

4Ws for Week 51, 19 Dec-25 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. Name that Carol

Prepare a list of lyrics from Christmas carols, and only provide 3-4 words from each song. Participants will take turns to guess the carol in 30 seconds.

Example of list:

Lyrics	Carol
crib, stars, cattle, sky	Away in a manger
angels, newborn, prince, king	Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Bethlehem, sleep, hopes, fears	O Little Town Of Bethlehem
King, earth, room, heaven	Joy To The World
Mother, infant, shepherds, sleep	Silent Night

2. Gift wrap challenge

Divide Members into teams of 3s. Each team will be provided with a box of chocolates and gift wrapping materials. All the teams are to start wrapping at the same time. The team who finishes wrapping the present first wins. The catch is – each person is only supposed to use one hand when wrapping the gift. The other hand is to be placed behind their backs.

Material needed: a pair of scissors, tape, brown wrapping paper

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 - Phil Wickham (E)
- 2) Holy Spirit - Bryan & Katie Torwalt (C)

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: SP Daniel Khong

Scripture Passage: Mark 10:35-45

Sermon Title: Immanuel: The God Who Serves

Introduction

Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus, who is Emmanuel, God with us (Matt 1:23). Jesus is God in human flesh, coming to the world to serve the world as its Saviour. In His incarnation, God showed His compassion and He taught us that:

- a) He acted on His compassion – It was not just love in words, but love in deeds.
- b) He wanted to teach us His compassion – The same character of Jesus is to be transplanted into the lives of His children.

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. Read Mark 10:35-45 and list the key lessons from this passage.

A1.

1. James and John (together with the other disciples for they were indignant with James and John for their request) had their priorities wrong – instead of being concerned about Jesus who was about to be crucified, they were asking to be granted the places of honour in the Kingdom. This was a betrayal of loyalty to Jesus and to the rest of the disciples.
2. The world’s view of authority is to lord it over those who are under their authority. Jesus taught true authority/greatness comes with being a servant.
3. Jesus Himself exemplified this authority –although He was God over the universe, and their Master, He served them by washing their feet and dying for them and the whole world

Q2. Meditate on Matt 9:26,27; Phil 2:5-8 and Luke 10:25-37. What key aspects come across in these passages?

A2. Jesus had compassion on people. We are exhorted to follow that same example – the example of Jesus was to love to the extent of being prepared to die for others. Love acts, as in the case of the good Samaritan who acted to meet the needs of the man who was robbed, beaten and lying in the street.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Rate your level of compassion for others?

No/little compassion			Some compassion			Much compassion			Lots of compassion	
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

How satisfied are you at this level?

Q2. Discuss how you can develop compassion. What are some things you can do now to show compassion? Pick one action step for next 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. Give members time to share their outreach efforts. Press on in praying together for Bests and pre believer contacts. Invite them to our Christmas services

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