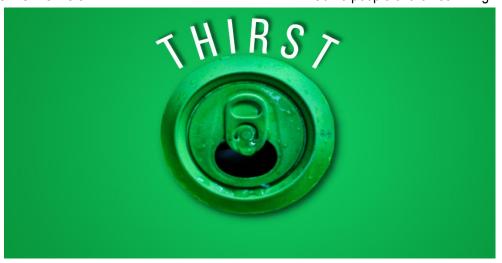
#### **Discovery Service Order and Message Outline**



WELCOME TO CEC	Pastor Phill
	In the name of the Father (Our God Saves)
	Let everything that has breath
PRAYER	
SINGING TOGETHER	This I believe (The Creed)
UPDATES	Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER	No longer slaves
BIBLE READING	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (Church Bible page 1240)
MESSAGE	Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER	



# Thirst ~3 How to encourage each other to grow 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

'So encourage each other to <u>build each other up</u>, just as you are already doing.' 1 Thessalonians 5:11 LB

1. People are different.	
I decide to	the differences.
'Be devoted to each other like a lovid	ng family. Excel in showing respect for
each other.' Romans 12:10 GW	
you don't agree with. Even when it s	ievers who don't see things the way n every time they do or say something seems that they are strong on opinions emember, they have their own history
2. People change. I decide to	do something .

'When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He's not the same anymore. A new life has begun!'

2 Corinthians 5:17 LB

'New wine must be put into new wineskins.' Mark 2:22 CEV

#### 3. People hide. I decide to take a

'If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us' 1 John 1:6-8 NIV

'Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed.' James 5:15-16 LB

'We refuse to wear masks and play games. We don't manoeuvre and manipulate behind the scenes. And we don't twist God's word to suit ourselves. Rather, we keep everything we do and say out in the open, the whole truth on display, so that those who want to can see and judge for themselves in the presence of God.'

2 Corinthians 4:2 MSG

### 4. People sin. I decide to \_\_\_\_\_

'When people sin you should forgive and comfort them, so they won't give up in despair.' 2 Corinthians 2:7 CEV

'You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember the Lord forgave you so you must forgive others.' Colossians 3:13 NLT

## 5. People are selfish.

I decide to encourage other peoples'

'My friends, we beg you to <u>warn</u> anyone who isn't living right. <u>Encourage</u> anyone who feels left out, <u>help</u> all who are weak, and <u>be patient</u> with everyone.' 1 Thessalonians 5:14 CEV

'We must also consider how to encourage each other to show love and to do good things.' Hebrews 10:24 GW



#### SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

- 1. Do you agree or disagree with Pastor Phill's statement: 'Spiritual growth, getting closer to God, is not a solo act. Growth is a group project.' Discuss your answers.
- 2. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11. In what ways can we 'build each other up'?
- 3. Pastor Phill talked about 5 different kinds of people. **People are different.** Read Romans 12:10 and then Romans 14:1. In what ways can you appreciate other people's differences and grow together?
- 4. **People change.** Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. Share how God has changed you over the years since you became a Christian. In order to grow together we have to keep changing together by doing something new. How might that look in your marriage, friendships, workplace, Life Group etc?
- 5. **People hide.** Read James 5:15-16. How could we do this verse? Read 2 Corinthians 4:2. How can we be more authentic with each other to help us grow together?
- 6. **People sin.** Read Colossians 3:13. Why is this a hard verse to actually obey? How does <u>not</u> forgiving someone affect our spiritual growth?
- 7. **People are selfish.** Read 1 Thessalonians 5:14. Discuss practical ways we can do the 4 ways (words underlined in the verse) we can help others.
- 8. Read Hebrews 10:24. Share a time someone encouraged you in your spiritual growth. How did you feel? How could you encourage someone in their walk with Christ?



In your group, share one way the group can pray for your spiritual growth. Then pray for each other.

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