

Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC Pastor Phill
 WORSHIP VIDEO Great things
 PRAYER
 UPDATES Pastor Phill
 WELCOME TO..... Kevin and Rebecca Croft
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 BIBLE READING Acts 4:1-35
 MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
 WORSHIP VIDEO..... All to us



The Church Defined ~2
Praying bold prayers
Acts 4:1-35

How in the world do we know the story of Jesus?
The answer: The _____.

The _____ of Jesus was central to the
teaching and the belief system of the early church.

**1. The gravitational pull for the local church is always
toward the _____ rather than the _____.**

'Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.'
Acts 2:46-47 NIV

**2. How a church _____ indicates whether it
has _____.**

'Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name given under heaven by which we must be saved.' Acts 4:12 NIV

'When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realised that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say.' Acts 4:13-14 NIV

'When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: "Why do the nations rage and the

peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One.' Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed.' Acts 4:24-27 NIV

'They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.' Acts 4:28 NIV

'Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.' Acts 4:29 NIV

1. They prayed for _____.

'Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.' Acts 4:30 NIV

2. They prayed for _____.

3. God desires the church to pray _____ prayers and not _____ prayers.

'After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.' Acts 4:31 NIV

'All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.' Acts 4:32 NIV

The way we pray is an indication of where our _____ are.

***'Enable me to speak your word with great boldness.
Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders
through the name of Jesus.'***



1. Do churches tend to focus on the 'reached' or the 'unreached'? Why do you think this is?
2. How can you ensure that you don't become too insider-focused at the expense of becoming insensitive to outsiders?
3. Read Acts 4:12. The resurrection of Jesus was central to the teaching and the belief system of the early Church. How do we, at times, over complicate the simple message of the gospel?
4. What is the boldest prayer you've ever prayed? What happened as a result of that prayer?
5. Read Acts 4:13-20. What do you see in Peter and John and how they dealt with the situation?
6. Put yourself in the shoes of Peter and John. How would you have responded to the Jewish leaders?
7. Read Acts 4:24-28. What would your prayers have sounded like in response to threats from local authorities?
8. Read Acts 4:29-30. What were the two things they asked God for? Do you find that surprising, startling, courageous or something else? Why? Does it challenge you to pray in that way, even in the midst of a tough circumstance?
9. What would happen in churches today, us included, if we prayed the two things the early church prayed?

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