

4Ws for Week 53, 28 Dec 2020 – 3 Jan 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. Farewell 2020

2020 has been an unprecedented and challenging year. It changed our world and created a new normal for our daily routines and work lives. Share one change you've adopted in overcoming your challenges.

2. Welcome 2021

New Year and new resolutions. Do you like to make resolutions for the New Year? With some vaccines already approved and to be administered, there is now a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel. Things are looking up and better days are coming our ways. Share one or more of your aspirations as we prepare to enter into the New Year.

Transition to Worship:

Dear Heavenly Father, we choose to acknowledge that You are sovereign, faithful and good. We will praise, worship and honour You in every circumstance. Hallelujah!

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following worship songs:

- 1) Faithful – Chris Tomlin (D)
- 2) You Are Good – Kari Jobe (G)
- 3) Goodness of God (G)

Let's invite the Holy Spirit to minister to us. We encourage you to exercise the gifts of the Holy Spirit - a word, a vision, tongues or interpretation of tongues – to minister to the spiritual family.

Transition to Word:

Matthew 24:35 – “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.” Dear God, your Word is unchanging and infallible. Teach us to hide your Word in our hearts and obey it.

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: 2 Peter 3:9

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

Sermon Title: To Infinity & Beyond

By Senior Pastor Daniel Khong

on 26-27 Dec 2020

Scripture Passage:

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NKJV)

²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NLT)

²⁰ Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish **infinitely more** than we might ask or think. ²¹ Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Introduction

In the third quarter of 2019, when Ps Daniel and Ps Serene were installed respectively as Senior Pastor and Deputy Senior Pastor, God gave SP Daniel Ephesians 3:20-21 as a word and promise for the church. Ephesians 3:20-21 rings true for us as a church and as individuals in this year.

Indeed, 2020 is an unusual year – the world faced sickness, fear and economic challenges in an unprecedented way. With the word God has given to him, SP Daniel coined it as “To Infinity and Beyond”, the theme for FCBC going into the new season.

Going into “Infinity and Beyond” is about having no limits. It means that we must have faith that says that there is no opposition too strong, no barrier too high, no place too far, no mountain too big, no ocean too wide and no task too big. God is calling us all to go beyond because there are no limits as we serve a limitless God.

Two things enable us to experience infinity ad beyond:

1. Accessibility to God – He grants us Power
2. Authority from God – He gives us Position

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. Why we must learn to ask God not for the ordinary but for greater things?

A1. Because God is able to do infinitely more than we can ever imagine to ask. God’s presence is always with us. God is always accessible to us and all we need to do is ask of Him. When we ask of God in faith, He grants us His power to accomplish infinitely more than we ask for (Ephesians 3:20). If we do not ask for the greater things and believe that God answers our prayers, then we’ve failed to tap into God’s mighty power.

Ephesians 3:20 (NLT)

²⁰ Now all glory to God, who is able, through **his mighty power at work within us**, to accomplish infinitely more than we might **ask** or think.

Q2. Why must we focus on our authority and not on our ability or the lack of it?

A2. Because God has given us His authority and with His authority we can do great things. God’s Word never changes. It is His promise to us. God gives us the authority and the position to call upon His abilities (Ephesians 3:20). If we rely on our abilities, then we don’t need God. We must rely and

focus on our position as children of God to call upon His ability to empower us to do great things (John 14:12-14). When David stood in front of Goliath, he wasn't focused on his own abilities. He was focused on the authority from God because of his relationship to Him. Sometimes we don't go beyond because we don't realise the authority that we have as children of the King of kings and Lord of lords. Indeed, we have position and authority because we belong to God and He is greater than the one in the world. (1 John 4:4).

Ephesians 3:20 (NLT)

²⁰ Now all glory to God, **who is able**, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

John 14:12-14 (NLT)

¹² "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. ¹³ You can ask for anything **in my name**, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴ Yes, ask me for anything **in my name**, and I will do it!

1 John 4:4 (NKJV)

⁴ You are **of God**, little **children**, and have overcome them, because **He who is in you** is greater than he who is in the world.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Share how the Word of God and His promises have helped you overcome one of the many challenges you've faced this year?

Q2. Knowing that we have access to and authority from God, share one thing you are trusting God to enable you to go beyond in the coming year?

Spend time praying for each other.

Transition to Works:

Father God, you placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden to cultivate and keep it. Lord Jesus, You instructed the apostle Peter to tend and shepherd the sheep. Work is a ministry that You have assigned to man and woman. Before You ascended to Your Father in heaven, You commanded us to go and make disciples of all nations. With the command, You've filled us with Your Spirit and empowered us to fulfil Your work and commission. Let Your will be done!

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 8 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 5-8 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 5-8 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 up until 31 Dec)

- 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 eight guests (Phase 3) per household/location, not including members of the household.
- 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/fbcsg 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

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