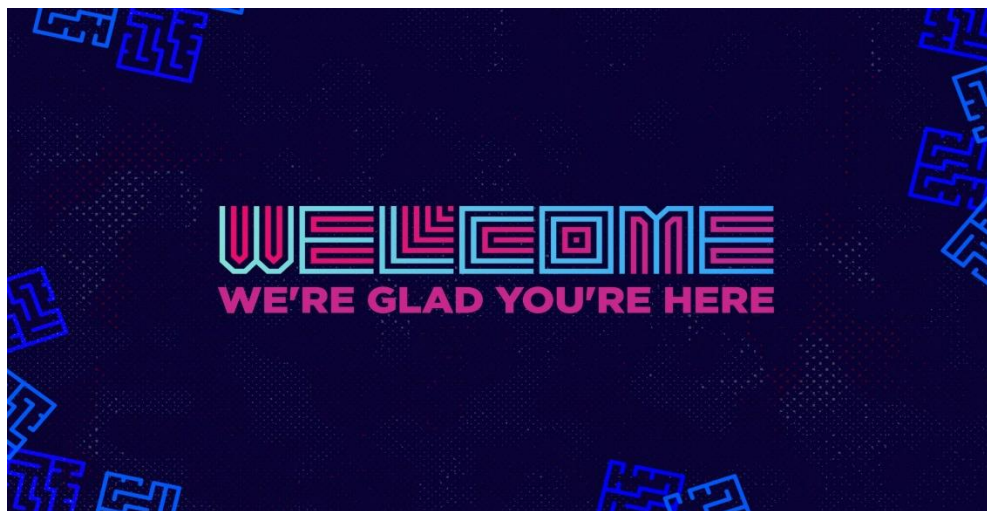


## Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



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SINGING TOGETHER ..... Awake Awake O Zion

Guide me O thou great Redeemer

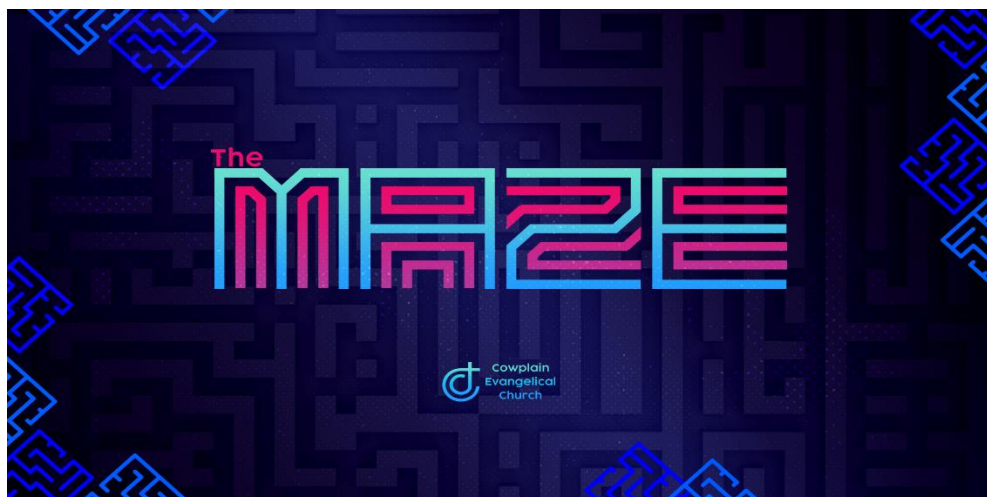
PRAYER  
UPDATES ..... Pastor Phill  
SINGING TOGETHER ..... Great is the Lord

There is power in his name

BIBLE READING ..... Philippians 1:12-30 (Church Bible page 1230)

MESSAGE ..... Taught by Pastor Phill

SINGING TOGETHER ..... Endless Hallelujah



## The Maze ~2 How to find the key to happiness. Philippians 1:12-30

*'Whatever happens, conduct yourself in a manner worthy of the good news of Christ.'*  
Philippians 1:27 NIV

### 1. God can bring \_\_\_\_\_ out of anything.

*'We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.'* Romans 8:28 NIV

*'I will praise the Lord no matter what happens.'* Psalm 34:1 LB

Paul's Example:

