4Ws for Week 48 (25 Nov -1 Dec 2024)

WELCOME (15 minutes)

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

Suggested icebreakers:

1. The Best Tour Guide (Online)

Give members 10 minutes to create an itinerary featuring food and activities for the cell group on a one-day tour around Singapore. Each member will take turns sharing their itinerary with the group. At the end, the group will vote for the "Best Tour Guide" based on the itineraries shared.

2. LOL (Onsite)

Prepare slips of paper with silly acts written on them and place them in a bowl. Members will draw a slip and take turns performing a one-minute act to make everyone laugh out loud.

Examples of Silly Acts:

- 1. Do your best chicken dance.
- 2. Pretend that you have won the lottery.
- 3. Recite the alphabet backward.
- 4. Give a speech after winning an Oscar.
- 5. Act out your morning routine.
- 6. Sell a product to the group.
- 7. Pretend to be a robot server at Haidilao.
- 8. Perform a runway walk.
- 9. Do an impression of a celebrity.
- 10. Pretend to be a strand of spaghetti falling off a fork.
- 11. Walk across the room dramatically in slow motion.
- 12. Pretend you are a news reporter forecasting abruptly changing weather for the week.

Materials needed: A bowl, and slips of paper with the silly acts written on them.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

(Encourage members to allow the Holy Spirit to minister through them by sharing words, visions, tongues and interpretations of tongues.)

Suggested worship songs:

- 1) Our God
- 2) Forever (We sing hallelujah)

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: SP Daniel Khong

Scripture Passage: Matthew 28:18-20 Sermon Title: Our Responsibility

Introduction

Jesus, by the authority given to Him by the Father, commissions *all* His disciples to go and make disciples everywhere. It is the responsibility of the Church to reach out to others. As the Church fulfils this Great Commission, Jesus promises that His presence will be with them.

To fulfil The Great Commission, we must have:

- a) Great conviction (of the necessity of doing so) and,
- b) Great compassion (love for the lost that compels us to act)

4 simple steps to begin fulfilling The Great Commission:

- a) Pray Faithfully
- b) Connect Relationally
- c) Love Practically
- d) Share Boldly

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. Define biblical conviction and compassion.

A1: Biblical **conviction** is a Holy Spirit driven awareness of sin that compels repentance and action aligned with God's will. It inspires a transformative response to live righteously. **Compassion**, as described in the Bible, is heartfelt sympathy for those in need, paired with a genuine desire to help. It reflects God's love and mercy, in Jesus' care for the harassed and helpless (e.g., Matthew 9:35-36, 14:13-21).

In summary:

- Conviction: Spirit-led awareness of sin that drives repentance and action aligned with God.
- Compassion: Genuine sympathy and desire to help, mirroring God's love.

Q2. Study Paul's life in Acts 9:17-20; 2 Corinthians 11:23-27; Philippians 4:11-13 and detail what changes resulted from his conviction.

A2. Following his profound conviction, Paul underwent a complete transformation, reversing his former way of life. Once a persecutor of the faith, he became a devoted witness to the gospel he had once sought to destroy. To fulfil this conviction, Paul endured immense suffering and hardship, yet he remained content and steadfast in his newfound faith and purpose.

Q3. Meditate on Matthew 9:35-36, Matthew 14:13-21 and John 3:16-17. What does it speak to you about the compassion of Jesus?

A3. Jesus' compassion was not merely a feeling; it was a driving force that compelled Him to act. His compassion moved Him to preach the Good News, heal the sick, feed the hungry crowd, and ultimately sacrifice His life so that all sinners could be saved.

Application Questions

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

Q1. What is one personal step you can take to align your actions with your conviction about the importance of reaching out to those around you?

Q2. For the December church celebration outreach, outline the practical steps to fulfil The Great Commission:

- a) Pray Faithfully Create a prayer list of your 3x3 contacts.
- a) Connect Relationally Describe the specific actions you will take to build a deeper connection with your 3x3s.
- b) Love Practically Identify one meaningful act of love you can perform for each of your 3x3s.

c) Share Boldly – Specify the time frame in which you plan to share the Gospel or invite them to church.

WORKS (15 minutes)

Focus on edification, equipping and evangelism.

- 1. **Build on the momentum of all your outreach efforts** continue praying for your pre-believing friends and family, connect with them, and invite them to your Cell and our Weekend Services.
- 2. **Consolidation of new believers** Diligently pray for and reach out to your friends and family who have decided to receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, guiding and helping them grow in the faith.

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