

Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC	Pastor Phill and Sara
WORSHIP VIDEO	Holy Holy (Lift up his name)
MEDIA	Father of Mercies
PRAYER	
UPDATES	Pastor Phill and Sara
WORSHIP VIDEO.....	Before the throne of God above
BIBLE READING	Romans 12:3-15
MESSAGE	Taught by Pastor Phill
WORSHIP VIDEO.....	Blessed be your name



The Search for Happiness~2
How to handle the losses of life.
Romans 12:3-15

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4 NIV

1. God doesn't expect me to be _____ all the time.

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven... There is a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance."
Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4 NIV

2. Grief is essential to my _____.

"When I kept things to myself, I felt weak deep inside me. I moaned all day long."
Psalm 32:3 NCV

"I was silent and held my peace to no avail. My distress only grew worse."
Psalm 39:2 ESV

HOW GOD COMFORT'S US:

1. God draws us _____ to himself.

"The Lord is close to the broken-hearted, and he saves those whose spirits have been crushed." Psalm 34:18 NCV

"I will never leave you; I will never abandon you." Hebrews 13:5 TEV

"Our hearts ache, but at the same time we have the joy of the Lord."
2 Corinthians 6:10 LB

2. God _____ with us.

"He was a man of sorrows, acquainted with bitterest grief." Isaiah 53:3 NLT

"When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"" John 11:33-36 NIV

“He has sent me to comfort all who mourn, to give to those who mourn in Zion joy and gladness instead of grief, and a song of praise instead of sorrow.”
Isaiah 61:2-3 TEV

3. God gives us a _____ for support.

“In Christ we who are many form one Body, and each member belongs to all the others... Be devoted to each other like a loving family... Rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn.” Romans 12:5, 10, 15 NIV/GW

“Comfort each other and give each other strength.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11 ICB

4. God uses pain to help us _____.

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

“We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him...” Romans 8:28 NIV

“These troubles are getting us ready for an eternal glory that will make all our troubles seem like nothing. Things that are seen don’t last forever, but things that are not seen are eternal. That’s why we keep focused on the things that can’t be seen.” 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 CEV

5. God gives us the hope of _____.

“We don’t want you to be ignorant about believers who have died. We don’t want you to grieve like the people who have no hope.” 1 Thessalonians 4:13 GW

“God will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things will have passed away.”
Revelation 21:4 NIV

6. God uses our pain to _____ others.

“God comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others with the same comfort we received from God.” 2 Corinthians 1:4 NIV



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. Read Romans 12:15, 10, 15. Think about how these verses emphasize the importance of relationships. Share a memorable celebration, who it was with, and how including others added to that experience? Now talk about how sharing a time of sorrow with others changed that experience for the better?
2. What are some messages our culture has taught us about how to handle a loss or how to expect others to get over a loss that keep us from mourning in a healthy way? What are some healthy ways we can comfort and support each other? See 1 Thessalonians 5:1.
3. Changing our ways is very difficult, especially as we get older. Sometimes it takes a painful experience for us to mature or transform. Share about a painful experience that influenced you to change your ways. How did it change your life for the better?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 4:17. When we have a time of loss, difficulty, or grief, focusing on eternal glory can help us find purpose in our pain. What does eternal glory mean to you?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 1:4. Every day we either need comfort or need to comfort others. Talk about how even in the midst of our loss, comforting others can help us heal.
6. Many men are taught to not cry nor show emotions. Jesus wept as an expression of his love. Discuss your thoughts about crying openly and how it may change, if crying were an expression of love.
7. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13b. For people who grieve without hope, grief can be destructive. Grief with hope can be a stepping stone towards deepening our faith that this life is not all there is. Compare what grief looks like with and without hope.

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