

## 4Ws for Week 32, 9 Aug 2021 - 15 Aug 2021

(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. NDP Song Charade

Prepare a list of phrases using lyrics from NDP songs, and private message a phrase to members ahead of the meeting. Members take turns to act out the phrases using hand gestures and body motions, but without spoken words. Other members can try to guess the phrases. Those with correct answers get a point. Use of timer is suggested to keep the ice-breaker short and succinct.

Examples:

- Come on me Singapore, count on me to give me best and more (Count On Me Singapore)
- We have a vision for tomorrow, just believe, just believe (Count On Me Singapore)
- This is my country, this is my flag, this is my future, this is my life (We Are Singapore)
- There was a time when people said that Singapore won't make it, but we did (We Are Singapore)
- This is home, truly, where I know I must be (Home)
- When my dreams wait for me where that river always flows (Home)
- The road ahead never gives away a promise (The Road Ahead)
- The road ahead is empty, it's paved, with miles of the unknown (The Road Ahead)
- Remember the days we set out together with faith? (Our Singapore)
- Though many years gone by we've moved ahead together (Our Singapore)

#### 2. Word Puzzle

Members to guess words related to National Day and shout out the answers using red numbers on the left column and red alphabets at top row as reference. Example: the word 'Parade' is d11 to i11. Hint: there are 12 more words to be unearthed!

	A	b	c	d	e	f	G	h	i	j	k
1	S	F	E	H	R	W	I	I	W	R	L
2	A	I	Y	V	W	H	G	P	C	F	W
3	T	R	N	A	T	I	O	N	A	L	Z
4	H	E	I	G	N	T	S	Y	D	A	Y
5	K	W	N	Q	O	E	F	W	V	G	Q
6	W	O	E	R	U	P	H	F	K	W	A
7	X	R	Y	Y	G	N	O	X	E	F	H
8	S	K	J	H	U	S	J	R	Y	U	E
9	G	S	D	C	S	X	T	H	E	W	A
10	U	X	M	N	T	R	U	R	O	A	D
11	Y	U	P	P	A	R	A	D	E	O	P

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k
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6		O	E		U	P				D	A
7		R			G		O		E		H
8		K			U			R			E
9		S			S		T	E			A
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11				P	A	R	A	D	E		

**Transition to Worship:**

*Lord, thank you that we can come as a cell to worship you today. You said, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I with them.” Thank you, Lord, that you are with us in our midst. Thank you, Jesus! Today, we want to sing it out that Jesus is alive; we want to shout it out that Jesus is alive! Oh, what a Happy Day!*

**WORSHIP (20 minutes)**

You may use the following worship songs:

- 1) Happy Day (D)
- 2) What A Beautiful Name (D)

Let us pause to wait upon the Lord for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. We would like to encourage everyone to exercise the gifts of the Holy Spirit – if you have a word, a vision, tongues and interpretation of tongues – release the gift to minister to each other.

**Transition to Word:**

*Holy Spirit, you are our great Teacher! Psalm 119:105 tells us, “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” Open our minds to comprehend your Word, and our hearts to receive your teaching. We commit ourselves to you and allow your word to teach and transform our lives so that we can be more and more like Jesus. In His name we pray, Amen!*

**WORD (45 minutes)**

**Memory verse of the week: Judges 5:31 (NIV)**

*“So may all your enemies perish, Lord! But may all who love you be like the sun when it rises in its strength.”*

**Sermon Title: The Shepherd’s Heart**  
**By Senior Pastor Rev. Daniel Khong**

**on 7-8 Aug 2021**

**Scripture Passage: John 10:11-17 (NLT)**

<sup>11</sup> “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don’t belong to him and he isn’t their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. <sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because he’s working only for the money and doesn’t really care about the sheep. <sup>14</sup> “I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, <sup>15</sup> just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> “The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again.

