

Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



SINGING TOGETHERLed by our worship team
All the glory

WELCOME TO CEC Pastor Phill

SINGING TOGETHER..... Great things
Our God saves
Stronger

BIBLE READING Romans 12:1:21

MESSAGETaught by Pastor Phill

CLOSING SONG There is a new song in my heart



Reboot #4

Conformed or transformed?

Romans 12:1-21

“Be made new in the attitude of your minds.” Ephesians 4:23 NIV

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2 NIV

The difference even between conforming and transforming:

1. When I conform, I fit into a _____ and become the _____.

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world.” Romans 12:2 NIV

2. When I transform, I change my _____ nature and become _____.

“Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” Romans 12:2 NIV

Repent: *metanoia* = change the way you _____.

Confess: *homologeō* = say the same _____.

The process to have a renewed mind:

1. When I say what God _____, I begin to think like God _____.

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.” 1 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” John 8:36 NIV

“I can do everything through him who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13 NIV

“My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 4:19 NIV

“Be made new in the attitude of your minds.” Ephesians 4:23 NIV



2. Renovation begins with _____.

“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:32 NIV

“Some sat in darkness and deepest gloom, imprisoned in iron chains of misery... ‘LORD, help!’ they cried in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress. He led them from the darkness and deepest gloom; He snapped their chains. Let them praise the LORD for His great love and for the wonderful things He has done for them. For He broke down their prison gates of bronze; He cut apart their bars of iron.” Psalm 107:10-16 NLT

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1 ESV

“Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” 2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT

“For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12 NIV

3. God is not asking me to _____ a promise that I cannot keep. He's asking me to _____ a promise that only he can keep.

“And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels can't, and the demons can't. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can't keep God's love away. Whether we are high above the sky or in the deepest ocean, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39 NLT

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.” Ephesians 3:20 NIV

“If God is for us, who can be against us?” Romans 8:31 NIV

“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6 NIV





SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. Read Romans 12:2. To conform is to fit into a mould and involves our external behaviour; to transform involves our internal character. Why is it important to make this distinction?

2. The words “confess” and “repent” are often full of negative images and connotations that confuse us. But “repent” simply means to change the way you think, while “confess” means to say the same thing that God says. Discuss these definitions and share how seeing them in this simpler light changes their impact for you.

3. Read Romans 8:1. How can the truth in this verse help set you free from feelings of guilt?

4. What is the difference between confessing your sins and confessing your faith? How can doing the second more often (confessing your faith) result in doing less of the first (confessing your sin)?

5. Read in your Bible Romans 13:11-14. How does this passage challenge you to rethink your view of yourself? Why do you think he is so urgent in his warning?

6. When we say what God says, we begin to think like God thinks. Let God begin the work of transforming your view of yourself into his view of you by reading some of the verses/promises in this message outline. Which makes the greatest impact on you and why?



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