*'I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me has helped to spread the Good News.'* Philippians 1:12 NLT

When I face a problem with faith:

### 1. It's a \_\_\_\_\_ to unbelievers.

*'Everyone here (Roman prison), including all the soldiers in the palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ.'* Philippians 1:13 NLT

### 2. It's an \_\_\_\_\_ to believers.

*'And because of my imprisonment, many believers here have gained confidence and been encouraged to speak fearlessly in telling others about Christ.'* Philippians 1:14 NLT

### 2. Never let others control my \_\_\_\_\_.

*CRITICS: 'It's true that some others preach Christ because they are jealous of us and they like to argue.'* Philippians 1:15 TEV

*COMPANIONS (who care): 'Others preach from genuine goodwill. These do so out of love, and they know God's given me the work of defending the gospel.'* Philippians 1:16 TEV

*COMPETITORS: 'Others preach Christ insincerely from a spirit of selfish ambition.'*  
Philippians 1:17a TEV

*CHALLENGERS: 'Others just want to stir up more trouble for me and add to my pain while I am in prison.'* Philippians 1:17b TEV

Paul's Attitude:

*'But it doesn't really matter! The important thing is that in every way, whether for right or wrong reasons, the message of Christ is being shared! So I am happy, and I'll continue to be happy!'*  
Philippians 1:18 NCV

*'Be fearless, no matter who opposes you. It will be a sign to them of their downfall, that God is with you, and that he will save you.'* Philippians 1:28 NIV/LB

*'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'*  
Matthew 5:11-12 NIV

*'For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. We are in this fight together. You have seen me suffer for him in the past, and you know that I am still in the midst of a great struggle.'* Philippians 1:29-30 NLT

*'No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.'* 1 Thessalonians 5:18 LB

### 3. Trust God to always \_\_\_\_\_ things out.

*'I will continue to rejoice, for I know that as you pray for me and as the Spirit of Jesus Christ helps me, all that's happened will all turn out for my deliverance.'* Philippians 1:19 NLT

*'It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage, now as always, Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death!'* Philippians 1:20 ESV

*'Do not let your happy trust in the Lord die away, no matter what happens. Remember your reward!'* Hebrews 10:35 LB

### 4. Stay focused on my \_\_\_\_\_ not my problem.

*'If by continuing to live I can do more worthwhile work for Christ, then I am not sure which I should choose. I'm pulled in two directions! I want very much to leave this life and be with Christ, which is a far better thing; but for your sake it is much more important that I remain alive. I am sure of this, so I know that I will stay on with you all, so I can add to your progress and joy in the faith.'* Philippians 1:22-25 TEV

*'For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain!'* Philippians 1:21 NIV

### FOR ME TO LIVE IS \_\_\_\_\_.

*How YOU complete this sentence will determine your happiness*



#### SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. Read Romans 8:28 which teaches us that everything that happens in our lives, no matter how we perceive those things, is working together for the good of those who believe. Why is this true? How is it easier to experience life with the perspective that God is behind it all?
2. In Philippians 1:12, Paul demonstrates wisdom about events in his life by verbalizing God's perspective, rather than his own. Share an event in your life that turned out to be a witness to unbelievers and an encouragement to believers.
3. Read Philippians 1:15-18. Each of us can identify our critics, companions, competitors, and challengers. How does understanding their roles in our lives help us to avoid letting them control our attitude? What are some techniques we can use to overcome their specific tactics?
4. Read Philippians 1:19-20. In order to choose happiness, Paul states we should have complete faith, regardless of what the outcome may be. When we have pain, problems, pressure, or people in our lives causing us unhappiness, how does trusting God through knowing his perspective, prayers from others, the Holy Spirit's assistance, and faith in God's deliverance help us to bolster our faith and happiness?
5. Read Philippians 1:22-25. When Paul says to live is Christ and to die is gain, he clearly understood that fulfilment in life is not achieved through selfishness or self-gratification, but through self-sacrifice. While we might not be facing a life-or-death situation as Paul was, we still face decisions that lead to either selfishness or self-sacrifice. Why is it better to choose the way of sacrifice? How is that part of God's purpose for our lives as we follow Christ?

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