

Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC..... Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER He's coming on the clouds (Lion and the Lamb)
PRAYER
SINGING TOGETHER 10,000 Reasons
UPDATES Pastor Phill
PRAYER
SINGING TOGETHER I stand amazed in the presence
Blessed be your name
BIBLE READING Acts 4:32-37 (Church Bible page 1148)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER King of Kings, Majesty



Counter Cultural Church ~4 The model for significant service. Acts 4:32-37

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Matthew 22:37-39 NIV

The route to significance is paved with _____.

'We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.' Ephesians 2:10 NIV

'Each of us should use whatever gift he's received to serve others.' 1 Peter 4:10 NIV

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

'Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel.' Philippians 1:27 NIV

'With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.' Acts 4:33 NIV

'There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need. Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.' Acts 4:34-36 NIV

'Jesus said, 'Your attitude must be like My own, for I did not come to be served, but to serve.' Matthew 20:28 LB

1. Serving like Jesus means being _____.

'Never tell your neighbours to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now.' Proverbs 3:28 TEV

1. _____.

'Forget yourself long enough to lend a helping hand.' Philippians 2:4 MSG

2. _____.

'If you wait for perfect conditions, you'll never get anything done.'

Ecclesiastes 11:4 NLT

3. _____.

'No servant can serve two masters. You cannot serve both God and money.'

Luke 16:13 NIV

2. Serving like Jesus means being _____.

'Serve the Lord with gladness.' Psalm 100:2 KJV

'It is He who saved us and chose us for His holy work, not because we deserved it, but because that was His plan.' 2 Timothy 1:9 LB

1. _____.

'Who are you to criticize someone else's servant? The Lord will determine whether His servant has been successful.' Romans 14:4 GW

2. _____.

'When you do good deeds, don't try to show off. If you do, you won't get a reward from your Father in heaven.' Matthew 6:1 CEV

3. _____.

'I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work that You gave me to do.'

John 17:4 NIV

'Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for Him is a waste of time or effort.' 1 Corinthians 15:58 MSG

'He will not forget how hard you've worked for Him and how you've shown your love to Him. By caring for other Christians.' Hebrews 6:10 NLT

'Well done good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things so; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness.' Matthew 25:21 NIV



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. One of the dangers of Christianity today is Church has become more of a 'me' Church instead of a 'we' Church. Why is this dangerous and damaging to the church?

2. How does it make you feel that God wants to use you? Excited, scared, unworthy ...etc.

3. Read 1 Peter 4:10. God has given you gifts and abilities, unique to only you, so that you can serve others and glorify him. What is one way you would like to utilize who God has created you to be to help others? Who do you think will receive greater joy, the one you helped or you?

4. Read Acts 4:32-37. What are some of the key indicators that there was such love and warmth of fellowship and service in the early church?

5. Read Matthew 20:28. We need to learn to serve like Jesus, as He is the best example to us. Look at the two ways we can serve like Jesus and at each point ask: How might I do this and what stops me from serving like Jesus?

6. Discuss the three barriers that stop us from serving others: self-centeredness, perfectionism, materialism. What can we do to overcome them?

7. What motivates us to stay faithful in serving God over the long haul? See 1 Corinthians 15:58. How could you use this verse to encourage or challenge yourself or someone else to keep going in serving God?

8. Read Matthew 25:21. How does this verse both encourage and challenge you?

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