

4Ws for Week 36, 6 - 12 September 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. My Greatest Challenge

Fear can be a strong restraining factor for us to step forward into something new or the unknown. Share what was the greatest challenge that you had overcome or what is one new challenge you are facing now.

2. Make-Believe (yet to happen realities)

Ask the members of your group to answer one of these questions: If you could...

- Go anywhere in the world right now, where would you go and why?
- Talk to anyone in the world, who would it be and why?
- Wish for one thing and have it come true this year, what would it be and why?

Transition to Worship:

Dear God, thank you for placing us into our biological family. We also want to acknowledge your sovereignty in birthing each one of us into your kingdom and the spiritual community in Christ. He is our Head and we, members of one another in His body. As a chosen people and nation, we come in unity to worship and praise you.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

You may use the following worship songs:

- 1) This Is Amazing Grace (D)
- 2) Build My Life (D)

Remember to pause and wait 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 or interpretation of tongues – release it to minister to each other.

Transition to Word:

Heavenly Father, we believe that the Bible is the authoritative and inerrant Word of God. Through it, you not only want to reveal yourself but also teach us to live a life that is fruitful and pleasing to you. Grant us boldness and courage to obey your Word and to live by faith which is pleasing to you. In Jesus' name. Amen!

WORD (45 minutes)

Memory verse of the week: Judges 17:6 (NIV)

⁶In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit."

Sermon Title: A Faith Community: God's Strategy

Scripture Passage: Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16 (NKJV)

¹ I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ² with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ³ endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

¹¹ And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head Christ ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Introduction

Last weekend, in continuing the sermon series: “A Faith Community”, Apostle Lawrence Khong shared passionately and with deep conviction a message entitled “God’s Strategy”. He concurs wholeheartedly with the new vision that SP Daniel had shared in the beginning of this new sermon series: “Creating realities that do not yet exist”. He reflected back on FCBC’s 35 years and shared the many realities created that did not yet exist as we obeyed God and moved as a faith community.

Some of the realities that God have done through FCBC are:

1. Love Singapore Prayer Unity Movement.
2. TOUCH Community Services.
3. Gateway Entertainment / Gateway Theatre / Gateway Arts.
4. Cell Church Movement.

It was a reminder that from the beginning, FCBC has always been vision driven in our strategies. SP Daniel shared the previous week that our strategy is the G12 Vision and that the G12 Vision is an advanced form of the Cell Church Movement, which Apostle Lawrence taught all over the world. Apostle Lawrence believes deeply that what was taught through the Cell Church Movement is the biblical basis of a faith community, which is God’s strategy. The cell is the basic unit of a church and a faith community. He shared two significant truths on why every believer must live in community as it will help them to:

1. Develop God’s Character
2. Display God’s Glory

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. Why must we live in a community to grow spiritually?

A1. God has blessed us with spiritual wealth (Eph. 1:3) and we are to conduct ourselves worthy of our calling (Eph. 4:1). Only when we live in a community, where values are challenged and re-examined are we able to grow spiritually. We learn to develop God’s character, to be humble and

gentle, patient and accept each other with love, with priority to keep the unity of the spirit of peace (Eph. 4:2,3). We show our love for God by loving our neighbor as ourselves (Matt. 22:37-40), grow spiritually together as a body (Eph. 4:15-16) and help each other be strong (Heb. 10:24-25) by encouraging each other to show love and do good works.

Ephesians 1:3; 4:1 (NKJV)

^{1:3} Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

^{4:1} I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called

Matthew 22:37-40 (NKJV)

³⁷ Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is *the* first and great commandment. ³⁹ And *the* second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NKJV)

²⁴ And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Q2. Why does God want to display His glory through us?

A2. God teaches us the importance of displaying God’s glory (Matt. 5:14). The goal is for us to attain spiritual maturity (Eph. 4:13) and display God’s glory, that the world may believe in Him (John 17:21). This is our calling, to be fishers of men (Matt. 4:19) and to catch all kinds of fish (Matt. 13:47).

Matthew 4:19; 5:14; 13:47 (NKJV)

^{4:19} Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

^{5:14} “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

^{13:47} Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish.

Ephesians 4:13 (NKJV)

“till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;”

John 17:21 (NKJV)

“that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.”

Application Questions

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

Q1. How is the cell helping me to develop God's character in my life? Are there more I need to do in order for me to grow in Him?

Q2. As a cell and a faith community, is your cell displaying the glory of God? Share what more you can do for the cell in order that God's glory can be manifested for others to see.

Transition to Works:

Lord, you have commanded us in your Word to love one another as you have loved us. The promise is that as we do this, then everyone will know that we are your disciples. Help us Lord to work on loving one another, so that our lives will testify to the world and cause them to believe and embrace you also as their personal Savior and Lord.

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 'WORKS' portion for them to share their outreach efforts.
- Press on with your CG's 3x3 prayers - Pray for one another to have boldness, courage and obedience to follow through.
- 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 or onsite 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, and 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.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.

5. Announcements

- On-site English and Chinese Services were suspended at Touch Centre for last weekend because a staff was tested positive to have COVID-19. Touch Centre was closed for deep cleaning. For more information, please visit <https://fcbc.org.sg/serviceresumption>.
- 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 may resume, subject to current guidelines on social gatherings.
- Our advisories on [weddings](#) and [funerals](#) have been updated in our website.

6. Partial resumption of onsite Services

Praise God we have gone back to onsite Services! Remind members to practise Phil 2:3, 4 – **³ Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves; ⁴ do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.**

- a) Reserve seats only for yourselves and your family members. Don't mass book. Don't double book to secure more chances of getting a seat.
- b) Turn up for service after getting your seats. Don't cancel *last minute* – every *last minute* cancellation deprives one person of an opportunity to come to onsite service.
- c) Obey Covid-19 safety procedures to safeguard yourself and others – e.g., stay in your zones; don't turn up if you are sick, etc.
- d) Be patient and calm if there are delays in admitting you because of Covid-19 safe entry processes. Don't abuse the Staff or volunteers on duty.
- e) Honour God – have a worshipful attitude even though you cannot sing aloud.
- f) Be punctual – build in extra time so that you will be seated already when Service starts.
- g) Dress appropriately.
- h) Recognise that there are many others also worshipping with you online.
- i) Continue to invite your pre-believer friends.
- j) Etc...

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