

4Ws for Week 48, 28 Nov – 4 Dec 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. Thank You Card

Pass to each Member a pen and a card. Each Member writes their name on the top of the card and passes the card to the next person on their right. Every Member writes something that they wish to thank the person whose name is on the card. Continue until everyone gets their card back.

Materials Needed: Blank flash cards and pens for each Member

2. Solve the Riddle

Divide the Members into groups of 3-5 and have them work together to agree on an answer to the riddle, and explain their reasoning.

Riddle: “A farmer is traveling with a wolf, chicken and bag of grain and comes to a river they need to cross. The boat only has room for the farmer and 1 other. The farmer can’t leave the wolf alone with the chicken and he can’t leave the chicken alone with the grain. How can he get them all across the river safely?”

Answer:

1. The farmer takes the chicken over first.
2. He brings the wolf second and comes back with the chicken.
3. He drops off the chicken and takes the grain to the other side where the wolf is.
4. The farmer makes one last trip to retrieve the chicken.

Note: Use breakout rooms to split participants for virtual meetings.

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) Battle Belongs (E)
- 2) Holy Spirit - Bryan & Katie Torwalt (C)

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: SP Daniel Khong

Scripture Passage: Philippians 4

Sermon Title: Being Thankful Is Powerful

Introduction

The Scriptures exhort us to be thankful **always** (1 Thess 5:18). This is because being thankful is powerful – it helps us experience:

1. The Power of God’s *Provision* – this teaches us *Contentment*
2. The Power of God’s *Purpose* – this gives us *Confidence*
3. The Power of God’s *Promise* – this brings us *Comfort*

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

- Q1.** Meditate on Phil 4:11-13,19. How can we walk in God's power and what impact will this have on us?
- A1.** We are able to do all things because God's power is in us through the indwelling Holy Spirit. God's power also guarantees that He is able to supply all our needs. Because we know these facts, we can be contented.
- Q2.** Read Acts 16:22-34. Why were Paul and Silas able to sing hymns and be joyful though they were in prison and in stocks?
- A2.** Because they knew that God in His omniscience has a purpose for everything which happens to His children – in this case it led to the salvation of the Philippian jailer. The realisation of God's purpose in their lives gave them confidence in God, and in His dealings with them in every circumstance.'
- Q3.** Study Jer 29:11 and Phil 1:6. What does God promise every child of His?
- A3.** God promises that He has a plan for every one of us, and that this plan is always good to ensure a secure future for all of us. With this promise we can rest in the comfort that He will fulfil His promises, for He is a faithful God.

Application Questions

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

- Q1.** Consider your life – how confident are you in/are you experiencing God's power, purpose and promises in your life? If not, which area/s is/are you lacking in? What can you do about this?
- Q2.** List one specific area of contentment in God, confidence in God, or comfort in God that you want to work on this coming week.

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 pray as a CG for their Bests and their XFXZ.

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