### **Introduction**

Senior Pastor Daniel Khong’s sermon last weekend was called, “The Shepherd’s Heart”, and the question asked is: what should our hearts become as we follow Jesus? Ephesians 5:1-2 (NLT) says “Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.” So, if Christ is a Shepherd, and has a Shepherd’s heart, then we too must become shepherds and have that same heart. Our hearts should become just like His.

What does a Shepherd’s heart look like? A Shepherd’s heart has three markers, which are:

1. Not Selfish, but Sacrificial
2. Not Intimidated, But Courageous
3. Not Indifferent, but Compassionate

### **Discovery and Understanding Questions:**

#### **Q1. What does it mean to live a life that is not selfish but sacrificial?**

**A1.** It means we are to live a life that is not self-seeking. Jesus’ heart was not filled with selfish desires, but rather, with sacrificial love for those around Him.

#### **John 10:11 (NLT)**

<sup>11</sup> “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.

#### **John 10:17-18 (NLT)**

<sup>17</sup> “The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again. <sup>18</sup> No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded.”

#### **John 10:13 (NLT)**

<sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because he’s working only for the money and doesn’t really care about the sheep.

A shepherd would sacrifice his life for the sheep, while a hired hand would not. The hired hand is there for what is in it for him. He is there for selfish reasons, whereas the shepherd is there to give sacrificially.

#### **Q2. Explain what is meant by the phrase: “the Shepherd’s heart is one that is courageous and not intimidated”?**

**A2.** A Shepherd whose heart is courageous will dare to live a life that is not constantly intimidated. A good shepherd must not only just be willing to tend to the sheep, but protect the sheep when need be. While he may not be fearless facing a challenging situation, he is not intimidated. Very often, the devil wants to intimidate us. But God is on our side.

### **John 4:4 (NIVUK)**

<sup>4</sup>You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

Consider David's response to Goliath in **1 Samuel 17:45 (NLT)**

<sup>45</sup>David replied to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

Quote:

"If we submit our hearts to God and stand in faith, we can resist those first fearful thoughts. As we yield to God we can master our reactions to fear and the enemy will soon flee." - Francis Frangipane

### **Application Questions**

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

**Q1. If we can no longer be indifferent to the things that are around us, what are some things you need to do differently to reflect the shepherd's compassionate heart?**

**Q2. Share what it means to you to be sacrificial, courageous or compassionate.**

### **Transition to Works:**

*Hey cell, let's get to work in this season of opportune time that God has given us, especially when many are in need during this time of Covid-19 Heightened Alert. Let's update the outreach efforts we have done so far, and our plans for the coming week.*

### **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, using the existing COVID-19 guidelines to plan your activities/programmes.

The next XFXZ will be in September. Use the CG time to prepare your members and get their buy-in to conducting a XFXZ cell the next round.

#### **2. Prayer over the COVID-19 situation**

Consecrate some time each CG meeting to be praying for the situation; and remain connected with one another.

#### **3. Consolidation of Visitors/New Converts from your outreach**

Assimilate them! Let them experience a sense of belonging in our faith community! Connect with them via phone calls; introduce them to cell members via WhatsApp and invite them to join in our livestream services and your online cell group meetings.

#### 4. 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. Ensure that none of your members fall through the cracks. Continue to monitor the attendance of your online 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.fcbs.org.sg/connectwithus](http://www.fcbs.org.sg/connectwithus)
  - For Chinese -- [www.fcbs.org.sg/zh/connectwithus](http://www.fcbs.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.

#### 5. 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.

#### 6. Announcements

- All English, Chinese and Hokkien Services will be held online. For more information, please visit [fcbs.org.sg/covid-19](http://fcbs.org.sg/covid-19)
- English, Chinese, and Hokkien Services will continue to be streamed at their regular service timings on our [YouTube channel](#)
- In-person cell meetings and gatherings will be suspended.
- Our advisories on [weddings](#) and [funerals](#) have been updated in our website.

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