

Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



SINGING TOGETHER .....Led by our worship team  
He's coming on the clouds (Lion and the lamb)

WELCOME TO CEC ..... Phil Marfleet

SINGING TOGETHER..... Who you say I am (I'm a child of God)  
Amazing grace (my chains are gone)  
In Christ alone

BIBLE READING ..... Romans 7:7-25

MESSAGE .....Taught by Pastor Phill

CLOSING SONG ..... 10,000 reasons



**Reboot #6**  
**Taking charge of my mind**  
**Romans 7:7-25**

*“Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.” Romans 12:2 NLT*

**Why I must take charge of my mind:**

**1. Because my thoughts \_\_\_\_\_ my life.**

*“Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.” Proverbs 4:23 TEV*

**2. Because my mind is the battleground for \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“I love to do God's will so far as my new nature is concerned; but there is something else deep within me that is at war with my mind and wins the fight and makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. In my mind I want to be God's servant, but instead I find myself still enslaved to sin.” Romans 7:22-23 LB*

**3. Because it's the \_\_\_\_\_ to peace and happiness.**

*“If your sinful nature controls your mind, there is death. But if the Holy Spirit controls your mind, there is life and peace.” Romans 8:6 NLT*

**How to take charge of my mind:**

**1. I must \_\_\_\_\_ my mind with truth.**

*“The truth will set you free.” John 8:32 NLT*

*“People need more than bread for their life; they must feed on every WORD OF GOD.”  
Matthew 4:4 NLT*

*“I rise early, before the sun is up; I cry out for help and put my hope in your words.”  
Psalm 119:147 NLT*

*“How I love your teachings! I think about them all day long.” Psalm 119:97 NCV*

*“Even in the darkest night, your teachings fill my mind.” Psalm 16:7 CEV*

*“Though the wicked hide along the way to kill me, I will quietly keep my mind on your decrees.” Psalm 119:95 NLT*

**2. I must \_\_\_\_\_ my mind from destructive thoughts.**



**1. The 1<sup>st</sup> enemy of my mind: \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members."* Romans 7:23 NIV

*"Those who are dominated by their old sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit."* Romans 8:5 NLT

**2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> enemy of my mind: \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Paul: "(I've forgiven that man) so that Satan won't outsmart us. For we are very familiar with his evil schemes!"* 2 Corinthians 2:11 NLT

**3. The 3<sup>rd</sup> enemy of my mind: \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"All that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."* 1 John 2:16 KJV

*"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."* 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 NIV

*"I have made up my mind to obey your laws forever, no matter what."* Psalm 119:112 CEV

**3. I must \_\_\_\_\_ my mind on the right things.**

**1. Think about \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Keep your mind on Jesus Christ!"* 2 Timothy 2:8 CEV

*"Think about Jesus' example. He held on while wicked people were doing evil things to him. So do not get tired and stop trying."* Hebrews 12:3 NCV

**2. Think about \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Don't just think about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and in what they are doing."* Philippians 2:4 LB

*"Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds."* Hebrews 10:24 NCV

**3. Think about \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Let heaven fill your thoughts. Do not think only about things down here on earth."* Colossians 3:2 NLT

*"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him."* 1 Corinthians 2:9 NLT





## SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. Describe a time you were relieved to finally learn the right way to do something after persisting for a time doing the wrong thing (for example, pressing the wrong button on a remote or the wrong key on a computer).
2. What does Romans 8:6 say is the result if your sinful nature controls your mind? By way of contrast, what is the result if the Holy Spirit controls your mind?
3. How does Proverbs 4:23 dovetail with our key verse for this series on rethinking our lives: Romans 12:2
4. Read Romans 8:5 and Romans 7:23. To manage our minds, we must free our minds of destructive thoughts. Discuss what these verses say about battling our sinful nature and what gift Romans 8:5 tells us that God has given us to do battle.
5. Satan and the world are constantly battling for our mind. Read 2 Corinthians 2:11 and discuss what Paul says about forgiveness. Share your experience with forgiveness and unforgiveness, and talk about why Paul tells us we must forgive.
6. Focusing our mind on the right thing is key to controlling our minds. Talk about how to centre your mind on Christ throughout the day.
7. Discusses the verses from Hebrews 10:24 and Colossians 3:2 and why focusing on others and on eternity can help us to focus on the right things. Talk about changes you can make each day to refine your focus on these things.
8. A stronghold is a lie that we believe such as a hedonistic or materialistic worldview – or an attitude of worry, envy, or pride. What does 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 say is the result when we confess to God that our thoughts have gone off in directions we don't intend? Share how God has freed you from strongholds in the past.

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