

4Ws for Week 48, 23 - 29 Nov'2020

(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. One Thing

Most of us will have **one thing** more that we have not shared or made known to our friends. Let's take a step forward together to break this barrier by sharing this **one thing** about ourselves so that we get better acquainted and closer in our relationship with one another.

2. Entering His Rest

Share with each other what you have done intentionally in the past weeks to help you enter into the Sabbath rest that God has commanded for you and I. Remember, it is not about finding balance in our work and life but it is really about Work and Rest. May the Rest be with you!

Transition to Worship:

We live in a fast-moving society. There are demands and deadlines to meet. However, the Bible paints a very different picture and exhorts us to wait and enter into God's rest. Like the children of Israel ascending Mount Zion to the temple in Jerusalem, they raise their voices to worship the God of their fathers; Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Let's enter in to worship our Savior and Lord.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following worship songs:

- 1) This Is Amazing Grace (D)
- 2) Great Is Your Faithfulness (C)
- 3) Cornerstone (G)

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

Lord Jesus, the devil tempted You to turn stones into bread but You answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'" Lord, cause us to hunger and thirst for Your word daily, for then we shall be satisfied.

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: Daniel 4:3

"How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; his dominion endures from generation to generation."

Sermon Title: Ask
By SP Daniel Khong

on 21 & 22 Nov 2020

Scripture Passage: Matthew 6:11 (NKJV)

Give us this day our daily bread.

Introduction

In the previous 2 weeks' sermons SP Daniel Khong and Ps Roland Lee shared six significant points from the Lord's Prayer. In our prayers we must:-

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| 1. Desire to Know God | 4. Desire for God's Purity |
| 2. Desire to Trust God's Heart | 5. Depend on God's Presence |
| 3. Desire to Believe in God's Goodness | 6. Declare God's Power |

This weekend's sermon, we focus on one line in the Lord's Prayer i.e. Matthew 6:11, "Give us this day our daily bread." God is our Provider and He provides for our daily needs. God is in charge and knows the things we need even before we ask Him (Matthew 6:8) and His will be done (Matthew 6:10).

Since God is omniscient (all-knowing) and sovereign, He knows all our needs and moves to accomplish according to His will. The question then is, "Do our prayers matter?" In Matthew 7:7-11, Jesus tells us to keep on asking, seeking and knocking and God will answer and respond to us. God wants us to pray and continue to ask of Him.

Why is asking of God so important? SP Daniel Khong highlighted two key points for us:

Firstly: God intends for us to Ask – It's about our Partnership with Him

Secondly: God invites us to Ask – It's about our Relationship with Him

So, let's keep asking God and continue to dream for Him because He wants to accomplish His purposes with and through us, His children.

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. Does prayer changes God's mind?

A1. The answer is a clear No for these reasons.

Firstly, we need to understand that we must separate God's mind and will from the outcome of a situation. God is omniscient (all-knowing) and we are to trust His will.

Secondly, prayer does not change God's mind and His will but it changes the circumstances of a situation. When the circumstances change, then the outcome of that situation changes.

Thirdly, we may not fully understand the mind of God but we have the ability to know His heart. He is good, He loves us, He hears us and He is not far from us.

Q2. What is God's intention for us to ask of Him?

A2. God intends for us to ask because it is in God's heart to partner, interact and work through us. God partners with us in and through our asking (prayer) and this has the power to change circumstances because prayer is spiritual warfare that takes authority against the spiritual forces at work.

Philippians 4:6 (NKJV)

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests **be made known** to God;

Psalms 2:8 (NKJV)

Ask of Me, and I will give *You* the nations *for Your inheritance*, And the ends of the earth *for Your possession*.

Ephesians 6:12

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

Q3. What right and privilege do we have to ask of God?

A3. We approach and ask God in our rightful and privileged position as His sons and His daughters (John 1:12). In prayer, we address and call out to God with these words, “Our Father in heaven” (Matthew 6:9) signifying our relationship to Him. We have the confidence to ask God knowing He gives good gifts and is able to do much more for those who ask Him (Matthew 7:9-11).

Through his mighty power at work within us, which is our partnership with God and because we are His children (relationship), God (all-powerful) is able to accomplish infinitely more than we ask or think (Ephesians 3:20).

John 1:12 (NKJV)

“But as many as received Him, to them He **gave the right** to become **children of God**, to those who believe in His name”

Matthew 6:9 (NKJV)

“Our **Father in heaven**, Hallowed be Your name”

Matthew 7:9-11 (NLT)

“You **parents**—if your **children** ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? ¹⁰ Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! ¹¹ So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your **children**, how much more will **your heavenly Father** give good gifts to those who ask Him”

Ephesians 3:20 (NLT) Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might **ask** or think.

Application Questions

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

Q1. With what posture do you and I approach God in prayer and how can we restore our relationship with God in confidence?

Q2. Have we stopped asking and dreaming for God and what must we do to resume our partnership with God to fulfil His will for our lives?

Transition to Works:

Heavenly Father, Your word tells us clearly that faith without works is dead, being by itself. Abraham's faith was justified when he offered up Isaac on the altar. Let our faith in You be lived out and authenticated by our works. Empower us by Your Spirit to accomplish the task You have given to us. Amen!

WORKS (15 minutes)

1. Continue to Connect

a) With cell group members

1. Hold your cell members accountable to watch the Livestream Service or download the message to listen later.
2. Seek ways and means to stay connected with each other. For example:
 - a. Synchronize prayer times
 - b. Share devotional thoughts through WhatsApp. Encourage your members to post 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 that you like on Instagram by leaving these in your cell group hashtag as a comment. Everything that has been tagged with your cell group hashtag will be available for the entire group to see!
 - 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

Encourage 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.

3. Organise activities for your CG members to connect face-to-face with their contacts, e.g. go for a nature walk, meet together for meals, etc. But please keep to social distancing guidelines and limit to no more than 5 per group.

2. 3x3 Prayer

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

3. Consolidation of New Converts

Assimilate them! Let them have a sense of belonging with our faith community! Connect with them via phone calls; introduce them to cell members via WhatsApp and invite them to join in our livestream services and your online cell group meetings.

Announcements:

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