

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	Pastor Phill
BAPTISM AT 11am	The greatest day in history (Happy Day)
SINGING TOGETHER.....	Yet not I but Christ in me My hope is built on nothing less (Cornerstone) All I have and all I am is yours (Build this house)
BIBLE READING	Ephesians 5:1-20
MESSAGE	Taught by Pastor Phill
CLOSING SONG	10,000 Reasons



Sure Foundations #3
Knowing why I am here
Ephesians 5:1-20

“So be careful how you live, not as fools but as those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity for doing good in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but try to understand what the Lord wants you to do.” Ephesians 5:15-17 NLT

“If you keep yourself pure, you will be a utensil God can use for his purpose. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.” 2 Timothy 2:21 NLT

What God wants me to do with my life:

1. God wants me to _____ my life around Him.

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.”
Matthew 22:37-38 NIV*

The first purpose is called _____.

“A sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the centre of your life.” Philippians 4:7 MSG

2. God wants me to learn to love His _____.

“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together. Instead, let us encourage one another.” Hebrews 10:25 TEV

The second purpose is called _____.

“Those who believed...were baptized and added to the church... They joined with the other believers and committed themselves to the Apostles' teaching and fellowship... They worshiped together regularly at the Temple...and met in homes.” Acts 2:41-42, 46 NLT



1. God wants me to believe in Jesus
2. Next, he wants me to be baptized
3. Join a church family
4. Commit to regular worship
5. Connect to a small group fellowship

3. God wants me to cultivate spiritual _____.

“Let us go on and become mature in our understanding as strong Christians ought to be.” Hebrews 6:1 LB

The third purpose is called _____.

“By now you should be teachers. Instead, you still need someone to teach you.” Hebrews 5:12 GW

4. God wants me to _____ something back.

“God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other.” 1 Peter 4:10 LB

The fourth purpose is called _____.

“What can I give back to God for the blessings that he’s poured out on me?” Psalm 116:12 MSG

5. God wants me to _____ others about His love.

“Through Christ, God made peace between us and Himself and God gave us the work of telling everyone about the peace we can have with Him. So we have been sent to speak for Christ.” 2 Corinthians 5:18&20 NCV

The fifth purpose is called _____.

“In our work together with God, then, we beg you who have received God’s grace not to let it be wasted.” 2 Corinthians 6:1 TEV





SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. Read Ephesians 5:15-17. It's critical that we understand what the Lord wants us to do with our lives. Discuss the warnings and challenges in these verses. Which ones speak to you the most at this moment in your life?
2. Think about Matthew 22:37-38. How are you currently living this out? How would you like to live this out?
3. The Book of Acts provides a model for establishing a Christian life and learning to love God's family. Read Acts 2:41-42, 46 as these verses reveal a biblical order for fellowship. Which of these steps have you taken: (1) believe in Jesus, (2) be baptized, (3) join a church, (4) commit to worship, (5) connect to a small group for fellowship? What are your next steps?
4. Read Hebrews 6:1 and Hebrews 10:25. Cultivating spiritual maturity is a life-long journey. God wants each of us to become mature in knowing him. He gave us his Word so that that we may teach others. Discuss the necessity for growing in God's Word. In which area of growth do you need to focus this year?
5. King David asks God what he can do for him in Psalm 116:12. God has answered him elsewhere in the Bible—we serve God by serving others. We all crave significance. What do you do to serve others? What more would you like to do if there were no obstacles? How can you remove the obstacles?
6. Our words and the way we live our lives are our testimony of God's love. We are audio-visual Christians. Who in your circle of influence doesn't know Christ? Make a commitment to pray for them this year, looking for opportunities to share your faith with them. Pray as a small group for these individuals.



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