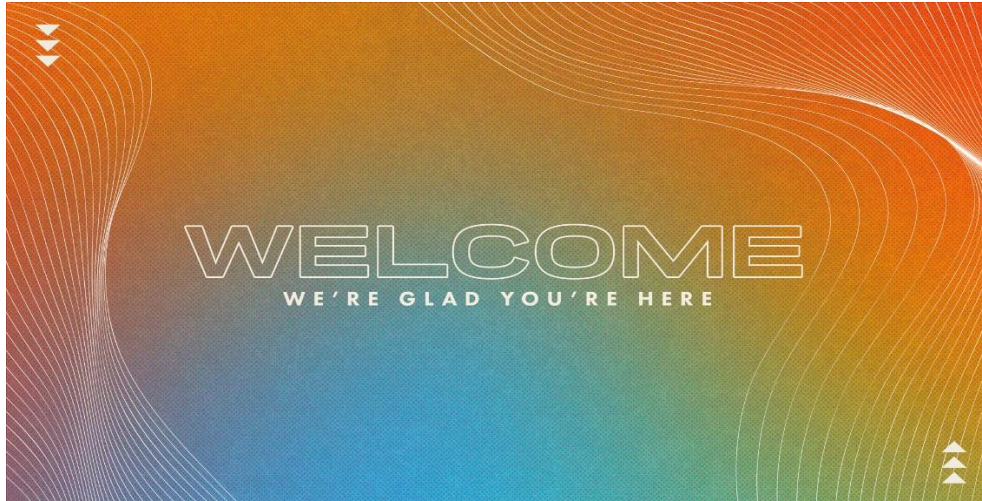
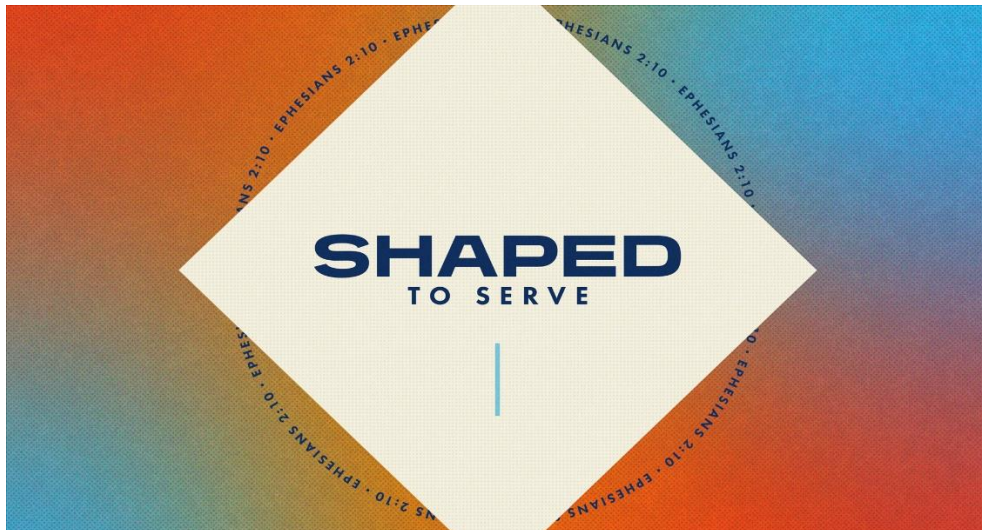


Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO COWPLAIN CHURCH Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER The Joy
Here for you (let our praise be your welcome)

PRAYER
SINGING TOGETHER His Glory and my good
UPDATES Assistant Pastor Chris
SINGING TOGETHER Who you say I am
BIBLE READING Mark 12:28-34 (Church Bible page 1070)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER I surrender all



Shaped to Serve ~5 How to serve as the person God made me to be. Mark 12:28-34

1. GOD GIVES ME THE _____ TO SERVE.

'God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well.'

Romans 12:6 NLT

'God will equip you with all you need for doing His will.' Hebrews 13:21 LB

1. I use my abilities to _____ God.

'Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.' 1 Corinthians 10:31 NIV

2. I use my abilities to _____ others.

'God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings.'

