

4Ws for Week 14 (31 Mar – 6 Apr 2025)

WELCOME (15 minutes)

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

Suggested icebreakers:

1. Pruning and Growth

Each person takes a piece of paper and writes down the following in relation to their life:

- Their first encounter with God
- Their greatest struggle with God
- Their greatest breakthrough
- An area where God is still “pruning” them
- An area where they have grown

Have members share, and remind them that while pruning might be painful now, it is necessary for spiritual growth. Growth takes time, and everyone’s journey is different

2. Spiritual Jigsaw

Based on the 5 love languages, ask members to identify which role they most often play in their cell group (e.g., *The Encourager* – someone who offers words of affirmation or encouragement to those in need; *The Helper* – someone who shows love to others through acts of kindness; *The Giver* – someone who shows love through gifts, which could sometimes include bringing nice food)

The cell is a spiritual body made up of many parts, each with a role to play. To form a complete picture, we must embrace and value the the roles of others, much like a jigsaw puzzle.

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) I Raise A Hallelujah
- 2) For His Glory And My Good

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: Rev Daniel Khong

Scripture Passage: John 15:1-8

Sermon Title: A Journey of Growth

Introduction

Last weekend, we had the privilege of witnessing many enter the waters of baptism. It is both a joy and an honour to be part of this occasion, as we see them obey Christ’s call to be baptized. Baptism is a significant milestone in spiritual growth, much like a plant with God as the gardener and Christ as the true vine. As believers, we should all desire spiritual growth and aim to bear much fruit.

3 Things We Need to Know About Spiritual Growth:

1. Be Dependent on God
2. Be Part of God’s Community
3. Be Patient with Yourself

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. What does it mean to grow spiritually in Christ and “remain in the vine”?

A1: Remaining in the vine means staying connected to Jesus through a close, ongoing relationship with Him. As the true vine, Jesus is the source of our strength, just as a branch depends on the vine for nourishment and life.

As believers, we grow spiritually through disciplines like prayer, Bible reading, worship and seeking the Holy Spirit’s guidance. By remaining in Jesus, we bear fruit that reflects God’s transformation in our lives.

Q2. Why is staying connected in community important for spiritual growth?

A2. The Bible clearly states, “No branch can bear fruit by itself,” highlighting that one way we stay connected to Christ is through the community of believers. We were created for fellowship, and as a community, we are called to encourage, support, and hold each other accountable—especially during times of struggle.

By bearing each other’s burdens, we sharpen and strengthen each other, fostering spiritual growth. Isolation, on the other hand, deprives us of the opportunity to learn how to love and serve one another.

Q3. How do I exercise patience and cultivate a mindset that “Spiritual Growth takes time”?

A3. Spiritual maturity takes time. Instead of expecting perfection, we should celebrate progress. Patience is key as we undergo pruning, a process that doesn’t yield immediate results. Like plants, our spiritual growth requires care and attention.

Pruning happens when God removes or refines aspects of our lives that hinder us Christlikeness. Though uncomfortable or painful, it ultimately helps grow healthily and bear fruit.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Have you been relying on God for spiritual transformation, or have you been depending on your own strength and willpower?

Q2. Have you been living in isolation in your spiritual Journey? What is one thing you can do today to stay connected?

Q3. Do you struggle with the idea that “growth takes time”? Do you find yourself wishing for instant results?

WORKS (15 minutes)

Focus on *edification, equipping and evangelism.*

- 1. Build on the momentum of all your outreach efforts** - continue praying for your pre-believing friends and family, connect with them, and invite them to your Cell and our Weekend Services.
- 2. Consolidation of new believers** – Diligently pray for and reach out to your friends and family who have decided to receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, guiding and helping them grow in the faith.

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