

4Ws for Week 23, 6 Jun - 12 Jun 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. Affirming Attributes

Everyone to be given a few minutes to think and prepare.

- Each cell member will think of a positive attribute that they possess.
- Cell leader start by calling out a cell member's name.
- The other members take turn to verbalize and share with the cell what they feel is the positive attribute of the "chosen" member.
- After everyone has finished, the "chosen" member will reply "I receive it!" and then call out the next person for the cell to start off verbalizing his/her positive attribute.
- While not necessary, try to make it fun by thinking of an attribute that starts with the same first letter of the person's name, e.g. *I think Henry is a very helpful person. Henry is also an honest soul, etc.*

When done with sincere hearts, verbalizing your affirmation for one another is one of the ways of growing in unity and love for each other.

2. Spirit Talk

Everyone to think and take turns to share if there was a defining Spirit-filled moment in their lives that led them to decide unreservedly to follow Jesus all the days of their life.

- If there wasn't such a moment, they can opt to share when was the last time they experienced a powerful touch and encounter with the Lord. It is not so much about what happened, but what was the one lesson or truth that the Holy Spirit showed or taught them.
- It is important to keep the track record of what God did in our lives. Doing so helps us remember the faithfulness of God.

Transition to Worship:

Holy Spirit, we welcome you into our midst. You are the sole reason why we are gathered together. As we worship you, may your name be lifted high in our praises. Take away any distractions that could be plaguing us, and calm our spirits to know that your gentle presence and love is with us. Help us to focus on you as we lift our hearts in worship!

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following worship songs:

1. God Is For Us – CityAlight (D)
2. Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me - CityAlight (C)

(Remember to pause for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Encourage everyone to exercise the gifts of the Holy Spirit. If there's a word, a vision, tongues and interpretation of tongues, release it to minister to each other).

Transition to Word:

Lord, our hearts are filled with Joy. We know that indeed you are for us, and will never ever let us go. Even when we have failed you, time and time again you call us to yourself. Indeed nothing can separate us from the Father's love. Nothing is possible with our own human hands or effort, but only through Christ that is in us. So Holy Spirit, come and touch us once again. We want to see your glory. Amen!

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: 1 Corinthians 15:56-57 (NIVUK)

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon Title: Pentecost

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Scripture Passage: Acts 2:1-4 (NIVUK)

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Introduction

The day of Pentecost was such a significant moment to the Christian Church. It was an event where the community of believers gathered in the upper room, and had such a power encounter with the Holy Spirit that the power and life of the Holy Spirit came upon them, and as a result the church was birthed!

As we celebrate Pentecost, we are reminded once again as a church on the very word that the Lord gave to FCBC at the start of the year — that is to “Give the Holy Spirit His rightful place”. We need to move together as a community to experience the power and life of Pentecost.

How does the Holy Spirit want us to experience the power of Pentecost as a faith community? By having:

1. Unity to Love One Another
2. Utterances to Bless One Another
3. Unction to Minister to One Another

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. Why is Unity necessary? How does Unity manifest itself in our community when the Holy Spirit moves?

A1. Unity of the church, and the body of Christ, has always been on the heart of God. If this is true of the church, this is definitely true, even within the cell groups of the church.

Acts 2:1 (NIVUK)

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

Right from the get go, the community of believers were all together in one place. It must have been a really crowded upper room. Yet, the believers persisted on gathering together as there was oneness of heart.

When the people of God are of one heart, this creates the atmosphere and environment for people to feel safe, and that allows the Holy Spirit to move and be manifested in the lives of people and work through them. At the same time, this very same environment also creates the opportunity and freedom for people to seek forgiveness or reconciliation with one another. In so doing, bondages are broken, people are set free, hearts and captives are released too. Such is the power of Unity.

Q2. Apart from being “together in one place” (Acts 2:1), what else also happened to the believers as seen in Acts 2:4 when the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost?

A2. The believers “began to speak in other tongues” as “the Spirit enabled them.” In other words, they were given utterances to bless one another, and the unction to minister to one another.

Tongues are given to us by God as an unknown spiritual heavenly language. Tongues can also be a known language that we do not know or have the ability to utter on our own. When the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost, the believers were given power, not only to preach the good news, but also the heavenly languages or utterances to encourage and bless others! When the Holy Spirit moves in our community, God can and will use us to be a blessing to others.

Unction is the anointing and power from the Holy Spirit to pray for healing or some other areas of need for one another. As the Holy Spirit moves when we are assembled (e.g. as a cell group), there will be moments He would want to empower us to pray for the needs of others.

Acts 2:4 (NIVUK)

⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Are you struggling to move with oneness with the church or with the cell? If this is the community you have decided to be rooted in, ask the Lord to reconcile your hearts to move in unity.

Q2. Do you find the liberty to move in accordance to the promptings of the Holy Spirit? Or do you find yourself shying or shunning away from Him? If so, why?

Transition to Works:

Holy Spirit Come! There is no other way or means to which we can experience a breakthrough. No human effort or plan will ever supersede the outpouring of your power and love in our lives. We love you, Holy Spirit and indeed we welcome You to take your rightful place in our lives, in our cell and in our church. Amen.

WORKS (15 minutes)

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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 or in-person. Ensure that none of your members fall through the cracks. Continue to monitor the attendance of your 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.fcfc.org.sg/connectwithus
 - For Chinese -- www.fcfc.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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