

Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



SINGING TOGETHER Led by our worship team
 Praise is Rising

WELCOME TO CEC Pastor Phill

SINGING TOGETHER..... Come behold the wondrous mystery
 In Christ Alone
 Yesterday today and forever

BIBLE READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill

COMMUNION SONGS The Lords my Shepherd (I will trust)



Sure Foundations #1
The rhythm of life
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

"There is a right time and a right way to do everything, but we know so little!"
Ecclesiastes 8:6 TEV

"Run hard and fast in the faith." 1 Timothy 6:12 MSG

"Run in such a way as to get the prize." 1 Corinthians 9:24 NIV

"I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step." 1 Corinthians 9:26 NLT

WHEN SHOULD I MOVE FAST THIS YEAR?

1. When God tells me to do _____.

"Jesus said to them, 'Come follow me...' So Simon and Andrew immediately left their nets and followed him." Mark 1:17-18 NCV

"Without delay I hurry to obey your commands." Psalm 119:60 TEV

2. When I need to ask for or offer _____.

"If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift." Matthew 5:23-24 NIV

3. When I feel _____.

"Run away from all evil things..." 1 Timothy 6:11 NLT

"Run away from the worship of idols..." 1 Corinthians 10:14 NCV

"Run away from sexual sin..." 1 Corinthians 6:18 NLT

4. When I've made a promise to _____.

"When you make a promise to God, keep it as quickly as possible. He has no use for a fool. Do what you promise to do!" Ecclesiastes 5:4 TEV

5. When I have the opportunity to do _____.

"Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, while it is in your power to act!"
Proverbs 3:27 NIV

"If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done." Ecclesiastes 11:4 NLT



"All of us must quickly, carry out the tasks assigned to us by the Father who sent me, because there is little time left before the night falls and all work comes to an end." John 9:4 NLT

6. When God offers me _____.

"God is ready to help you right now. Today is the day of salvation!" 2 Corinthians 6:2 NLT

WHEN SHOULD I MOVE SLOWLY THIS YEAR?

"It's smart to be patient." Proverbs 14:29 CEV

1. When I don't have all the _____.

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." Jeremiah 17:9 KJV

"Zeal without knowledge is not good; a person who moves too quickly may go the wrong way." Proverbs 19:2 NLT

"To decide before knowing the facts is shameful and stupid." Proverbs 18:13 LB

2. When I'm _____.

"Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." James 1:19 NIV

"The godly think before speaking." Proverbs 15:28 NLT

"Losing your temper causes trouble but staying calm settles arguments." Proverbs 15:18 CEV

3. When making a major _____.

"Wicked people bluff their way but God's people think before they take a step."
Proverbs 21:29 CEV

"Ponder the path of your feet, then all your ways will be sure." Proverbs 4:26 ESV

"Sensible people will see trouble coming and avoid it, but an unthinking person will walk right into it and regret it later." Proverbs 22:3 TEV

"Plan carefully and you will have plenty, if you act too quickly, you will never have enough."
Proverbs 21:5 TEV

4. When I'm waiting for a seed that I've planted to _____.

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven... A time to plant and a time to harvest...a time to scatter and a time to gather..."
Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 5 NIV/NLT



“Keep on sowing your seed, for you never know which ones will grow – perhaps they all will!” Ecclesiastes 11:6 LB

“At the time I have decided, my words will come true. You can trust what I say about the future. It may take a long time, but keep on waiting – it will happen!” Habakkuk 2:3 CEV

A PRAYER

“May God keep us centred and devoted to him, following the life path he has cleared, watching the signposts, and walking at the pace and rhythms he laid down for our ancestors.” 1 Kings 8:58 MSG

“I tell you, now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation.” 2 Corinthians 6:2 NIV

“Why wait any longer? Get up and be baptized, trusting in Him the saviour.” Acts 22:16 NCV



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. Read Ecclesiastes 8:6. Discuss what you think the author means by the importance of the right timing and the right way of doing things in your life.

2. Read Psalm 119:60. Delayed obedience is disobedience, and that to hurry is good when it is related to obeying God. What has God told you to do that you haven't promptly done? Share some examples with your group.

3. Read Proverbs 19:2. We should not move fast in all that we do in life; there are times when going slow is ideal. Discuss as a group the importance of being patient and when it is prudent to slow down. Share an area where you need to slow down.

4. Read James 1:19. This verse is often quoted but not always easy to apply. There can be times when it is difficult to put these principles into practice. Share with your group situations in your life when it is hard for you to follow these steps and what makes it difficult for you.

5. Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-5 and Habakkuk 2:3. Discuss what God tells us in his word about his timing. Share your experience with God's timing in your life; how do you trust even when it seems to take a long time?

6. Pray 1 Kings 8:58 together in your group and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and keep you aware of the signposts and path the Lord has cleared for you. Discuss what you are doing or plan to do to stay centred on God and focused on your path through the year, while being aware of the rhythms and pace he wants you to keep.



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