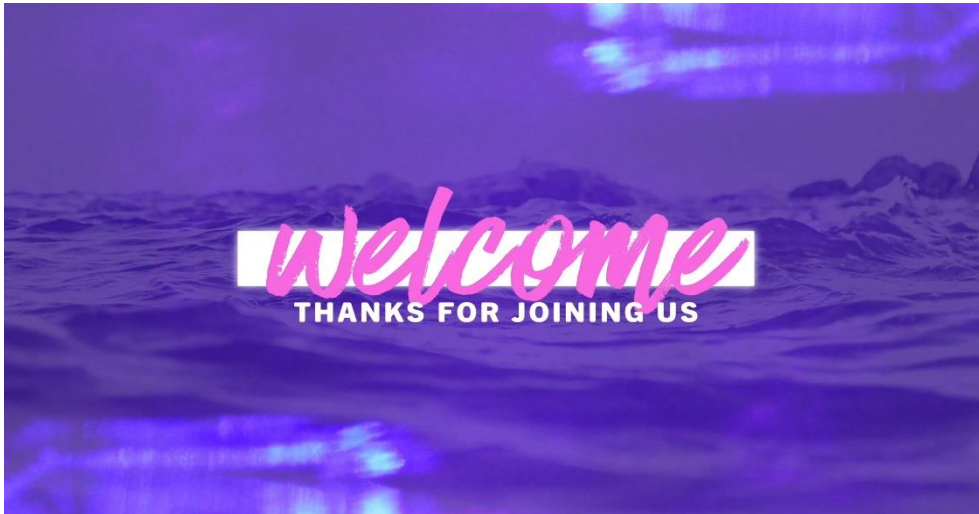


Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC Pastor Phill and Sara
 WORSHIP SONG Our God saves
 PRAYER
 UPDATES Pastor Phill and Sara
 BIBLE READING Romans 8:18-38
 MEDIA Hope
 WORSHIP SONG Cornerstone
 MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
 WORSHIP VIDEO..... Yet not I but through Christ in me



Greater than #3
Hope in the midst of uncertainty
Romans 8:18-38

'May your unfailing love be with us Lord even as we put our hope in you.' Psalm 33:22 NIV

A definition of hope: Hope is the person or thing in which your _____ are centred.

1. The way to maintain hope in a broken world is to place our hope in _____.

'Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.' 1 Timothy 6:17 NIV

2. The way to maintain hope in a broken world is to _____ the world we live in.

'For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay.' Romans 8:20-21 NIV

3. The way to maintain hope in a broken world is to wait _____ for our hope to come.

'We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.' Romans 8:22-23 NIV

'For in this hope we were saved.' Romans 8:24 NIV

'But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.' Romans 8:25 NIV

'What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?' Romans 8:31-32 NIV

'For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.' Romans 8:38-39 NIV



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. Pastor Phill defined hope as a person or thing in which our expectations are centred. With that in mind, in whom or what do you most frequently hope?
2. In what kinds of things or people do you see your friends and family placing their expectations?
3. Share about a time when you put your hope in something or someone and came away disappointed.
4. Read Romans 8:20. How does this verse support the idea of sin as a disease and not an event? Why does this matter in the context of finding and maintaining hope?
5. Read Romans 8:26-30. What phrases or concepts in this passage engender hope within you?
6. Romans 8:33-39. Paul provides a long list of circumstances, culminating with “nor anything else in all creation” that shall separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. If you were to write your own list of circumstances, powers, or feelings that will not separate you from the love of God, what would be on that list?
7. What are some of the checks and balances you can build into your life so that you avoid putting your hope in the wrong things?



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