

4Ws for Week 5, 30 Jan – 5 Feb 2023

WELCOME (15 minutes)

(If there are first-time guests, begin with a round of introduction and warmly welcome the new visitors.)

Suggested icebreakers:

1. Alphabet Chain

Decide on a theme. Get each Member to take turns to come up with words that fit the theme. Every word proposed needs to begin with the last letter of the previous word. A person who is unable to think of a suitable word and breaks the chain will sit out for the round, and the game will continue with the next person. The winner of the game is the last person that is remaining.

2. Things in Common

Divide the Members into teams of three to five persons. Each team is to find things everyone in their team has in common and make a list of it in 10 mins. It can be a favourite TV show, an ice cream flavour, a common hobby or fears, etc. Teams are to find common threads that aren't too superficial or obvious like gender or demographics. Each team will share their list with the rest of the group.

Materials needed: Pens and paper or zoom whiteboard.

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) Forever - Chris Tomlin (D)
- 2) Same God - Elevation Worship (E)

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: Senior Pastor Daniel Khong

Scripture Passage: Get to Work

Sermon Title: Matthew 25:14-30

Introduction

A true believer of God listens to God's Word and obeys, that is, he practises what he has heard from the Scriptures. The Bible, in James 1:22, exhorts believers to be not only hearers of His Word but also to be doers of His Word. Furthermore, Jesus tells us in Matthew 7:21: "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

A faithful believer

- a) takes action – gets started on God's work
- b) takes baby steps – keeps growing in God's work

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. List the similarities and differences between the three servants.

A1. Similarities:

- a) All three servants were entrusted to manage the master's property while he was away.
- b) All were given talents.
- c) The first two servants put their talents to work and doubled them.
- d) They were both commended as "good and faithful" servants.
- e) They were both allowed to enter in the master's happiness.

Differences:

- a) The first two servants with the five and two talents respectively doubled their talents through hard work; the third servant did nothing to his talents, and so didn't get an increase of the talent.
- b) The first two servants were commended for their hard work; the third servant was rebuked as "wicked and lazy" and was punished.
- c) The one talent of the third servant was given to the one with the ten talents.
- d) The first two servants happily went about working on their talents; the third servant gave excuses for his inaction.
- e) Only the third servant had a grouse with his master.

Q2. Look again at your listing above. Surface the lessons from this parable.

A2. God gives each of us talents.

- a) We do not all receive the same talents.
- b) He expects us to be faithful in using these talents.
- c) He will reward those who are faithful.
- d) Those who are not faithful will lose their reward.
- e) God looks at the effort, not the results – the one with five talents and the one with two talents received the same commendation.
- f) The more we sow, the more we reap.
- g) If we do not turn what we have to good use, the time may come when what we have may be taken away from us.
- h) Keep doing God's work and remain faithful till He comes.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Ponder over your life. What do you think are the talents you have that can be used for the Kingdom of God? How can you use this for God's work?

Q2. Cite one thing you can do this coming week that will bless others with your talent. How can you use your talent to reach out to pre believers?

Q3. Is there an area of ministry in the Church that you can serve in? Can the CG as a group serve in any area of ministry in the Church?

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.

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