

Group 4 FCBS TGIF Project

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A DIFFERENT GOOD FRIDAY!



He (Jesus) told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Luke 10:2 (NIV)

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Yet the message is still the same.

Christ made all the DIFFERENCE!

Foreword by Senior Pastors

Dear Leaders,

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PROGRAMME CONCEPTS

The **BIG** Idea:
SAME SAME BUT
DIFFERENT

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THE GOALS

❖ A TGIF with a Difference

- ▶ To Think Greatly In Faith and organize a TGIF that is different from previous TGIFs.
- ▶ To create a different experience for the church members and their pre-believing friends.

❖ Making a Difference

- ▶ To plan for an environmental cleaning project to serve the community and effect transformation in small ways.
- ▶ To build bonds with the community, cultivate new relationships and make new connections through a shared cause for the environment.

❖ Seeing the Difference

- ▶ To create a structured experience for the pre-believing friends from the environmental cleaning and see the fruits of the cleaning labour.
- ▶ To elicit responses and reflections from the pre-believing friends during debriefs.
- ▶ To share the message of giving without strings attached.

❖ The Message is still the Same

- ▶ Same Good Friday Message of Love demonstrated on the Cross!

❖ Christ made all the DIFFERENCE

- ▶ To share the message of God's gift to mankind without strings attached in cleaning up our broken lives.
- ▶ To share personal testimonies on how Christ made the difference in the lives of the church members.

THE EVENT

❖ Good Friday - April 6, 2012

- ▶ To use the GOOD FRIDAY Holiday as a season to make a DIFFERENCE and share the DIFFERENCE by inviting pre-believers to clean a beach or park in order to overcome the challenge of inviting them to a home-based evangelistic event.
- ▶ Through the environmental cause, to reach out to other groups of people who would otherwise not visit a cell or church or outreach event.
- ▶ To see a difference in the environment that we are living in.

❖ Cell Groups

- ▶ To mobilise ALL CELLS to be actively involved in this outreach event.
- ▶ To communicate the GOSPEL of GOOD FRIDAY in a comfortable and non-threatening setting, so as to elicit a personal response to Salvation.
- ▶ To use all available resources in order that "we try to persuade men" concerning the GOOD NEWS (2 Corinthians 5:11).
- ▶ To make a difference, see the difference and be the difference through this event to see changes in the environment and the lives of our pre-believing friends and family members!

THE TOOLS & RESOURCES

❖ Partnering Agency

- ▶ International Coastal Cleanup Singapore (ICCS) -
<http://coastalcleanup.nus.edu.sg/index.html>

❖ Real Life Testimony

- ▶ Faith comes from hearing the message (Romans 10:17).
- ▶ A 3-5 minute testimony of 1-2 members, written and edited beforehand.

❖ John 3:16 Presentation

- ▶ Go through the John 3:16 video and sharpen every cell member's presentation skills.
- ▶ Believe that God can work wonders through the simple presentation.

PLANNING SCHEDULE

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- **5 Weeks to Good Friday**
- **Easter Sunday**
- **Post Good Friday**

PLANNING SCHEDULE

4-10 March, 2012 – 5 weeks before Good Friday

- ❖ Obtain the 'A Different Good Friday' Pack comprising the following:
 - ▶ Invitation cards, Prayer cards and Decision cards
 - ▶ Response Report Form
 - ▶ Leader's manual
- ❖ In addition, the Pastoral Care Executive Group will liaise with the International Coastal Cleanup Singapore (ICCS) to invite them for an educational briefing session where all participants of the beach cleanup will attend on 23 March 2012 (Friday) at TOUCHCentre Auditorium and TOUCH Community Theatre for East Coast beach cleanup on 30 March 2012 (Friday) for West Coast beach cleanup.
 - ▶ The briefing will include: Background of ICCS, marine debris issues, what happens on cleanup day – operation procedure, safety, data card: categories & techniques.

11-17 March, 2012 – 4 weeks before Good Friday

- ❖ Cell group to pray for the names of people to invite, decide whether to cleanup the East or West coast beach and send out the invitations.
- ❖ Members to draft and practise testimony sharing (3-5 minutes) in cell meetings, editing and refining the testimonies with the given feedback.
- ❖ Cell members to watch the John 3:16 DVD together.
- ❖ Members to pair up and practise the John 3:16 Presentation.
- ❖ Cell leader to collate information on decision of which beach to clean up for Team Pastors – the Church will collate the information and allocate the sector of the beach to clean up.

18-24 March, 2012 – 3 weeks before Good Friday

- ❖ Cell group to pray and fast for Good Friday event and invited guests.
- ❖ Members to report on invitation results and attend briefing on 23 March 2012 with pre-believer participants if cleaning up the East Coast beach.

- ❖ Cell leader pairs up members to practise sharing their personal testimonies and the John 3:16 Presentation if cell is not attending the briefing on 23 March 2012.

