

## **4Ws for Week 52, 27 Dec 2021 – 2 Jan 2022**

*(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. Wish list for 2022**

Have each cell member share what their wish list for 2022:

1. Personally
2. Family

#### **2. Word to describe 2021**

Everyone to think of a word to describe 2021 and why.

#### **3. Scramble word game**

Click on this link: <https://youtu.be/VtSrn5V5Au4> to play the Scramble word game, and let members guess the scrambled 4-letter words in the video.

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

*Father as we come to You in worship, we invite you to move freely among us. Come and transform us by Your Holy Spirit, we pray.*

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

You may use the following worship songs:

1. Nothing Is Impossible (D)
2. Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me (A)

Let us pause to wait upon the Lord for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. We would like to 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:**

*Our Father in heaven, You promised us that whenever we call upon your name, you will answer us with your presence. Come into our midst our father, fellowship with us, visit us with your overwhelming presence and make your blessings abundant in our meeting today. As we start this meeting, from the beginning to the end, glorify yourself and make us satisfied in you.*

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

#### **Memory verse of the week: Job 42:2 (NIVUK)**

*"I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted."*

**Sermon Title: Jesus Christ: A Gift of Hope**

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**on 25-26 Dec 2021**

### Scripture Passages: Psalm 23 (NIVUK)

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, <sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### Introduction

In concluding the 3-part Christmas sermon series entitled — Jesus Christ: A Gift of Hope, SP Daniel shared last weekend that the birth of Christ is God's gift of hope to mankind in an uncertain world, and that Jesus is the light who came to light up our darkness. We often use the phrase "light at the end of a tunnel" to indicate that a long period of difficulty is nearing an end. Christ is the light at the end of the tunnels we find ourselves in. Hence, Christmas is a time where we celebrate the birth of Christ — the light of God who came into the world.

Psalm 23 offers us 2 reasons on the certainty we can have in God when things seem uncertain because:

1. It's not over
2. There is more

### Discovery and Understanding Questions:

#### **Q1. What does it mean to hope in God when things seem uncertain?**

**A1.** It means to have certainty in God for a better outcome when things seem uncertain.

#### **Q2. How does Psalm 23 give us the assurance that it is not over when we encounter uncertainty and setbacks in life ?**

**A2.** Firstly, verse 4 tells us that even though we walk through the darkest valley, we will fear no evil, for God is with us; his rod and his staff will comfort us. It means that even in our darkest situation, it's not the end because God will lead us through it.

Secondly, verse 6 says: "Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever". This gives us the assurance that God will eventually lead us home. Hence, when we encounter difficult situations, it is not final, and it is not over for us. God assures us that we will reach our destination.

### Psalm 23:4, 6 (NIVUK)

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

#### **Q3. When we put our hope in God, in what way can we expect that there is more in store for us according to Psalm 23?**

**A3.** Psalm 23 speaks of David's assurance of God's presence when he walked through the darkest valley. Verse 5 tells us that God even prepared a feast for David in the presence of his enemies.

Similarly, when we walk through the darkest valley, God assures us that He is with us and as we emerge out of the dark tunnel, we will be able to see so much more. And yes, God will also prepare a feast for us before our enemies. He will anoint our head with oil and fill our cup till it overflows with His blessings. There is so much more that God has in store for us. Therefore, let's put our hope in Him in whatever our circumstances we face.

### **Psalm 23:4-5 (NIVUK)**

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

### **1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)**

That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him."

### **Application Questions**

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

**Q1. Share your experience on how God led you through the darkest valley in your life.**

**Q2. Share the challenge or challenges you are facing right now, and how you can have hope in God that it is not over for you, and that there is more which God has in store for you.**

### **Transition to Works:**

*Holy Lord, you are worthy of our praises. You reign in majesty, you are God forever. We appreciate you for giving us the grace to be in your presence today. We hallow your name. We pray your light shines brightly in us and making us shining lights for you. Let people see your glory in us and let them come to worship you the living God.*

### **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.fcbs.org.sg/connectwithus](http://www.fcbs.org.sg/connectwithus)
  - For Chinese -- [www.fcbs.org.sg/zh/connectwithus](http://www.fcbs.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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