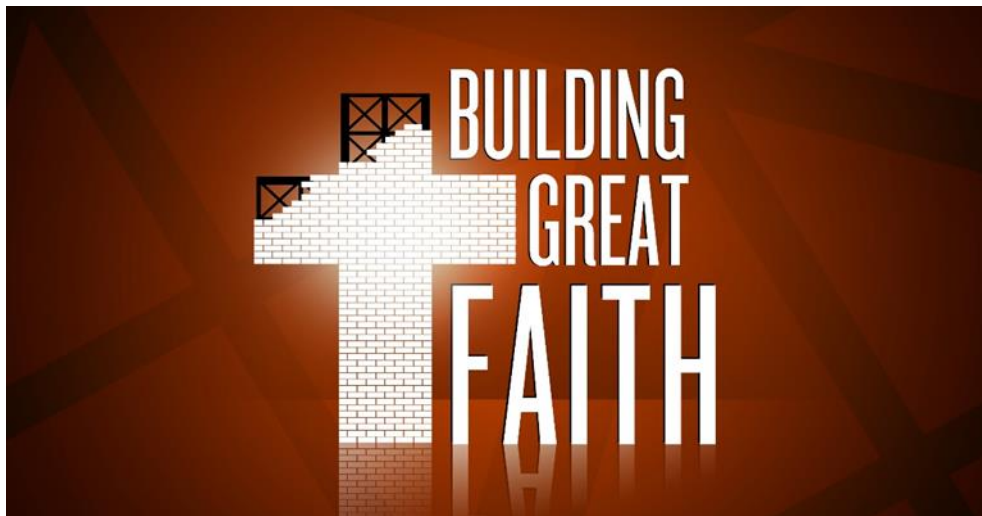


Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC	Pastor Phill and Sara
WORSHIP SONG	To God be the Glory
PRAYER	
UPDATES	Pastor Phill and Sara
WORSHIP SONG	Goodness of God
BIBLE READING	Proverbs 13:1-20
MEDIA	Iron
MESSAGE	Taught by Pastor Phill
WORSHIP VIDEO.....	Oh, how good it is



Building Great Faith #3
God-given Relationships
Proverbs 13:1-20

1. Think of the name of someone that God used in a relationship with you to make your faith stronger.

Answer _____

2. Who in your life that you have a relationship with has God used to cause you to have interest in faith?

Answer _____

God uses _____ to impact our faith in him.

3. Has there been anyone in your life that undermined your faith in God?

Answer _____

We need to learn to leverage the _____ relationships that come our way providentially because some _____ ones are unavoidable.

'Walk with the wise and become wise, for explanation a companion of fools suffers harm.' Proverbs 13:20 TNIV

'Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good morals."
1 Corinthians 15:33 NIV

We've got to be intentional about pursuing those relationships God has providentially brought our way — those that _____ and _____ our faith.

For some of us the issue is, are we willing to be available to God to be that person in _____ ?



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. Looking back, are there people you feel God providentially brought into your life at crucial times? Who? How did God use them?
2. Looking back, is there a time when you feel God brought someone across your path that could have helped you, but you resisted the relationship?
3. Are there those in your circle of relationships that would say YOU are someone God providentially dropped into their lives?
4. Read Proverbs 13:20 from two or three different translations. Biblically speaking, a fool is someone who knows the difference between right and wrong but doesn't care. A wise person is one who knows the difference and seeks to do what is right. Fools see life as disconnected. They live as if today's decisions will have no impact on tomorrow. A wise person understands that life is connected and that today's decisions have the potential to create tomorrow's reality.
 - What is the promise to those who "walk" with the wise?
 - What is the consequence of being a companion of fools?
5. Based on your experiences, why do you think Solomon highlights what a person *becomes* (i.e., "wise") in the first half of the verse, while he highlights what will *happen* (i.e., "suffering harm") in the second half?
6. Why didn't he say, "He who walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools becomes a fool"?
7. The promise from Proverbs 13:20 can be read alongside a similar warning from the New Testament, 1 Cor. 15:33. The Bible makes it clear that certain relationships are pivotal in our spiritual development, while others can lead us in directions we never intended to go. But we don't live in a vacuum. We're surrounded by wisdom and foolishness from all sides. Is it possible to completely ignore the companionship of fools? Should you? How do you balance the relationships in your life that strengthen your faith and the relationships that could inhibit your spiritual growth knowing that these relationships could also be the pivotal for others to draw closer to God?

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