25 March-31 March, 2012 - 2 weeks before Good Friday

- ❖ Cell group to pray and fast for Good Friday event and invited guests.
- ❖ Members to report on invitation results and attend briefing on 30 March 2012 with pre-believer participants if cleaning up the West Coast beach.
- ❖ Cell leader pairs up members to practise sharing their personal testimonies and the John 3:16 Presentation if cell is not attending the briefing on 30 March 2012.
- ❖ Cell leader to rally and stress importance of Good Friday outreach to members.

1-5 April, 2012 - 1 week before Good Friday

- ❖ Cell group to intensify praying and fasting for Good Friday event and invited guests, binding the devil's efforts to stop the guests from coming.
- ❖ Cell group to go out and buy equipment with pre-believer participants as per instructions given by ICCS during the briefing session.
- ❖ Remind the guests:
 - ▶ A day before Good Friday event, contact your guests to remind them to come on time and report to allocated sector.
 - ▶ If some guests are unable to come, re-invite them for Easter services or other events.

6 April, 2012 – Let's Have A Different Good Friday!!!

- ❖ Members to gather earlier to pray and intercede for the guests who are coming and invite GOD's presence into the place and for good weather.
- ❖ Carry out the selected programme for Good Friday, using the steps and suggestions in, "What To Say? What To Do?" (Pg 29 - 37), to open and close the event, minister and impart a blessing.
- ❖ If any of the guests responded positively to the call for salvation, take down his / her details in the Decision card.
- ❖ If the guest's reply is negative, probe to understand his / her concerns and offer to pray a blessing over him / her. Also indicate response in the Decision card.
- ❖ Invite every guest to Easter services regardless of salvation response.
- ❖ Be sensitive to the prompting of the Holy Spirit throughout the Good Friday programme, always maintaining a sweet spirit.

7-8 April, 2012 – Easter Weekend

- ❖ Bring invited guests to the Easter services.
- ❖ Cell leader to submit the first 2 copies of the Response Report Form (with statistics for salvation and rededication) to the respective celebration venues.
- ❖ Cell leader to retain the third copy of the Response Report Form and all Decision cards of invited guests for review of future Good Friday / outreach programmes.

9-15 April, 2012 – Post Good Friday

- ❖ Cell leader to conduct de-brief and evaluation of cell's Good Friday beach cleaning outreach effort.
- ❖ Members to continue to follow up with invited guests, especially those who have not responded to the salvation call or the invitation to Easter services.
- ❖ Close de-brief and evaluation by giving thanks and praise to God!

PRAYER GUIDE

*PRECIOUS SOULS
PERSISTENT FAITH
PERSEVERING PRAYERS*

“And pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.”

Ephesians 6:18a (NIV)

- Prayer Schedule
(4 weeks to Good Friday)

PRAYER SCHEDULE

11-17 March, 2012 - 4 weeks before Good Friday

- ❖ Cell leader to share the vision of Good Friday, gather members to pray for one another, so as to foster unity and prepare their hearts for this outreach.
- ❖ Every member to ask GOD for at least three names to attend the beach cleanup.
- ❖ Cell group to prayerfully decide on the location, asking GOD to anoint the place with His strong presence.
- ❖ Cell leader to prepare and write down your testimony (about 3-5 minutes in length), ask GOD to anoint your writing so as to come up with a powerful testimony.
- ❖ Pray for team spirit as the cell group practises the John 3:16 Presentation.

18-24 March, 2012 - 3 weeks before Good Friday

- ❖ Pray for the list of invited participants. Name them one by one before the Lord.
- ❖ Pray that the participants will be able to attend the ICCS briefing session to create opportunity to build bridges into their lives, know them better and let them see the Christian fellowship and love.
- ❖ Pray for a smooth running of the event and good weather.
- ❖ Pray that members will be clear and effective in the John 3:16 Presentation.

25 March-31 March, 2012 - 2 weeks before Good Friday

- ❖ Pray for those who have accepted the invitation to the beach cleanup.
- ❖ Pray that the Rest and Reflect session will be attended by all the participants and pray for open doors and open hearts to hear the testimonies and John 3:16 Presentation.
- ❖ Pray for one another's involvement.

1-5 April, 2012 - 1 week before Good Friday

- ❖ Cell group to intensify prayer and fasting for invited participants.
- ❖ Bind all the devil's efforts and power to stop the participants from coming and from hearing the Gospel.
- ❖ Pray for protection for all involved in the cleanup.
- ❖ Pray for the entire event.
- ❖ Begin to ask GOD for words of knowledge.

