

## 4Ws for Week 35 (26 Aug – 1 Sep 2024)

### WELCOME (15 minutes)

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

#### Suggested icebreakers:

##### 1. Worship

Share who or what you idolised most before becoming a believer. It could be a celebrity, a favourite soccer club, a soccer player, a K-drama, a pop group, a singer, etc.

##### 2. Dinner Plans

Members take turns to share, “Imagine you could have dinner with any person, living or dead. Who would it be, and why?”

### 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) Alive Again
- 2) Make Room

### WORD (45 minutes)

**Preacher:** Ps Melissa Quah

**Scripture Passage:** Luke 7:36-48 (NIV)

**Sermon Title:** True Worship

#### Introduction

Worship is more than just singing songs to God; it’s a heartfelt acknowledgment and honoring of Him as supremely valuable and worthy (“worth-ship”) of our devotion. When we worship, we declare God’s worthiness of our highest praise and reverence.

What is worship that pleases God?

1. It is not self-centred – All about God.
2. It is not fake – All about being real.

#### Discovery and Understanding Questions:

##### **Q1. How did the woman who broke the alabaster jar demonstrate her selfless worship?**

**A1:** The woman who broke the alabaster jar demonstrated selfless worship by sacrificing her most prized possession—a costly alabaster jar of perfume that, in today’s terms, would be worth at least a year’s wages. Her extravagant offering showcased her unwavering devotion to Jesus. Despite her generosity, the woman remains unnamed. The Bible doesn’t focus on her or her sacrifice, but rather on the significance of her act as it is all about God.

##### **Q2. What did Jesus reveal about Simon’s heart using the parable in Luke 7:41-43?**

**A2:** Through the parable, Jesus compared Simon’s hardened heart to that of the woman. The woman recognised her need for forgiveness more deeply than Simon, who believed he was not as sinful

as the woman and, therefore, did not need forgiveness. God desires worshippers who are authentic and who worship Him with their hearts, rather than those who engage in superficial or fake spirituality.

### **Application Questions**

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

**Q1. What does worship mean to you, and how do you worship God?**

**Q2. How can you become a true worshipper of God?**

### **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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