

4Ws for Week 50, 07 - 13 Dec 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. Dance Tag

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XuA5HbABgUc> (start at 4.03 to 6.49 to view Dance Tag)

Begin by playing some Christmas carols. The first player will do a dance move and call out the name of the second player who will do the first player's move and then add his/her move, and then call out the next player who will do the first 2 moves and add on his/her own and then call out the next player who will continue with this manner until everybody has his/her turn. You can record on zoom and play back all the dance moves just for fun.

2. Share a Favourite Holiday Memory

Get members to share a favourite holiday memory for Christmas. You can use the list below or create your own.

- What was your best (or worst) Christmas gift as a child?
- What is your favourite holiday song?
- When do you open and exchange presents?
- What is one gift you'll never forget receiving?
- What is your favourite kind of Christmas cookie?
- What is one of your family's Christmas traditions?
- It wouldn't be Christmas without _____.
- What is one thing you really want for Christmas?
- What Christmas TV special or movie is a must in your family each year?
- Are you traveling for Christmas? If so, where are you going?
- What is your favourite kind of Christmas candy?
- What is your favourite Christmas food?
- What is your favourite Christmas ornament? Why?

Transition to Worship:

Thank You God that as we draw near in worship, we can be transported from a world of concerns and fears, to a place where we can be at peace in Your presence, find healing, wholeness and refreshment. Thank You Lord God for the opportunity of worship.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following worship songs:

1. This Is Amazing Grace (D)
2. You Are Good – Kari Jobe (G)
3. Build My Life (D)

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

Thank You Lord for Your love, which is a strong foundation for our lives. We will not be shaken and we will put our trust in You forever. Open our eyes and show us Your way and lead us. In Jesus' name Amen.

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: Daniel 10:12

¹² Then he continued, 'Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them.

Sermon Title: A Deceptive Perspective

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Scripture Passages: Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIVUK)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Introduction

In last week's sermon on "The Attitude of Gratitude" we learnt that there are 2 things that can help us develop an attitude of gratitude, which must come from God and not from the world:

1. Contentment – Trust in God's Provision
2. Confidence – Trust in God's Plan

Despite knowing the need to be thankful and grateful, many of us still find it difficult to give thanks. The devil skews our perspective, and manipulates our thoughts and emotions. When our perspectives are skewed, we will often feel like there is nothing to give thanks for.

The important thing is that we stand strong and do not allow our perspectives to be deceived. To have a godly perspective we need to do two things:

1. See God in spite of our Situations – God wants to work on our sight
2. See our Situations in Light of God – He helps us change our perspective in all situations

From our perspective, we just see trouble and difficulties. But from God's perspective, we see a God of breakthroughs – a God who provides; a God who cares and a God who is there for us *forever*.

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. Why is it difficult for us to give thanks to God for everything that happens in life?

A1. This is because we look at the situations that we are going through with our carnal mind and just cannot see any reason to give thanks. In addition, the Devil deceives us by his skewing our perspectives through his manipulation, lies and fraud.

Q2. How then can we not be deceived by the evil one and have a godly perspective?

A2. We need to stand strong and learn to do these 2 things:

1. See God in spite of our Situations – that is, put God in His proper place as the God who is in charge and can overcome all situations; and who helps us to overcome in all situations.
 2. See our Situations in Light of God – that is, be reminded that God is with us in every situation we are in and He is walking with us as we go through them
- So that we can stay focussed, and fix our eyes on Jesus.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIVUK)

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

Application Questions

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

Q1. What are the things that you are going through now that you find difficult to be grateful or thankful for?

Q2. Is there a situation in your life that you need to:

1. See God in spite of your situation
- Or
2. See your situations in Light of God

Spend time praying for each other for the above in order to have God help to transform our perspective into His perspective.

Transition to Works:

Heavenly Father, we commit our worldly perspective in exchange for Your Godly perspective so that we can see things the way You see things. Help us to be grateful and thankful for all the good and bad things that happen in our lives, so that we can be filled with joy, peace and love. In Jesus' name 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.

4. Plan your Christmas Outreach

- a) Organize your CG members into smaller groups for this outreach. As you do so, bear in mind the safe distancing guideline of no more than five guests per household/location, excluding the members in the same household.
- b) Pin down the details of your outreach – date/s, time/s, venue/s, etc.
- c) Start a guestlist and be praying weekly for them.
- d) Do all the logistics planning – catering of meals; ICs for the various parts of the program, etc.
- e) Get members to go into youtube.com/fbcscg from 18 Dec onwards to view the Christmas program.

Announcements:

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