

4Ws for Week 50, 12 Dec-18 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. Circle of Memory

- Cell Leader (CL) gets everyone to stand in a circle, and also think of a descriptive word that starts with the same alphabet as their name, e.g., “Hi, I am Relax Raymond” or “Hi, I am Cute Christine”. Next, everyone takes turn to introduce themselves using the descriptions.
- The catch is, when their turn is up, they have to repeat the alliterated names of those ahead of them before introducing themselves, e.g., the 3rd person after Raymond and Christine will say, “Relax Raymond”, “Cute Christine”, followed by their own name.
- If anyone makes a mistake, then the activity bounces back to the person before the one who made the mistake, and everyone reintroduces themselves again. The game finishes when the last person in the circle completes the introduction successfully.

2. Picture of Thanksgiving

Ask everyone to snap a picture and share with others a thanksgiving story behind the picture.

(Suggestion: their room, their pet; something on their desk; or the view outside their window.)

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) Forever (C)
- 2) Make Room - Community Music (E)

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: SP Daniel Khong

Scripture Passage: Colossians 4:2, Psalm 138:1-8

Sermon Title: Don't Forget

Introduction

Over the last few weeks, SP Daniel and Ps Roland's sermons carried the important theme of gratitude, thankfulness, contentment, trust and faith. Last weekend, SP Daniel continued to reiterate the theme of thanksgiving. Often, the problem that causes us to not live a life of thanksgiving or have an attitude of gratitude is because we are forgetful.

How do we ensure we never forget to give thanks to God?

1. Recall What God Has Done
2. Memorize Who God Is

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. Looking at Colossians 4:2 (NKJV), why is it imperative that we pair prayer with thanksgiving?

A1. While prayer and thanksgiving are both things that we are fairly familiar with in our Christian faith, the truth is that it is easy to put more emphasis on the prayer part and not the thanksgiving part. The word “vigilant” in Colossians 4:2 (NKJV) applies to the concept of thanksgiving as much as it does to prayer. Therefore, we must keep watch to ensure that we live a life of thanksgiving and have an attitude of gratitude.

Q2. Why must we memorize who God is?

A2. Memorizing can help us learn things. To memorize is to learn something by heart, or to put in new information that we want to or need to have. In Joshua 4:6-7, the Israelites were supposed to talk to their descendants about the memorial stones every time they think or saw it. Likewise, it is similar for the Passover (Exodus 12:24-27). As the Israelites continually teach it to their younger generation, they commit these things to their memory and help them learn by heart—not just what God has done, but who God is—a gracious God who watches over and cares for His people.

Application Questions

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

Q1. What are the memorials you have/should have in your life to remember the faithfulness of God? (Hints: a Bible verse that you’ve hung on the wall, a \$50 note that you’ve framed up to remind you of God’s timely provision, etc.)

Q2. Practice sharing a thanksgiving using the 4 pointers below:

- a. Recall a situation where God came through for you.
- b. Note down specifically how God come through in that situation.
- c. Ask yourself what you have learnt about God in that situation.
- d. Share what you have learnt about God and use that situation as a testimony to show who God is.

WORKS (15 minutes)

Focus on *edification, equipping and evangelism*. In every CG gathering, encourage members to reach out right where God has placed them. Give members time to share their outreach efforts. CGs running XFXZ Wave 6, press on in praying together for Bests and XFXZ.

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