

Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC..... Pastor Phill
 SINGING TOGETHER Good news of great joy
 PRAYER
 SINGING TOGETHER Crown him
 UPDATES Pastor Phill
 LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Peace
 SINGING TOGETHER From the high and holy
 BIBLE READING John 14:1-11 (Church Bible page 1134)
 MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
 COMMUNION Goodness of God
 From the squalor of a borrowed stable



Christmas is ~2
 Christmas is... Presence.
 John 14:1-11

'Just show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.' John 14:8 NIV

Jesus came to _____ the world.

Jesus came to _____ what God is like.

1. Until the arrival of Jesus, there was _____.

'As for righteousness based on the law, faultless.' Philippians 3:6 NIV

'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst.' 1 Timothy 1:15 NIV

'These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.' Colossians 2:17 NIV

2. With the arrival of Jesus, there is _____.

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:1-6 NIV

3. In the arrival of Jesus, there is _____.

"If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves." John 14:7-11 NIV

Like _____, like _____.

Do not draw conclusions about God based on your _____.

Do not depend on your _____.

Do not look _____.

The reason Jesus came was to

what God is like.



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

Most Life Groups are taking a break for the Christmas period. But if your group is meeting this week, use these questions to think further on the message. But also set aside time to pray for the Christmas services, as well as using the prayer items listed in the prayer and praise section of the bulletin.

1. When you think of an outstanding father, what fictional character comes to mind? Why?
2. Now think of a real person who is an outstanding father. Why did that person come to mind?
3. Read John 14:7–10. What stands out to you? What would you say is the most important statement Jesus made in those verses? Why?
4. What could be misleading about looking to one or more of the following to understand what God is like?
 - Circumstances
 - Religious Traditions
 - Yourself
5. What do we learn about the Father from the Son?
6. When someone says that they can't believe in a God they can't see, how would you explain that Jesus is the exact representation of God the Father?

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