4Ws for Week 16 (15 - 21 Apr 2024)

WELCOME (15 minutes)

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

Suggested icebreakers:

1. Naming the Country:

Most countries are represented by distinctive symbols. For instance, Singapore boasts a national flower – the Vanda Miss Joaquim. Prepare a variety of symbols and encourage members to guess the correct answers. Enjoy discovering the symbols or images that represent countries worldwide.

2. Acts of Kindness:

Share the kindest act that you have ever done.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

(Encourage members to allow the Holy Spirit to minister through them by sharing words, visions, tongues and interpretations of tongues.)

Suggested worship songs:

- 1. Only King Forever
- 2. Living Hope

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: Pastor Roland Lee

Scripture Passage: Matthew 28:18-29 and Acts 1:8-11

Sermon Title: Until He Comes Again

Introduction

Quote: "Jesus' ascension wasn't merely an exclamation point at the end of the resurrection. It provided His followers with power, grace, mercy, presence, gifts, and anticipation enabling them to advance His mission." – Steve Matthewson

Christ has ascended to heaven and commissioned us to complete His work **until He comes again**. To fulfill Christ's work, we must:

- 1. Do it! Obey Him
- 2. Do it well! Rely on Him
- 3. Do it well for God! Delight Him

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. How are we to fulfill the work Christ has entrusted to us?

A1. We must do what the Word says (James 1:22). This involves obeying the Great Commission of Christ, which includes preaching the gospel, saving souls, and making disciples (Matt. 28:18-19).

From the start, when Jesus called His disciples, the mission was clear: "to make you fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19). Empowered by the Holy Spirit after His ascension, they diligently pursued His mission

(Acts 5:42). Paul understood his duty, declaring, "Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:16). Even the angels urged the disciples to be witness for Christ (Acts 1:10-11).

Q2. How do we do God's work well?

A2. We do God's work well by relying entirely on the Holy Spirit's power. Jesus commissioned His disciples with all authority in heaven and on earth (Matt. 28:18-19) and promised to be with us always (Matt. 28:20), sending us the Holy Spirit to help us (Acts 1:8; John 14:18). Paul, skilled in Jewish theology, stressed reliance on the Holy Spirit's power rather than on eloquent speech (1 Cor. 2:4).

Q3. What is our motivation to do the work well?

A3. Our motivation is to make it our goal to please Him (2 Cor. 5:9). We delight the Lord when we do exactly what is required of us. Our aim is to do His work well and present it before Him with joyful anticipation, eagerly awaiting to hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Application Questions

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

- Q1. Have you obeyed and are you living out what Christ has done for us? (Assess yourself honestly)
- **Q2**. Are you experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit in your life? How can you fan the flame of the Holy Spirit within your cell group?
- **Q3.** What is your main motivation in life? Is it to enjoy the blessings as a child of God or to delight God by fulfilling what He has entrusted you to do?

WORKS (15 minutes)

Focus on edification, equipping and evangelism.

- **1. Build on the momentum of all your outreach efforts** continue praying for your pre-believing friends and family, connect with them, and invite them to your Cell and our Weekend Services.
- **2. Consolidation of new believers** Diligently pray for and reach out to your friends and family who have decided to receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, guiding and helping them grow in the faith.

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