

4Ws for Week 49, 4-10 Dec 2023

WELCOME (15 minutes)

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

Suggested icebreakers:

1. Can you see the change? (Online)

Get Members to switch on their Zoom cameras. Ask everyone to note closely visual details about the other members. Then ask everyone to turn off their cameras. Give them 30 seconds to change three things on themselves – e.g., by adding some accessories, by parting their hair or changing their attire and even moving something in the background. When this has been done, ask everyone to turn on their cameras and observe the other members again to spot the differences and guess what has been changed.

2. I like it! I like it! I like it! (Onsite)

Pass to each Member a piece of paper and a pen. Allow them 45 seconds to list as many things that they enjoy doing. Give each member a chance to share their list with the group.

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) Battle Belongs - Phil Wickham
- 2) Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: SP Daniel Khong

Scripture Passage: 2 Corinthians 8 & 9

Sermon Title: Let's Give

Introduction

Christian joy is an outworking of the grace of God in our lives. This joy is demonstrated in all aspects of the disciple's life including in his giving. True disciples of Jesus of Jesus are:

- a) CHEERFUL GIVERS – who give with the *joy of the Lord*
- b) GENEROUS GIVERS – who give out of their *trust in the Lord*

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. Meditate on 2 Corinthians 8:1-4; 9:2, 6-8. What is the attitude of a true disciple of Jesus when he gives?

A1. A true disciple of Jesus:

- a) walks in the grace of God in his giving – this results in his being joyful and generous in giving in spite of his circumstances of severe trial and extreme poverty (8:1-2)
- b) gives as much as possible, and even beyond his ability (8:3)
- c) is eager (ever ready always) to give (8:3; 9:2)
- d) sees giving as a privilege and a service to God's people (8:4)
- e) sows generously, not sparingly of whatever loose (spare) change he has (9:6)

- f) gives cheerfully (not reluctantly or under compulsion) (9:7)
 g) gives out of trust in God that God will supply all his needs in all things and at all times (9:8; cf Philippians 4:19)

Q2. Ponder over Proverbs 3:5-6, 9-10. What lessons can you learn from these verses?

A2. We honour God when we trust in Him and lean not to our own understanding;(v5); such trust in Him causes us to be able to give Him the best and out of the abundance He has given us (v9). He promises to make our paths straight (v6) – fill us to abundance (v10) – when we fully trust Him in our giving.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Read Matthew 6:21 and Mark 12:42 - For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Rate yourself on the scale of how much of a cheerful and a generous giver you are:

I am a cheerful giver:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Not at all		Rarely		Sometimes		Most of the time				Always

I am a generous giver:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Not at all		Rarely		Sometimes		Most of the time				Always

Q2. How satisfied are you to remain where you are? Jesus gave His all, and sacrificially to the point of death for Mankind. What is one step you can take to become more like Jesus in your giving?

Q3. For those who have not been tithing, determine now to do so, starting this month.

For those who have been giving, can you give more? Take a step of faith to do so.

For those to whom God has spoken to give a lump sum or a specific sum each month, put an action plan into place to fulfil this.

WORKS (15 minutes)

Focus on *edification, equipping and evangelism*.

1. Build on the momentum of COL - continue to pray for your pre-believing friends and family; connect with them with the view to inviting them to your CG/services and your CG Christmas Celebrations.
2. Invite to your cell group those who raised their hands during the salvation altar call. Encourage them to fill in the econsol form (fcbc.org.sg/connectwithus; fcbc.org.sg/zh/connectwithus).
3. Check in with those who did not respond during the altar call. Continue to invite them to our other outreach programmes.
4. Use the next three weeks of GKidz outreach programmes to invite pre-believing families with children

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