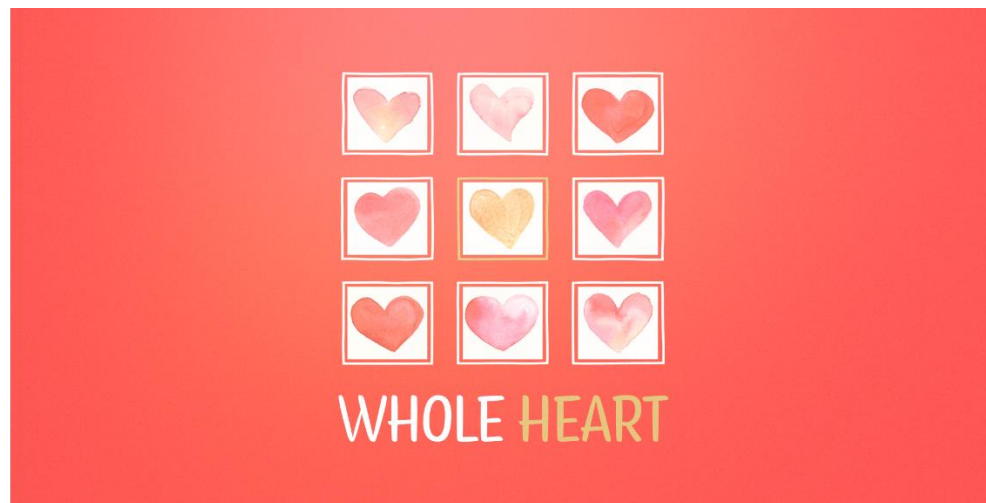


## Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC..... Pastor Phill  
SINGING TOGETHER ..... Praise is rising  
PRAYER

..... Precious Cornerstone  
SINGING TOGETHER ..... Holy forever  
UPDATES ..... Pastor Phill  
SINGING TOGETHER ..... Be thou my vision  
BIBLE READING ..... Ephesians 5:15-6:4 (Church Bible page 1228)  
MESSAGE ..... Taught by Pastor Phill  
SINGING TOGETHER ..... No longer slaves



## Whole Heart ~4 How to build a strong family. Ephesians 6:1-4

*'Do not be afraid... Remember the Lord who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, your homes.'* Nehemiah 4:14 ESV

*'Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honour your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—"that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.'* Ephesians 6:1-4 NIV

*'Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.'* Ephesians 5:22 NIV

### 1. Strong families grow in \_\_\_\_\_.

*'Children, obey your parents in the Lord.'* Ephesians 6:1 NIV

*'Disobedient to parents.'* Romans 1:30 NLT

*'Disobedience to their parents.'* 2 Timothy 3:2 NIV

*'Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them.'* Luke 2:51 NIV

### 1. It's a principle of \_\_\_\_\_.

*'Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.'* Ephesians 6:1 NIV

*'Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.'* Colossians 3:20 NIV

### 2. It has a \_\_\_\_\_ associated with it.

*"Honour your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise.'* Ephesians 6:2 NIV

*'Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.'* Exodus 20:12 NIV

### 3. It provides \_\_\_\_\_ from harm.

*'Children, obey your parents in the Lord... that it may go well with you.'* Ephesians 6:1, 3 NIV

### 4. It promotes long \_\_\_\_\_.

*'that you may enjoy long life on the earth.'* Ephesians 6:3 NIV

### 2. Strong families grow in \_\_\_\_\_.

*'By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born.'* Hebrews 11:23 NIV

### 1. The principle of \_\_\_\_\_.

*'Fathers, do not exasperate your children.'* Ephesians 6:4 NIV

*'Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.'* Colossians 3:21 NIV

*'And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."'*  
Matthew 3:17 NIV

### 2. The principle of \_\_\_\_\_.

*'instead, bring them up.'* Ephesians 6:4 NIV

### 3. The principle of \_\_\_\_\_.

*'instead, bring them up in the training of the Lord.'* Ephesians 6:4 NIV

*'For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes those he accepts as his children.'*  
Hebrews 12:6 NLT

*'My child, don't ignore it when the LORD disciplines you, and don't be discouraged when he corrects you. For the LORD corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights.'* Proverbs 3:11-12 NIV

1. Discipline for \_\_\_\_\_, not for \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Discipline for an \_\_\_\_\_, act, never as an attack on a child's \_\_\_\_\_.

### 4. The principle of \_\_\_\_\_.

*'instead, bring them up in the instruction of the Lord.'* Ephesians 6:4 NIV

*'But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.'* 2 Timothy 3:14-15 NLT

1. I am a \_\_\_\_\_, and I have a relationship with God.

2. I am a \_\_\_\_\_, and I have a relationship with my spouse.

3. I am a \_\_\_\_\_, and I have a relationship with my children.

*'In everything you do, put God first, and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success.'*  
Proverbs 3:6 LB

*'Do you remember Stephanas and his family? They were the first to become Christians in Greece, and they are spending their lives helping and serving Christians everywhere.'*  
1 Corinthians 16:15 LB

*'Choose today whom you will serve, but as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.'*  
Joshua 24:15 NLT



#### SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. What are some of the ways that society works against a family becoming a strong family?
  - How would you define the concept: Family Values?
2. Read Ephesians 6:1-4. Before we unpack these verses, what is the running theme through these verses?
3. Read Ephesians 6:1-3. Why is obedience a key factor in these verses?
  - Why is what we do in our own homes create the society in which we live?
  - What are some of the practical benefits when children obey their parents?
  - What does honouring your parents look like when you are: 1. a young child; 2. a child who is an adult and left home.
  - Why do you think God included honouring parents in the 10 Commandments? See Exodus 20:12.
4. Read Ephesians 6:4. In what ways can parents exasperate their children – whatever age their children are?
  - How might all adults be a voice of encouragement to children?
  - Why is discipline a key part of bringing up children in the ways of the Lord?
  - What are the dangers of over disciplining or under disciplining children?
  - Read Proverbs 3:11-12. How and why does God discipline us, His children?
  - Why is instruction in the Lord important?
5. Read 2 Timothy 3:14-15. Give some personal examples of the principles in these verses.
6. How might all of us, as a church family, support and encourage parents with young children at Cowplain Church?

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