

4Ws for Week 16 (14 – 20 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. Favorite Season

Spring, summer, autumn and winter—what's your favorite season and why?

2. Travel Highlight

Travel can be exciting, whether near or far. Share a memorable experience from a recent trip. It doesn't have to be overseas—local adventures count too, especially for those who haven't traveled abroad recently.

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. God Is For Us
2. Worthy (Elevation Worship)

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: Ps Roland Lee

Scripture Passage: John 15:9-17

Sermon Title: A Journey of Love

Introduction

Last weekend's sermon explored one of the most profound moments in Jesus' life: The Upper Room Discourse. In the final hours before His crucifixion, Jesus spoke intimately with His disciples, sharing words filled with love, hope, and a deep call to obedience. These were not just parting thoughts—they were a heartfelt revelation of what it means to walk in true relationship with Him.

Jesus did not treat love as a distant ideal or a simple command—it was central to our identity as believers (1 Corinthians 13:1-8). In John 15:9-10, 17, He links love and obedience as inseparable, showing that our love for God is proven through our willingness to follow His ways. Love sets us apart, but it is also a journey of growth. To reflect Christ more clearly, we must consistently encounter God's love and sacrificially express it to others.

How do we grow in Christlike love?

To grow in Christlike love, we must:

1. Encounter God's Love Consistently (John 15:9-11).
2. Express God's Love Sacrificially (John 15:12-17).

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. How does encountering God's love consistently empower us to truly love others?

A1: In John 15:9, Jesus urges us to “remain” in His love, highlighting the importance of staying connected to God as our source of spiritual life. Without this connection, we risk becoming spiritually dry and ineffective. After His baptism (Matthew 4:1), Jesus was affirmed by the Father’s love before entering the wilderness to face temptation. That affirmation became the foundation of His strength and obedience.

Jesus also modeled dependance on the Father by regularly withdrawing to pray (Luke 5:16), staying rooted in the Father’s love. As John 15:10–11 shows, when we intentionally make space to receive God’s love, we are filled with sustaining joy—joy that empowers us to others the way Christ loves us.

Q2. What does it look like to express God’s love sacrificially?

A2. God’s love is not meant to be kept to ourselves—it is meant to be shared. In John 15:12–13, Jesus defines love through sacrifice and commands us to love others as He has loved us. He models a love that gives—even to the point of death. This kind of love isn’t something we can express in our own strength. True sacrificial love flows from a deep relationship with Jesus (John 15:4, 16–17) and is empowered by the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22).

Jesus spent over three years teaching His disciples to love in this way. Their greatest lesson came through His death—laying down His life for them, even after they had failed Him. That radical love changed them. After His resurrection and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the early church began to live out—sharing, giving, and caring for one another (Acts 2:44–47).

Application Questions

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

Q1. What are you doing in your relationship with Christ to consistently encounter the love of God the Father? Share your thoughts.

Q2. In what ways are you expressing God’s love sacrificially, and how is this shaping your journey toward growing in Christlike love?

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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