

## **4Ws for Week 50, 13 - 19 Dec 2021**

*(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. Christmas Charade**

Cell Leader to private message each Cell Member 2 guess words related to Christmas. Each member to act out the words without saying the words, and other members to guess the words.

Suggested Words: Snowball, Gift, Reindeer, Santa, Light, Turkey, Party, Carol, Shopping, Rudolph, Sleigh, Holiday, Fruitcake, Mistletoe, Stocking, Jesus, Birthday, December, Love, Nativity and Merry.

#### **2. Christmas Gift**

Cell Leader gets every member to share about Christmas gifts they have received over the years in the following categories:

- a) Most memorable gift
- b) Most frequent received gift
- c) Most expensive gift
- d) Most "Wow" gift

#### **Transition to Worship:**

*Dear Lord Jesus, You are the best gift we have ever received in our lives. As we share about Christmas gifts, we want to thank You for Your love and Your gift of salvation. Lord Jesus, You deserve our worship and praise. Prepare our hearts to worship You, and we invite the Holy Spirit to move freely among us and minister to us.*

### **WORSHIP (20 minutes)**

You may use the following worship songs:

- 1) Made Me Glad (G)
- 2) Magnificent (E)

Let's pause to wait upon the Lord for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Let's use this time 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:**

*Lord, You are magnificent and we stand before You in awe of You. Lord, continue to lead and guide us in the right path now as we ponder over Your Word. In Jesus' name.*

### **WORD (45 minutes)**

#### **Memory verse of the week: Job 36:26 (NIVUK)**

<sup>26</sup> "How great is God – beyond our understanding! The number of his years is past finding out."

**Sermon Title: Jesus Christ: A Gift of Love**  
**By Senior Pastor, Rev. Daniel Khong**

**on 11 & 12 Dec 2021**

**Scripture Passage: John 3:16-17 (NIVUK)**

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

**Introduction**

Beginning last weekend, SP Daniel started preaching on a series of 3 sermons that talks about the greatest gift of all, Emmanuel. Last weekend's message was called: Jesus Christ: A Gift of love.

What makes Jesus Christ a gift of love?

1. Jesus Christ is A GIFT WITH A COST
2. Jesus Christ is A GIFT FOR A CAUSE

**Discovery and Understanding Questions:**

**Q1.** How do we know that Jesus Christ is God's gift for us?

**A1.** We know based on what the Bible tells us. Consider the following verses:

**John 1:1, 14 (NIVUK)**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Matthew 1:22-23 (NIVUK)**

<sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' (which means 'God with us').

**John 3:16 (NIVUK)**

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son...

Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, is very much a gift of love. He is a gift from God to us, to let us know just how much He loves us. God's love is not just a feeling or an emotion, nor is it just a thought or a concept, but it is something tangible. God demonstrated His great love for us by giving us Jesus Christ.

**Q2.** Jesus Christ is a gift to us for a cause. What do we understand by this statement?

**A2.** A cause is a belief or purpose which one is strongly committed to. The cause that God is committed to is the salvation of mankind and to rescue us from our sin! Instead of rejecting us, God desires to rescue us and this demonstrates His love by sending His Son Jesus to the world.

**John 3:17 (NIVUK)**

<sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

### **Romans 5:6-8 (NIVUK)**

<sup>6</sup>You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### **1 John 3:16 (NIVUK)**

<sup>16</sup>This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.

All throughout the gospels, we read about Jesus' ministry. He demonstrated love, and He would share the good news with people, He would reach out to those that were shunned, He would heal the sick, bless the poor, and so on. Jesus fulfilled God's cause by laying down His life for us.

### **Application Questions**

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

**Q1.** We can't talk about Christmas without talking about the giving or receiving of gifts. And sometimes we might feel that it's a little shallow, superficial, or overly consumeristic, but the truth is that gifts are a big part of Christmas. How then you can make your Christmas gift meaningful?

**Q2.** Love is something tangible and measurable. It's not just a feeling, but it's how we act and how we serve. It's something we do. Share what you can do, or serve others to show God's love.

### **Transition to Works:**

*Lord, there is none like You and no one can be compared with You. As Christmas is drawing near, in our busyness, Lord help us not to forget the best gift God gave us on Christmas and to share the good news of Christmas with people who yet to know Jesus.*

### **WORKS (15 minutes)**

#### **1. Volunteering in the Church**

Provide an opportunity for each Member to consider, and share an area of ministry that he/she may want to go into. Perhaps as a CG, you may want to decide to go into an area of ministry in the Church. Get Members to go into the FCBC portal to volunteer. If possible, do it together during the Cell time. But be careful that CG Members don't feel pressured to do so.

#### **2. Focus on CG Outreach**

The focus of CG meetings is *edification, equipping* and *evangelism*. In each CG meeting, spend some time to encourage your members to do personal outreach right where they are. Give some time each week during the WORKS portion for them to share their outreach efforts. Plan regular (monthly or quarterly CG outreach, either as a whole CG or in separate groups) into your CG roster, using the existing COVID-19 guidelines to plan your activities/programmes.

#### **3. Pray over the COVID-19 situation**

Consecrate some time each CG meeting to be praying for the situation; and to remain connected with one another.

#### 4. Continue to Connect

##### a) With cell group members

1. Hold your cell members accountable to watch the Livestream Service.
2. Stay connected with members via:
  - a. Synchronize prayer times
  - b. Share devotional thoughts through WhatsApp. Encourage your members to share 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 by leaving these in your cell group hashtag as a comment.
  - 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.fcfc.org.sg/connectwithus](http://www.fcfc.org.sg/connectwithus)
  - For Chinese -- [www.fcfc.org.sg/zh/connectwithus](http://www.fcfc.org.sg/zh/connectwithus)

Get 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.

##### c) 3x3 Prayer

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the strongholds that bind the people in captivity. Ask Him to set up divine appointments for you 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.

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