# **Discovery Service Order and Message Outline**



WELCOME TO CEC	Pastor Phill
	Open up the heavens
PRAYER	
SINGING TOGETHER	Who am I (Who you say I am)
UPDATES	Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER	Everyone needs compassion (Mighty to save)
	Thank you for saving me
BIBLE READING	
MESSAGE	Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER	Oh how good it is



## Counter Cultural Church ~2 Radical relationships. Acts 2:40-47

'They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the <u>fellowship</u>, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.' Acts 2:42 NIV

'God is the one who made all things, and all things are for His glory. He wanted to have many children share His glory.' Hebrews 2:10 CEV

'His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ.' Ephesians 1:5 NLT

'With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.' Acts 2:40-41 NIV

'Love your spiritual family.' 1 Peter 2:17 MSG

'The person who loves God must also love other believers.' 1 John 4:21 GW

'I'm writing so that you'll know how to live in the family of God. That family is the church.'

1 Timothy 3:14-15 NCV

# 1. Choosing to \_\_\_\_\_

'You are members of God's very own family and you belong in God's household with every other Christian.' Ephesians 2:19 LB

'In Christ we who are many form one Body, and each member belongs to all the others.' Romans 12:5 NIV

'This is what we proclaimed in word and action when we were baptised. Each of us is now a part of His resurrection Body.' 1 Corinthians 12:13 MSG

'That's what baptism into the life of Jesus means. When we are lowered into the water, it is like the burial of Jesus; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the resurrection of Jesus.' Romans 6:3-4 MSG

'They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the <u>breaking of bread</u> and to prayer.' Acts 2:42 NIV

'The cup of blessing, which we blessed, is it not the fellowship of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the fellowship of the body of Christ? For we, being many are one bread and one body, for we are all partakers of that one bread.' 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 KJV

### 2. Learning to

'It is not good for man to be alone.' Genesis 2:8 NIV

'All the believers met together constantly and shared everything with each other.' Acts 2:44 NLT

'Open up your homes to each other.' 1 Peter 4:9 NCV

'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.' Acts 2:46 NIV

'Share each other's troubles and problems.' Galatians 6:2 NLT

'Let us not give up the habit of meeting together. Instead, let us encourage one another.' Hebrews 10:25 NIV

## 3. Doing my

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'We are partners working together for God.' 1 Corinthians 3:9 TEV

The whole body is fitted together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole Body is healthy and growing and full of love.' Ephesians 4:16 NLT

'Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are the members of my family, you did it to Me.' Matthew 25:40 NRSV

## 4. Loving believers like

'They were like family to each other.' Acts 2:42 CEV

'Be devoted to each other like a loving family.' Romans 12:10 GW

'We know what real love is because Christ gave up His life for us. And we ought to give up our lives for our Christian brothers and sisters.' 1 John 3:16 NLT

'Your strong love for each other will prove to the world that you are my disciples.' John 13:35 LB

'Anyone who does not love other Christians does not belong to God.' 1 John 3:10 NLT

'Those who do not love their brothers and sisters, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have never seen.' 1 John 4:20 NCV

'But if we love our Christian brothers and sisters, it proves that we have passed from death to eternal life.' 1 John 3:14 NLT

'You are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.' Galatians 3:26 NLT



#### SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

- 1. What are some of the reasons loneliness is on the increase in our society?
- 2. Read Acts 2:40. Why is salvation the basis of fellowship, being a part of God's family?
- 3. Read 1 Timothy 3:14-15. How is fellowship both what we do and who we are?
- 4. Read Ephesians 2:19 and Romans 12:5. The Christian life is not just a matter of believing. It's a matter of belonging. Why is it important to choose to belong to a church family? What does membership mean to you?
- 5. What are the two symbols of fellowship and what do they picture to us? See 1 Corinthians 12:13 and Romans 6:3. 1 Corinthians 10:16-17.
- 6. Read Acts 2:44. How can we learn to share with each other and what are some of the joys and challenges of doing this?
- 7. Read Ephesians 4:16. Why is partnership with each other key to church growth and unity? How would you encourage and help someone to find their role in church life?
- 8. Read Romans 12:10. What do you understand as kinship and what would that look like to you?
- 9. Read John 13:35. If we truly lived out this verse, in what ways would that impact the people/community around us?



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