial (John 10:11, 17-18, Matt 20:26-28).

Q2. How do shepherds be courageous and not intimidated?

A2. It was Nelson Mandela who said, "Courage was not the absence of fear." The truth of the matter, however, is that there will always be fearful situations. The devil will always try to deceive us through intimidation. But God is on our side, and when we are in trouble, we have the best helpline of all (1 John 4:4). In 1 Sam. 17: 45, David defeated Goliath because he was not intimidated by Goliath.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Are you in a situation where you feel discouraged or intimidated? Share and pray for one another.

Q2. As the church goes through a difficult time, we must rise up in warfare prayer. Cell Leader, lead members in a time of warfare prayer against intimidation and discouragement.

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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