

4Ws for Week 46, 14 - 20 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. Guess the bible characters

Write down famous Bible characters on pieces of paper or index cards ahead of time. Arrange the CG into teams, making enough sets and placing them into bowls for each team. Assign one designated person from each team as the chosen one. Start the timer for five minutes, and have them choose a written character from the bowl. Next, they are to act it out or give hints for the team members to guess the famous bible character. The team that gets through the most names in five minutes wins the game.

2. Whodunit?

This game can be played individually or with two teams. To set up the game, pass out an index card and a pen for each participant. Have one write down something interesting they have done.

Some examples: I went skydiving once; I got robbed before; I was nearly drown before; I moved house 5 times; I ate bugs before.

Tip: CG members try to write a fact that most people don't already know – the sillier (or more unbelievable) the better. Collect all the cards (separate them into two piles if two teams are playing). Shuffle the cards, and then pass them back out. Each person (or team) take turns to read their card aloud, and then guess whose fact was read. After the guess was made, the one who wrote simply confirms "yes" or "no". If the guess is correct, the one who wrote can briefly explain what they have written (if desired). The guessing continues until all cards are exhausted. Everyone then reveals who wrote which card at the end.

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) Lion And The Lamb - Leeland (C)
- 2) Goodness of God - Bethel (G)

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: SP Daniel Khong

Scripture Passage: John 11:32-36 (NIVUK)

Sermon Title: In difficult times

Introduction

The passing on of our loved one is always hard to take. In recent weeks, we experienced grief as a church with the passing of some in our church family, and we entered into a dark moment in our church life. In spite of these setbacks, we need to realize that God is with us (Psalm 34:18; 1 Thess.

4:13-14). Even when we experience sorrow, we do not grieve like those who have no hope because victory has been won by our Lord Jesus Christ. Grief is an inevitable part of human experience. Psalm 34:18 tells us: God is close to the broken-hearted. Breakthroughs come with brokenness. We need to learn to embrace brokenness in order to see breakthroughs in our lives and our church.

Three things we can learn to respond in difficult times:

1. We will not be silent (Psalm 30:11-12)
2. We will not be moved (1 Samuel 17:45; Psalm 16:8)
3. We will not be crushed (2 Corinthians 4:8-9)

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. How should we respond when we experience grief and pain in our life?

A1. Grief and pain bring us closer to God. When we experience grief and pain, we respond by turning to God and worshipping Him. When Job was struck with calamity, he worshipped God (Job 1:20).

When Daniel's enemies conspired against him by petitioning the king to issue a decree that anyone who do not pray to the king will be thrown into the lions' den, Daniel went to his room, opened the window and worshipped God (Daniel 6:10). When David realized that his son was dead, he went to the Tabernacle and worshipped God. When we turn to God, He will turn our mourning into dancing (Psalm 30:11-12). With God, we are overcomers.

Q2. How can we develop a resilient mindset when we face life's challenges?

A2. Like David when he came face to face with Goliath, we must not cow by the devil's intimidation but be daring to take on our enemy; we will not be moved but to fight against Satan and the power of darkness (1 Samuel 17:45).

Though life may come with despair and disappointments, we will not be crushed. We may be perplexed but not in despair, persecuted but not abandoned, struck down but not destroyed (2 Corinthians 4:8-9). We must not lose heart but to go forth believing God for the victory. We need to fix our eyes not on what is seen but what is unseen (2 Corinthians 4:16-18).

Application Questions

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

Q1. Describe any challenging situation you are going through, and how are you responding to it.

Q2. What do you see God doing in FCBC in these challenging times, and how should you be praying?

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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