

## **4Ws for Week 45, 8 Nov 2021 - 14 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. Guess the Place.**

Show the 10 pictures in Appendix A to your members one at time. Give them 5 seconds to guess the names of places found in Singapore in each picture. The clues are given in the pictures. Have fun with your members getting all the 10 guesses correct. For added fun, you can organize your members into 2 groups and use this ice-breaker as a competition.

#### **2. Would You Rather – Bible Version**

Ask your cell members questions where they have to choose between two answers that you specify, e.g., “Would you rather watch movies for 48 hours or play video games for 48 hours?” Once they have decided on their preferred answer, have them indicate their choice in some way, e.g., using fingers or zoom expression icons, etc. Important note: the key is for everyone to pick one question to answer – ‘both’ or ‘neither’ are not options!

Suggested alternatives:

- Ask in rapid-fire one question after another giving them 3 seconds to think.
- After each question, ask one or two members to explain the option they have picked.

It doesn't have to be super serious, but it's a great way to get to know how they think and why some things are more important to them than others. The beauty of “Would You Rather” is that there's no right or wrong answer – it's based purely on their preference.

Below are the questions:

Would you rather...

1. have seen the Red Sea being parted or Jesus' walking on water?
2. know what type of fruit Adam & Eve ate or know what Jesus wrote in the sand when people wanted to stone the lady who committed adultery?
3. have dinner with Moses or Paul?
4. be able to feed 5,000 people with five loaves and two fishes or heal someone's blindness?
5. spend one hour in heaven or one week with Jesus on Earth?
6. have a plague of boils or a plague of water that turned into blood?
7. be thrown into a furnace or a lion's den?
8. eat like Daniel (vegetables only) or Elijah and the widow (bread only)?
9. live as long as Methuselah (969) or Jesus (33)?
10. have the strength of Samson or the wisdom of Solomon?

#### **Transition to Worship:**

*Let's be still and think of something to thank God for His goodness in our lives. Take some time to thank Him now. Let us worship God with a grateful mind that keeps looking higher and higher, above life's difficulties or frustrations, to the One who is above it all. Even on our worst days, we can thank God because we trust that He sees the bigger picture, and He has good plans for us.*

## WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following worship songs:

1. Happy Day (D)
2. The Stand (G)

Let's pause to wait upon the Lord for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Let's use this time 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:

*Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for filling us with your holiness and righteousness. Help us know you in new ways through our prayers and our understanding of your Word today. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen!*

## WORD (45 minutes)

### Memory verse of the week: Job 23:12 (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> I have not departed from the commands of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread."

### Sermon Title: A Fire That Lasts

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### Scripture Passages: Leviticus 6:8-13 (NIVUK)

<sup>8</sup> The Lord said to Moses: <sup>9</sup> 'Give Aaron and his sons this command: "These are the regulations for the burnt offering: the burnt offering is to remain on the altar hearth throughout the night, till morning, and the fire must be kept burning on the altar. <sup>10</sup> The priest shall then put on his linen clothes, with linen undergarments next to his body, and shall remove the ashes of the burnt offering that the fire has consumed on the altar and place them beside the altar. <sup>11</sup> Then he is to take off these clothes and put on others, and carry the ashes outside the camp to a place that is ceremonially clean. <sup>12</sup> The fire on the altar must be kept burning; it must not go out. Every morning the priest is to add firewood and arrange the burnt offering on the fire and burn the fat of the fellowship offerings on it. <sup>13</sup> The fire must be kept burning on the altar continuously; it must not go out.

### Introduction

From the previous week's sermon on "The Reformation", we saw the need for reformations constantly in our lives so that we can continue to grow and become better disciples of Jesus. As followers, we can experience reformations in our lives when we: Reflect on Our Lives; Review Our Lives; and, Renew Our Lives.

To have and to experience a reformation is not the difficult part. But continuing to move in that reformation is. Reformation is very much intertwined with revival. A revival is a supernatural work of God among His people that leads to reformation taking place, and at the same time, it is this reformation that fans the flame of a revival. Just as the fire of the altar must continue to burn, so must the flame within us — the flame to serve the Lord, the flame to walk in righteousness, the

flame to continue to believe, and so on. God starts the fire but we must take the responsibility to keep it going. Unattended fires go out. How then can we have a fire that lasts? To do so:

1. Chase After God
2. Change Your Lifestyle

We cannot be a people that tries to survive just by going from high to high or constantly desiring a touch from God. Do not just seek to have the fire of God touch us. Instead, desire to have God's fire dwell in us, and to burn in our lives continuously.

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

#### **Q1. How do we keep the fire of God burning in our lives?**

**A1.** To keep God's fire burning in our lives, we need to:

1. Chase after God — This is to have a hunger for God and to constantly give chase to Him and pursue Him daily. This is like adding wood to the fire to keep the flame burning.
  - **Matthew 6:33 (NIVUK)** - <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
  - **1 Chronicles 22:19 (NIVUK)** - <sup>19</sup> Now devote your heart and soul to seeking the Lord your God....
2. Change Our Lifestyle — If we want to have a fire that lasts, we cannot continue to live life the same way we have always lived our lives. We need to remove things that will cause the fire to stop burning, like the ashes found in the burning.
  - **Leviticus 6:10 (NIVUK)** - <sup>10</sup> The priest shall then put on his linen clothes, with linen undergarments next to his body, and shall remove the ashes of the burnt offering that the fire has consumed on the altar and place them beside the altar.

#### **Q2. How do we chase after God?**

**A2.** We chase after God and pursue Him by doing our quiet time, spending time praying and reading the word of God. This has to be done on the daily basis rather than once in a while, through conferences we go to or special meetings, to be filled with the Holy Spirit. We can learn from Jesus who showed us how to withdraw daily to spend time with God and pursue God daily.

- **Matthew 5:16 (NIVUK)** - <sup>16</sup> But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.
- **Mark 1:35 (NIVUK)** - <sup>35</sup> Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

#### **Q3. What can become ashes in your life and the effect of it?**

**A3.** The ashes in our life can be sins and past glory or experiences that we hold on that will suffocate the fire and stop the flame. These will stop us from moving forward or to encounter God in a new way, so much so that we live in the past and not in the present.

- **Matthew 9:17 (NIVUK)** - <sup>17</sup> Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out, and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.'

### **Application Questions**

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

**Q1. Share how you will live your life differently in order to keep the fire of God burning.**

**Q2. In pairs, share what are the ashes in your life that you need to get rid of. Spend time to pray for each other that you will start to clear the ashes from this week.**

### **Transition to Works:**

*Dear Lord, thank you for your word today. Help us to put the right wood and remove all ashes from our life today so that your fire can burn in us forever. 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](http://www.fcbc.org.sg/connectwithus)
- For Chinese -- [www.fcbc.org.sg/zh/connectwithus](http://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.

For more announcements, please visit [www.fcbc.org.sg/announcements](http://www.fcbc.org.sg/announcements) or our social media platforms – we can be found on Facebook and Instagram @fbcsg.

Appendix A - Guess the places in Singapore from the pictures below:



Ans: Admiralty



Ans: Bencoolen



Ans: Boon Lay



Ans: Bras Basah



Ans: Clarke Quay



Ans: Clementi



Ans: Marine Parade



Ans: Pasir Ris



Ans: Potong Pasir



Ans: Yew Tee

Source: FairPrice