

## Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC.....	Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER .....	Great things
PRAYER	
SINGING TOGETHER .....	10,000 Reasons God I look to You
UPDATES .....	Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER .....	Great is the Lord
BIBLE READING .....	1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (Church Bible page 1205)
MESSAGE .....	Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER .....	Your love is amazing



## Those People ~1 The key to great relationships. 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

*'Let love be your highest goal.'* 1 Corinthians 14:1 NLT

*'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength... love your neighbour as yourself. There are no commands more important than these.'* Mark 12:30-31 NCV

*'We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death.'* 1 John 3:14 NIV

*'If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbour as yourself," you are doing right.'* James 2:8 NIV

*'Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.'* 1 Peter 4:8 NLT

*'Everything you do must be done with love.'* 1 Corinthians 16:14 NLT

### **1. If I don't live a life of love, nothing I \_\_\_\_\_ will matter.**

*'If I could speak in any language in heaven or on earth, but I didn't love others I would only be making meaningless noise like a loud gong or a clanging symbol.'*  
1 Corinthians 13:1 NLT

### **2. If I don't live a life of love, nothing I \_\_\_\_\_ will matter.**

*'If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I knew all the mysteries of the future and knew everything about everything, but didn't love others, what good would I be? And if I had the gift of faith so that I could speak to a mountain and make it move, without love I would be no good to anybody.'* 1 Corinthians 13:2 NLT

### **3. If I don't live a life of love, nothing I \_\_\_\_\_ will matter.**

*'If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would be of no value whatsoever.'*  
1 Corinthians 13:3 NLT

*'If someone says, "I love God," but hates a Christian brother or sister, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we have not seen?'* 1 John 4:20 NLT

## WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A TRULY LOVING PERSON:

### 1. We love others because it's \_\_\_\_\_.

*'Love means doing what God has commanded us, and he has commanded us to love one another, just as you heard from the beginning.'* 2 John 1:6 NLT

### 2. We love others as a \_\_\_\_\_.

*'Let love be your highest goal.'* 1 Corinthians 14:1 NLT

### 3. We love others by our \_\_\_\_\_.

*'Dear Children, let us stop just saying we love each other, let us really show it by our actions.'* 1 John 3:18 NLT

### 4. We love others by our \_\_\_\_\_.

*'God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.'*  
1 John 4:16 NIV

### 5. We love others as a \_\_\_\_\_.

*'If you only love those who love you what credit is that to you?'* Luke 6:32 NIV

*'Continue to love each other with true Christian love.'* Hebrews 13:1 NLT

*'Dear friends, let us practice loving each other, for love comes from God and those who are loving and kind show that they are the children of God, and that they are getting to know him better.'* 1 John 4:7 LB

*'Practice these things and devote yourself to them, in order that your progress may be seen by all.'* 1 Timothy 4:15 TEV

*'So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.'* John 13:34 NLT

*'In this life we have three lasting qualities: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.'* 1 Corinthians 13:13 JBP

*'This is my prayer for you: that your love will grow more and more; that you will have knowledge and understanding with your love.'* Philippians 1:9 NCV



## SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. What would you say is your number one goal in your life? Read Mark 12:30-31. What is Jesus' answer and why does he say this?
2. Who initiates love? See 1 John 4:19. • We really can't love others until we first experience God's unconditional love. Describe a time when God's love changed a situation, or it changed you.
3. According to 1 John 4:16, what is the best way to respond to God's love? • What keeps a person from receiving God's love? • How can we overcome our reluctance or inability to trust that God loves us?
4. There are times in all relationships—spouse, children, parents, friends—when we don't feel very loving towards the other individual. How can we choose to demonstrate love for that person during those seasons, in spite of how we feel? • What action do you think can help rekindle a lost love?
5. What should characterize our love, according to 1 John 3:18? • How will others see God in us? • How can we put love into action so that Christians will be known by their love?
6. What two things are we commanded to do with regard to love, according to 1 Timothy 4:15? • In the heat of the moment, even the most careful of us can say or do something unloving. Why is it important not to give up after a stumble when trying to learn love? • Share some of the challenges of trying to learn love; then take a moment to discuss the rewards.
7. What is the love challenge issued in Luke 6:32? • Discuss the habits that would help us love in a way that demonstrates God's love for others. • It's easy to get discouraged when our loving actions are rebuffed. How can the example of Jesus working in our own lives help us persist in reaching out to others?



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