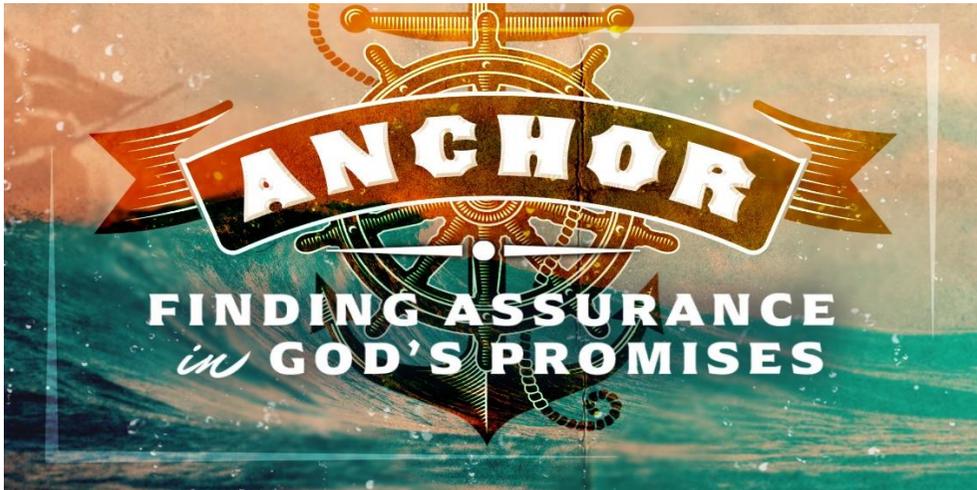


Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC.....	Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER	To God be the glory
PRAYER	
SINGING TOGETHER	Firm foundation
UPDATES	Assistant Pastor Chris
SINGING TOGETHER	Build my life
BIBLE READING	James 1:2-25 (Church Bible page 1265)
MESSAGE	Taught by Pastor Phill
COMMUNION	Your grace is enough
	Behold the Lamb
	In Christ alone



Anchor ~2
How to be anchored to the Word of God
James 1:2-25

'Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.' Matthew 7:24-27 NIV

'We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.' Hebrews 6:19 NIV

'God, my soul is weak from waiting for you to save me, but my hope is based on your word.' Psalm 119:81 GW

1. I treat God's Word as a _____.

'The Lord says, 'My people, I promise to give you my Spirit and my Word, and these will be my gifts to you and your families forever.' Isaiah 59:21 CEV

'Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.' James 1:17-18 NIV

1. God's Word is _____.
2. God's Word is _____.
3. God's Word is _____.
4. God's Word is _____.
5. God's Word is _____.

'Everything written in the past was written to teach us. The scriptures give us endurance and encouragement so that we can have hope.' Romans 15:4 NLT

2. I humbly _____ whatever God says in His Word.

'So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the message that God has planted in your hearts, for it is strong enough to save your soul.' James 1:21 NIV

'So get rid of all malicious behaviour and deceit. Don't just pretend to be good! Be done with hypocrisy and jealousy and backstabbing.' 1 Peter 2:1 NLT

'If we say we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.' 1 John 1:8-10 NLT

3. I read and _____ whatever God's Word says.

'Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.' James 1:22-25 NIV

1. _____ to God's Word.
2. _____ God's Word.
3. _____ in God's Word.
4. _____ God's Word.

'Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth, meditate on it day and night so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.' Joshua 1:8 NIV

5. _____ God's Word.

'All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do.' 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT

'Anyone who listens to my teaching and obeys me is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse, because it is built on rock. But anyone who hears my teaching and ignores it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will fall with a mighty crash.' Matthew 7:24-27 NLT



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. How do you view the Word of God? What does it mean to you?
2. Read Matthew 7:24-27. Jesus is emphasising the importance of building our life (house) upon a solid foundation of his Word and says that there are forces which will bring the house down: rain, winds, flood waters. What are the modern-day forces that attack our life as a Christian today and can erode our view of the Bible if we aren't vigilant?
3. Read Romans 15:4. How do the Scriptures anchor us?
 - Why would you consider the Scriptures to be one of God's good gifts according to James 1:17-18?
 - How is God's Word not just good moral teaching but also life-giving as James 1:18 says?
4. Read James 1:21. This verse asks us to humbly accept God's truth. Has God's Word ever challenged any of your preconceived views? If so, share a time when you had to humble yourself and accept God's truth.
5. At times, the truth of God's Word can be blocked by sin in our lives. What are some of the sins that can do this and what are the steps to repentance before we can hear God's Word?
6. James 1:22-25 is clear about receiving blessings when we do what the verse says. Discuss which of the 5 actions you find easy to do and the one you may struggle with. Talk about the blessings you have experienced in your life and witnessed in the lives of others.
7. We can meditate on God's Word by thinking about it throughout the day. If you can worry about it, you can pray about it. What are some examples of worrisome thoughts that we can replace with God's truth?
8. Discuss some practical ways in which we can be in God's Word daily and how we might help each other as a Life Group?



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