6 April, 2012 -Let's Have A Different Good Friday !!!

- ❖ Meet at least 1 hour earlier to prepare and pray for the cleanup.
- ❖ Bind and cancel all demonic powers at work in the participants and at the venue. Ask for GOD's manifested presence to come upon the place, surrounding it with a hedge of protection.
- ❖ After the invitation for salvation, pray for the new converts and bless them.
- ❖ After all the participants have left, give thanks to God for the harvest.

WHAT TO SAY? WHAT TO DO?

- Instructions
- Rest and Reflect
- John 3:16 Diagram

INSTRUCTIONS

- ❖ Description: Cell Group recruits volunteers from among their family and friends to do beach cleaning activity together. This cell group activity is a collaboration with International Coastal Cleanup Singapore (ICCS) to do beach cleaning at East Coast Park or West Coast Park.
- ❖ Objective: Through a meaningful activity, the cell group befriends and builds bridges into the lives of invited volunteers, creating opportunities to evangelise them.

BEFORE THE EVENT

- ❖ Cell leaders volunteering as Clean-up Team Leaders would have attended scheduled briefing by ICCS. Briefing includes: About ICCS, marine debris issues, what happens on cleanup day – operational procedures, safety, data card: categories & techniques.
- ❖ Cell Leaders get ready to brief volunteers on cleanup day.
- ❖ Cell Leaders pre-assign one or two cell members to each guest as 'buddies'.
- ❖ Cell Leaders brief cell members on talking points with guests e.g. we are a group of cell members from FCBC who meet every Friday at such and such venue, recent activities, short testimonies.
- ❖ Cell group prepares mementos (preferably something symbolic of the spirit of giving).
- ❖ Cell Leader and cell members remind their guests of meeting time and venue for the cleanup.

ON CLEANUP DAY....

Welcome & Briefing (60 mins)

- ❖ Gather at designated venue at specified time.

- ❖ Cell Group meets an hour beforehand to pray for the participants and programme. (60 mins)
- ❖ Arrival of participants.
- ❖ Talk by ICCS on marine debris issues. (15 mins)
- ❖ Team Leaders brief cell members and participants (volunteers) according to instructions given which include sub-grouping, collection of gear, operational procedures, area assigned, safety, data card. (15 mins)

The Beach Cleanup (45-60 mins)

- ❖ Group follows Team Leader and Site Leader to cover the assigned area of the beach to do the cleanup.

Rest and Reflect (30 mins)

- ❖ After Cleanup, group gathers at meeting area, returns gear and gathers trash bags.
- ❖ Team Leader briefs volunteers on collating data cards and prepares group report for submission.
- ❖ Site Leader explains data analysis.
- ❖ After blessing the community in the earlier part of the day, group invites friends to carry out the second part of the programme.
- ❖ Group adjourns to eating session. Can be at food centre, fast food restaurants, picnic area, etc. After going out to serve the community, this is the time to gather to reflect on the day's activity, and to share the message of Good Friday.
- ❖ Group discussion commences – sharing of experience, thoughts and feelings, photographs. Team Leader encourages Facebook and twitter uploads to web portal. Team Leader asks the group processing questions and let each of them share their experience.
- ❖ Here are some sample processing questions. You could tweak them to be more specific to the community blessing your group did:

