

4Ws for Week 26, 27 June – 3 July 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. Mid-Year Review

Share something you have learned or accomplished in the past 6 months.

2. In Season and Out Season

The scout's motto is "Be Prepared!" This calls for a state of readiness in our mind to respond quickly and positively to any situation. Share an act of kindness or deed you have done.

Transition to Worship:

*"God is **spirit**, and those who **worship Him** must **worship in spirit and truth**." John 4:24. As a spirit being and having encountered the truth, let's enter into worship with all of our heart, with all of our mind and with all of our strength; for He is worthy!*

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following worship songs:

1. God Is For Us - CityAlight (D)
2. Sing - METRO Church (E)

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

Transition to Word:

*"Sanctify them in the **truth; your word is truth**." John 17:17. Lord, let the truth of **your word** cleanse and wash away every lie and break every deception of the evil one. He, whom the Son (**the Written and Living Word**) sets free is free indeed. Lord, minister **your word** to us.*

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: Psalm 22:24 (NIVUK)

²⁴ For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

Sermon Title: Growing In Anointing

By Rev. Poh Wee Long

on 25 & 26 June 2022

Scripture Passage: Ephesians 3:14-19 (NIVUK)

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Introduction

Last weekend, Pastor Wee Long continued with the series on the Holy Spirit in his sermon: "Growing in Anointing". The word "anointing" means being set apart and empowered to do God's work. Every believer of God has been set apart, anointed to do God's work to bring glory to His name.

In 1 Corinthians 2:4-5, the Apostle Paul tells us: ⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a **demonstration of the Spirit's power**, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power. As believers, there is a need for us to demonstrate the power of the Holy Spirit, so that pre-believers will know that God is real and that Christianity is not just merely a religion or some other belief system.

How we can grow in God's anointing?

1. Grow in Holiness
2. Grow in Intimacy with God
3. Grow in Reaching Out

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. How do we grow in holiness?

A1. The Holy Spirit is holy. To grow in holiness, we must walk free from sin; we must come to God in repentance when we fall into sin (1 John 1:8-9). Every repentance is growth in holiness, and as we grow in holiness we grow in the anointing of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

1 John 1:8-9 (NIVUK)

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

We will never arrive in complete holiness in this world; however, we can be transformed more and more to be like Him as we grow in holiness (2 Corinthians 3:17-18).

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (NIVUK)

¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are **being transformed into his image** with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Q2. Why is reaching out important for growing in anointing?

A2. One key purpose of the anointing of God is for us to reach out to make God known and to bring Him glory (1 Cor. 2:4-5). It is also to show people God is real, to draw people to Jesus (Acts 1:8) for the purpose of service and evangelism (Luke 4:18-19), and to proclaim the Good News to those who need it.

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 (NIVUK)

⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵ so that your faith might not **rest** on human wisdom, but **on God's power**.

Acts 1:8 (NIVUK)

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

Luke 4:18-19 (NIVUK)

¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to **proclaim good news** to the poor. He has sent me to **proclaim freedom** for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to **set the oppressed free**, ¹⁹ to **proclaim the year of the Lord's favour**.'

To grow in anointing, we must first be active in reaching out to others and then the anointing will follow through accompanying signs. (Mark 16:17-18, 20).

Mark 16:17-18, 20

¹⁷ And these signs will **follow** those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." ²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Are there sins that are blocking God's anointing from growing in your life? It's time to bring it out of the closet. Repent and come clean with God. (*Leaders, give members time to respond to God*)

Q2. We cannot move in power with a distant walk with God (e.g., not regular in cell group meetings, not praying, not serving, not reading the Bible, etc.). Share how can you grow in intimacy with God?

Q3. What or how can you do more in reaching out to those in your circle of influence in order to see and experience the "greater things" that Jesus has promised in John 14:12?

Transition to Works:

*"Was **our** father Abraham not justified **by works** when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar?" James 2:21. Work is the expression of our belief and faith in God. Our faith needs to be authenticated by our works and deeds. Let our works bear testimony and be pleasing to Him.*

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. Continue to Connect with Potential BESTs / Pre-Believers

- a. 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.
- b. 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**

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.

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