

4Ws for Week 50 (9 –15 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. Enduring Joy

Have members take turns saying the word “Joy” in one continuous breath for as long as possible. They can stretch the sound in creative ways—adding tones or inflection—but must do so without pausing or breathing in. Use a stopwatch to measure each attempt. The group can cheer each other on, and the person who “endure” the longest wins!

2. What Made You Smile

Each participant takes turns to reflect and share something that recently made them smile.

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) Praise
- 2) Worthy (Elevation Worship)

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: Rev Daniel Khong

Scripture Passage: Psalm 16:11 (NKJV)

Sermon Title: Pure Joy

Introduction

True joy is pure, untainted, and reflects the innocent faith of a child. It is a profound, God-given blessing that every one of us can experience. Joy stands as a cornerstone of Christmas, a defining element of the Christian faith, and an essential part of life itself.

What does Christmas remind us about life?

1. Pure Joy Exists – We can have it.
2. Pure Joy Endures – We can hold on to it.

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. How do we know that Christmas brings pure joy?

A1: To understand how Christmas brings pure joy, we must first define “pure joy” means. Pure joy is a deep, enduring sense of hope and contentment that transcends life’s challenges. It is rooted in the assurance of God’s love and presence, unlike fleeting happiness tied to circumstances.

Christmas brings pure joy as it celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, the fulfillment of God’s promise to bring hope and salvation to the world. Through Jesus, we find reconciliation with God, eternal life, and the assurance of His unwavering love—an enduring source of true joy.

Q2. How can pure joy exist despite everything going on in this world?

A2. Pure Joy exists because it is not rooted in fleeting circumstances or temporary pleasures but in the eternal and unchanging nature of God. This joy transcends the challenges and darkness of the world, enduring even in the midst of hardships. It is a profound assurance that comes from a relationship with God, grounded in His promises and love.

Unlike happiness, which depends on external situations, pure joy remains steadfast by drawing strength from God. Even in a broken world, we can experience hope, peace, love, and joy through faith, knowing that God's presence and purposes are constant.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Have you ever experienced pure joy through your relationship with Jesus?

Q2. Is there something in your life that has hindered or diminished your sense of joy?

Q3. The statement "The joy of God is one that transcends all circumstances" — does this reflect your experience or resonate with you personally?

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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