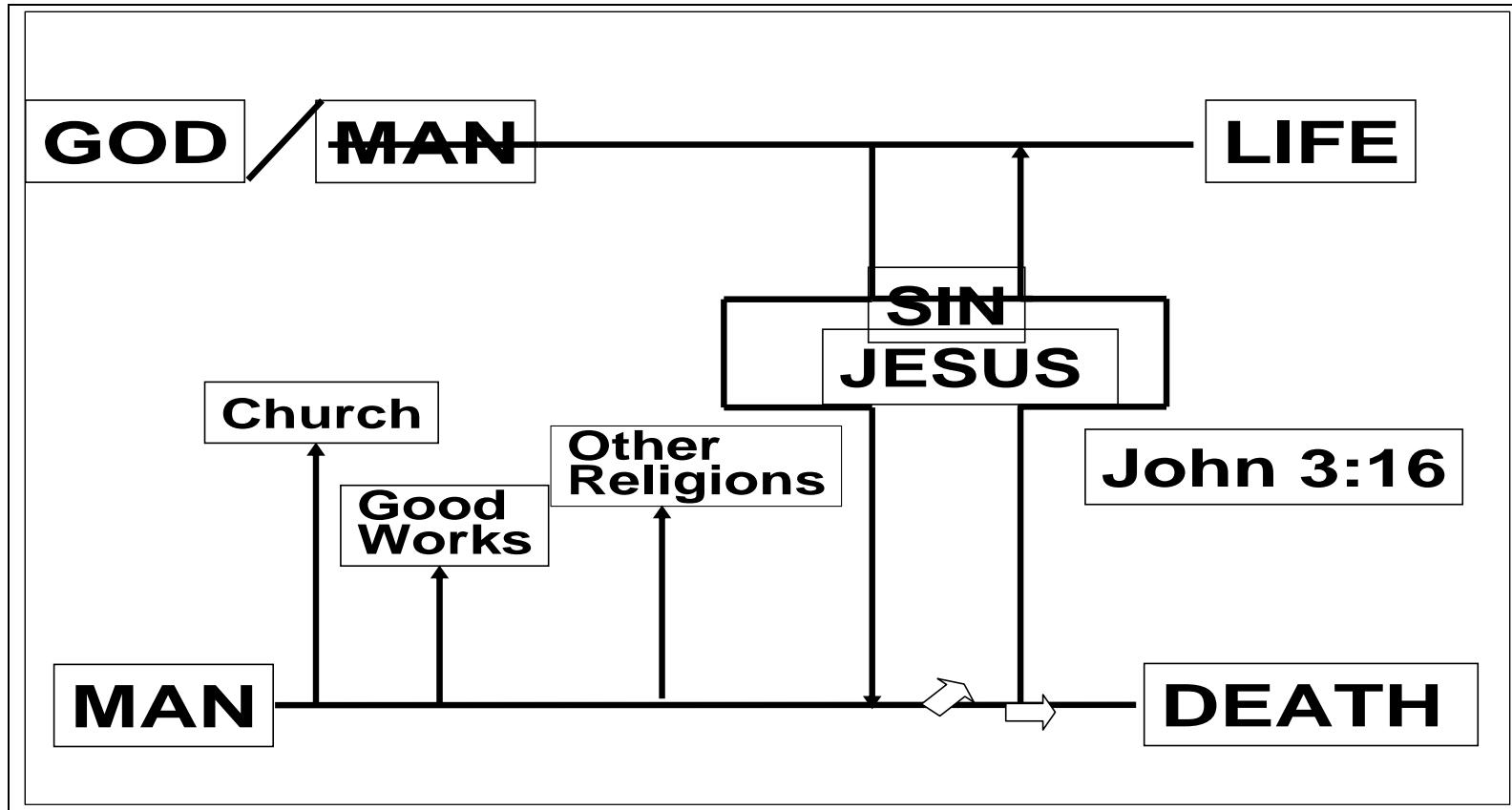
- What were your attitudes and feelings towards giving with no strings attached before this community project and after?
- Which part of this project is most valuable for you?
- What is something you experienced that was challenging or difficult?
- What is one thing you would like to continue to do to bless the people around you?
- ❖ Summarise the experience and affirm everyone for giving their time and being a blessing.
- ❖ At the end of the eating session, Cell Leader distributes mementos to every volunteer.
- ❖ Assigned buddies explain to guests what Good Friday commemorates; a short personal testimony and the John 3:16 Presentation can be used too.

Sharing of TGIF message

- ❖ What does Good Friday mean? - More than 2000 years ago, Jesus died on the cross for our sins. Being God, He is without sin. But God loves us so much that He gave His life to set us free from the penalty of sin. Today, we want to learn from His selfless spirit of giving. We gave our time and effort to clean up the beach so that others can enjoy it more. We have all experienced the blessing of giving with no strings attached; now let us share with you why we have gathered together to do so. As Christians, we give because God has first given us the greatest gift of all - His Son."
- ❖ Following that, have the chosen member share his / her 3-5 minute testimony.
- ❖ You may say something like this: "You have just heard what God has done on the Cross for each and everyone of us, and how He has given us His Son, that we may not die but have eternal life. Now I invite someone among us, (NAME), to share his / her personal account of what the Cross means to him / her."
- ❖ Sharing of testimony.

- ❖ Cell leader breaks members and guests into smaller groups to share John 3:16 Presentation.
- ❖ After sharing the John 3:16 Presentation and personal testimony, ask the guest if he / she would like to accept Christ as his / her personal Lord and Saviour. You may say: "(NAME), I have shared with you what the Cross / Good Friday means to me. God is real and He loves me so much that He came and revealed Himself to me. He loves you just as much too. Do you realise that Jesus died for your sins too? I would like to give you an opportunity to invite Jesus into your life. If this is what you would like to do, please repeat this prayer after me."
- ❖ Lead guests in saying the Sinner's Prayer aloud, line by line: "Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I have done things in the past that are displeasing to You. I need You to help me in my daily life. I believe You love me and died on the Cross for all my sins. I want to leave behind all the things I have done wrong, so please forgive me of all my sins. I invite You to come into my life today and be my Lord and Saviour. Make me the kind of person you want me to be. Help me to know You more and let me experience Your love daily from now on. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."
- ❖ Solicit prayer requests from guest and pray a blessing for him / her and invite him / her to attend Easter services and future meetings/events.

JOHN 3:16 PRESENTATION



(Adapted from "Knocking On Doors, Opening Hearts" by Dr. Ralph W. Neighbour, Jr)