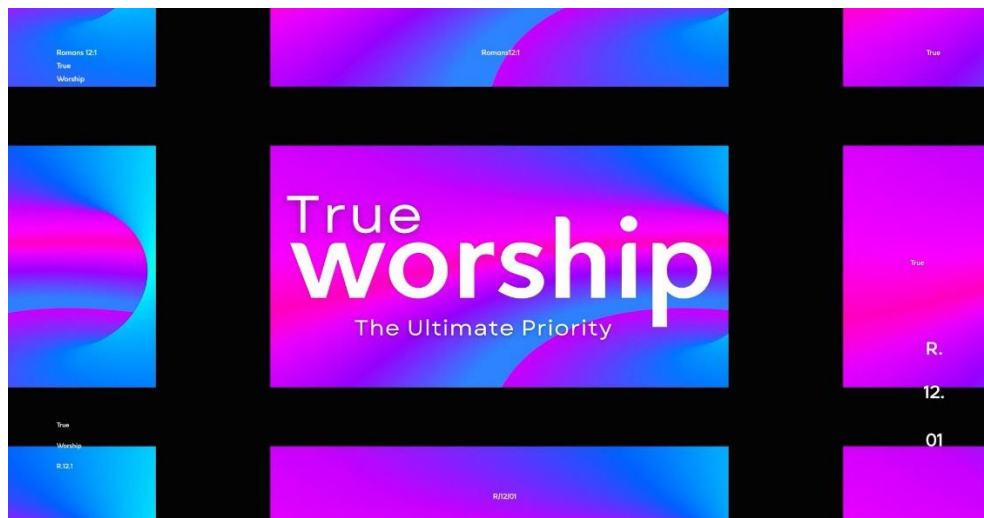


## Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC..... Ethan Brown  
 SINGING TOGETHER ..... Great things  
 PRAYER  
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## True Worship ~6

### How to worship when life doesn't make sense.

Genesis 22:1-19

*'Therefore I urge you in view of God's mercy to offer your bodies as living sacrifices wholly and pleasing to God. This is your spiritual act of worship.'*  
 Romans 12:1 NIV

*'Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."'* Genesis 22:1-5 NIV

#### 1. Stop and \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

*'Later on God tested Abraham's faith and obedience. "Abraham!" God called. "Yes," he replied. "Here I am."'* Genesis 22:1 NLT

*'Be still, and know that I am God.'* Psalm 46:10 NIV

*'Be quiet and know that I am God.'* Psalm 46:10 NCV

*'But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth.'*  
 John 16:13 NIV

*'God tested Abraham. God said, "Abraham!" "Yes?" answered Abraham. "I'm listening."'* Genesis 22:1 MSG

#### 2. Neglect what's natural and be \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

*'Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.'* Genesis 22:1-4 NIV

*'He who does not love Me will not obey My teaching. These words you hear are not My own; they belong to the Father who sent Me.'* John 14:24 NIV

*'This is what the Lord says: Because you have obeyed Me and have not withheld even your beloved son, I swear by My own self that I will bless you richly.'* Genesis 22:16-17 NLT

### 3. Rejoice and marvel over God's \_\_\_\_\_.

*'Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, let us be thankful and please God by worshipping Him with holy fear and awe.'*  
Hebrews 12:28 NLT

*'At that moment the angel of the Lord shouted to him from heaven... "Lay down the knife. Do not hurt the boy in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld even your beloved son from Me."'*  
Genesis 22:11-12 NLT

*'It was by faith that Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice when God was testing him. Abraham, who had received God's promises, was ready to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, though God had promised him, "Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted." Abraham assumed that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again.'*  
Hebrews 11:17-19 NLT

#### What does it mean to rejoice?

**It's an unbridled joy that seeps from within your \_\_\_\_\_,  
that leaps off your \_\_\_\_\_, that explodes in your \_\_\_\_\_  
and transforms your \_\_\_\_\_.**

*'Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.'*  
Isaiah 41:10 NLT



1. Read Romans 12:1. In what practical ways can our life be a spiritual act of worship?
2. Read Genesis 22:1-5. What is your initial reaction to this true account?
  - How would you feel if God asked you to do this?
3. Read Genesis 22:1. How did Abraham prove that he was listening to God, spending time with God?
  - In what ways does being quiet and listening to God make a difference in our daily lives?
4. Read Psalm 46:10. Give some examples of how we can live this verse today.
  - In what ways are our lives too noisy?
  - How might you make some changes to build in times of quiet?
5. Read Genesis 22:2-5. What strikes you about Abraham's obedience?
  - What would have come natural to Abraham?
6. Read John 14:24. How is obedience key to our faith and worship of God?
7. Read Genesis 22:16-17. Why does obedience and blessing go together?
8. In what ways can we rejoice and marvel over God's goodness?
  - Read Isaiah 41:10. How does this verse encourage you, especially when life doesn't make sense sometimes?



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