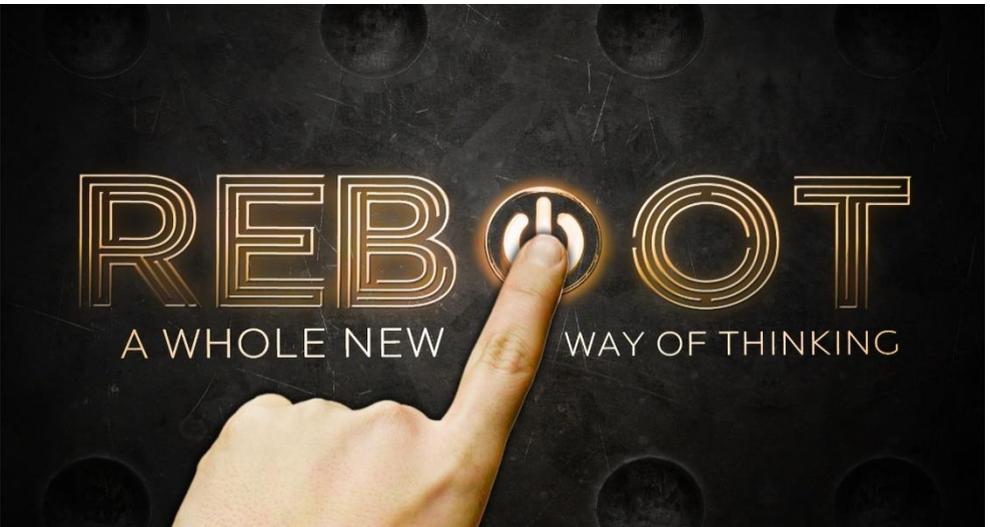


Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC	Pastor Phill and Sara
WORSHIP VIDEO.....	Great are you Lord (Awesome is the Lord)
PRAYER	
UPDATES	Pastor Phill and Sara
MEDIA, REFLECTION AND PRAYER	Restoration
BIBLE READING	2 Corinthians 1:1-11
WORSHIP VIDEO.....	Blessed be your name
MESSAGE	Taught by Pastor Phill
WORSHIP VIDEO.....	He will hold me fast



Reboot #10
How to use your suffering
2 Corinthians 1:1-11

“What do people get from all of their hard work and struggles under the sun? Their entire life is filled with pain, and their work is unbearable. Even at night their minds don’t rest. Even this is pointless.” Ecclesiastes 2:22-23 GW

“We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28 NIV

“Have you gone through all of this for nothing? Is it all really for nothing?” Galatians 3:4 CEV

1. Use your suffering to draw closer to _____.

“We were really crushed and overwhelmed...and saw how powerless we were to help ourselves; but that was good, for then we put everything into the hands of God, who alone could save us...and he did help us!” 2 Corinthians 1:8-10 LB

“I am glad...not because it hurt you but because the pain turned you to God.” 2 Corinthians 7:9 LB

2. Use your suffering to draw closer to _____.

“Share each other’s troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2 NLT

3. Use your suffering to grow deeper like Jesus in your _____.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

“Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways.” Proverbs 20:30 TEV

“So even though Jesus was God’s Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered.” Hebrews 5:8 NLT

“Suffering made Jesus perfect, and now he can save forever all who obey him.” Hebrews 5:9 CEV



“Now, isn’t it wonderful all the ways in which this distress has goaded you closer to God? You’re more alive, more concerned, more sensitive, more reverent, more human, more passionate, more responsible. Looked at from any angle, you’ve come out of this with purity of heart.” 2 Corinthians 7:11 MSG

“Though a righteous man falls seven times, he will get up.” Proverbs 24:16 HCSB

“We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed and broken. We are perplexed, but we don’t give up and quit. We are hunted down, but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going. Through suffering, these bodies of ours constantly share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.” 2 Corinthians 4:8-10 NLT

“For this reason we never become discouraged. Even though our physical being is gradually decaying, yet our spiritual being is renewed day after day. And this small and temporary trouble we suffer will bring us a tremendous and eternal glory, much greater than the trouble. For we fix our attention, not on things that are seen, but on things that are unseen. What can be seen lasts only for a time, but what cannot be seen lasts forever.” 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 TEV

4. Use your suffering to be more sensitive in _____ others.

“God comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When others are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. You can be sure that the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ. So when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your benefit and salvation! For when God comforts us, it is so that we, in turn, can be an encouragement to you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer.” 2 Corinthians 1:4-6 NLT

5. Use your suffering to _____ to the world.

I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News.” Philipians 1:12 NLT

“In everything we do we try to show that we are true servants of God. We patiently endure suffering and hardship and trouble of every kind.” 2 Corinthians 6:4 LB





SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. Why might people in pain run away from God instead of running to God?
See 2 Corinthians 7:9.
2. How might leaning on God during painful life trials bring comfort? Give a personal or Biblical example of turning to God when in pain.
3. Read 2 Corinthians 1:4. Why is it easier to help others in pain if you are in the same pain or have experienced that pain?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 1:6-7. The Bible tells us not to waste our pain but instead to let it become part of our ministry. How can you turn your painful experiences into a ministry that can help others?
5. Read Philippians 1:12. When Paul was a prisoner in Rome, he wrote letters that became the New Testament. How can you use the pain you have experienced to witness to the world?
6. Jesus' greatest witness of God's love was his suffering. How might our reactions to sufferings and adversities influence others? See 2 Corinthians 6:4.
7. Why is it uncomfortable to be present with others in pain without helping them with words? What do you think is the best way to empathize with others in their pain? See Galatians 6:2.
8. Read Hebrews 5:8. How is it possible to learn obedience and grow in character through suffering?

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