

4Ws for Week 52, 21 - 27 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. Name That Carol

Make a list of lyrics from Christmas carols, but only provide 3-4 words from each song. The person who names all – or most – of the songs in a certain amount of time wins.

- 1) 'Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la la la! (Deck the halls)
- 2) Let ev'ry heart prepare him room And heaven and nature sing (Joy to the World)
- 3) Let your heart be light. From now on our troubles will be out of sight (Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas)
- 4) Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel. (The First Noel)
- 5) On a one horse open sleigh. O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way (Jingle Bells)
- 6) Fall on your knees, Oh hear the angel voices, Oh night divine, Oh night, when Christ was born (O Holy Night)
- 7) Holy infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace (Silent Night)
- 8) Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled (Hark the Herald Angels Sing)
- 9) Good tidings to you, And all of your kin, Good tidings for Christmas, And a Happy New Year. (We Wish You a Merry Christmas)
- 10) It's the most wonderful time of the year. With the kids jingle belling. And everyone telling you "Be of good cheer" (It's the most wonderful time of the year)

2. Ready For Christmas?

Award yourself points for the scenarios to the left and then add up the points for the total.



	Point List	Points
1	Give yourself 1 point if you've put up the Christmas tree and one extra point if it is real.	
2	Give yourself 2 points if you have taken a family Christmas photo and 3 points if you're giving copies away to friends and family.	
3	Give yourself 1 point if you have begun your Christmas baking and 3 points if you're all done with it.	
4	Give yourself 2 points if you have gone Christmas caroling this year and 1 point if you are planning to.	

5	Give yourself 1 point if you have wrapped your Christmas gifts and 2 points if you have done it all by yourself.	
6	Give yourself 2 points if you plan a Christmas party and 3 points if you have a maximum of 5 guests coming.	
7	Give yourself 2 points if you have redeemed the Singapore Rediscovered Vouchers and 3 points if you have already spent it with your family.	
8	Have you bought your Christmas turkey? Give yourself 3 points if you have got it.	
9	Give yourself 3 points if you have shared the gospel to someone this Christmas.	
10	Give yourself 5 points if you have led someone to Christ this Christmas.	

Transition to Worship:

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold His glory, and are bathed in its radiance. Be with us as we sing the hymns of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Baby who shook the world on a silent night.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following worship songs:

- 1) Joy to the World (G)
- 2) Hark the Herald Angels Sing (G)
- 3) Extravagant (G)

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:

Dear Lord, don't let us miss You this Christmas season. Help us to simplify our activities so we can focus our celebration on Your birth. Thank You for being the Prince of Peace, and I ask You for that supernatural peace to reign in our hearts. Thank You for the simple but life-changing message of Your love for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: 1 Peter 5:6

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

Sermon Title: What's So Merry About Christmas?

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Scripture Passage: John 3:16-17

John 3:16-17 (NIVUK)

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. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Introduction

Last Friday at FCBC's Christmas programme which was premiered over YouTube, Ps Daniel shared in his Christmas message 3 important truths that will help us better understand and appreciate why we celebrate Christmas.

1. Christmas is about Receiving
2. Christmas is about Love
3. Christmas is about You

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. What is so significant about the verse John 3:16?

A1. John 3:16 is a demonstration of the extent of God's love for us that He *gave* His Son on that first Christmas day to die for us so we may have eternal life. In order for us to have this eternal life, we need to receive this gift of His Son. So Christmas is about us receiving this gift from God.

Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV)

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Q2. Why did God give His Son to us?

A2. Because all of us have sinned and will be eternally separated from Him. God loves us and so He gave His Son to pay the penalty of our sins; the giving of His Son is the only way for us to get right again with Him. So Christmas is about His love for us.

Romans 6:23 (NLT)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 John 4:9-10 (NLT)

God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

Q3. What does John 3:16 speak to you about how God values us?

A3. We are the recipients of His love. Christmas is about us. The value of a gift often reflects just how valuable the recipient is. God value us so much that He was willing to give up His only Son for our redemption. That is how much God loves us.

Romans 5:8 (NLT)

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Application Questions

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

Q1. You are highly valued by God. Do you struggle with self-worth?

Q2. Using these 3 truths, share John 3:16 with someone.

Spend time praying for each other.

Transition to Works:

Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us so much that You are willing to be separated from Your one and only Son, Jesus, and to give Him up to be the propitiation for our sins and give us eternal life. You are the reason for the season. Thank You for Christmas for giving us Your precious gift to us. Help us to share Your Good News to our unsaved friends and loved ones. Thank You God for Your indescribable gift. 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. Suggest CG Members meet in the separate homes of some of the CG members to view together the online service. But keep to 5 guests per household.
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
 - e. Arrange get-togethers of no more than 5 persons.
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 (Watch Parties)

- 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. Allow each smaller group to update on action taken.
- b) Pin down the details of your outreach – date/s, time/s, venue/s, etc.
- c) Continue praying for your guests. Allocate during the CG time to pray for your guests. Update on the guests coming.
- d) Finalise the logistics planning – catering of meals; ICs for the various parts of the program, etc.
- e) Get members to go into youtube.com/fbcscg to view the Christmas programme. Ensure that you have gifts prepared for guests, for this is part of the IBHFC video.
- f) Organize your small groups to meet together prior to your Christmas party to be praying together or to decorate the place, etc.
- g) Start inviting your guests for the Watch Parties

Announcements:

- Get ready your communion elements for the livestream service for 26-27 December.

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