1 Peter 4:10 LB

3. I use my abilities to be an _____ to others.

'Put these abilities to work; throw yourself into your tasks so everyone may notice your improvement and progress.' 1 Timothy 4:15 LB

4. I use my abilities to make _____ to share.

'Begin using your hands for honest work and then give generously to others in need.' Ephesians 4:28 NLT

'Give freely without begrudging it, and the LORD your God will bless you in everything you do. There will always be some among you who are poor. That is why I am commanding you to share your resources freely with the poor.'

Deuteronomy 15:10 NLT

5. I use my abilities to _____ the church.

'Why is it that God gives us these special abilities to do certain things best? It is that God's people will be equipped to do better work for Him, building up the Church, the body of Christ, to a position of strength and maturity.'

Ephesians 4:12 LB

'Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has ten talents.'

Matthew 25:28 NIV

'For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required.'

Luke 12:48 NKJV

2. GOD GIVES ME THE _____ TO SERVE.

'You must love the Lord your God with all your HEART, all your SOUL, all your MIND, and all your STRENGTH.' Mark 12:30 NLT

1. People who love God with their heart are _____.

'The words that come out of your mouth come from your heart.'

Matthew 15:17 CEV

'My heart is filled with joy, and my mouth shouts his praises!'

Psalms 16:9 NLT

'I have not kept this good news hidden in my heart; instead I have talked about Your faithfulness and saving power. I have told every one of Your unfailing love and faithfulness.' Psalm 40:10 NLT

• PURPOSE: _____

'The words of the wise bring healing.' Proverbs 12:18 NLT

'The words of the wise keep people out of trouble.' Proverbs 14:3 NLT

'A person's words can be a source of wisdom. Deep as the ocean, fresh as a flowing stream.' Proverbs 18:4 TEV

'The more you talk, the more likely you are to sin.' Proverbs 10:19 TEV

• WARNING: You also have to _____

'Get to work and you'll earn a living; if you just sit around talking you'll be poor.' Proverbs 14:23 TEV

2. People who love God with their soul are _____.

'As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, O God.'

Psalms 42:1 NIV

• PURPOSE: _____

'Be kind and compassionate to each other, tender-hearted, for-giving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.' Ephesians 4:32 NLT

'Since your real home is in heaven, keep away from the evil pleasures of this world; they are not for you, for they fight against your very souls.'

1 Peter 2:11 LB

• WARNING: You must let God _____ you.

'Don't be led by your emotions, but be led by the Spirit. Let the Spirit direct your lives, and you will not satisfy the desires of the human nature.'

Galatians 5:16 TEV

3. People who love God with their mind are _____.

'How I love Your law! I think about it all day long.' Psalm 119:97 TEV

• PURPOSE: _____

'We should think about the way we are living and turn back to the Lord.'

Lamentations 3:40 CEV

'Knowledge makes people arrogant, but love builds them up.'

1 Corinthians 8:1 GW

• WARNING: Practice _____

'Don't be impressed with your own wisdom.' Proverbs 3:7 NLT

4. People who love God with their strength are _____.

'O, God, here I am, Your servant, Your faithful servant; set me free for Your service!' Psalm 116:16 MSG

• PURPOSE: _____

'Offer your bodies to Him as a living sacrifice, pure and pleasing. That's the most sensible way to serve God.' Romans 12:1 CEV

'It is senseless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, fearing you will starve to death; for God wants His loved ones to get their proper rest.' Psalm 127:2 LB

• WARNING: _____ it down.

'Don't wear yourself out trying to get rich. Be wise enough to show restraint.' Proverbs 23:4



1. Discuss Romans 12:6 NLT and how it relates to your individual life.

2. Read the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30. Why does it matter that we make the most of our abilities now?

- What could be the harm of putting them off or neglecting them?

3. Share with the group what you think are your natural talents and abilities.

- How could you channel them to be used to serve God?

4. Read Mark 12:30 and discuss how this verse shows different personalities.

5. Look at the four different personality types. Which one describes you and why? Now ask the rest of your Life Group if they agree with your view of yourself!

6. Describe a time in your life when you were asked to step outside your personality comfort zone and how it made you feel.

7. How do you and others see your personality come through in the way you worship and serve?

8. Is it harder for you to deny your strengths or be honest about your weaknesses? Why do you think this is?