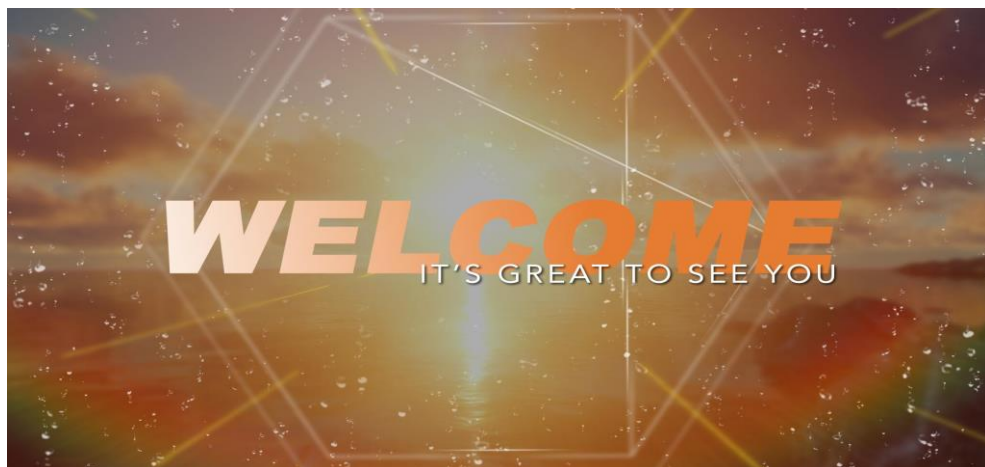


Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC..... Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER This is amazing grace
I am a new creation

PRAYER
SINGING TOGETHER Who am I (who the son sets free)
UPDATES Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Your grace is enough (freely you gave)
BIBLE READING Jonah 3:1-10 (Church Bible page 979)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Amazing grace (my chains are gone)



Jonah: Grace that is greater ~3 The God of the second chance Jonah 3:1-10

'The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."' Jonah 1:1 NIV

'And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.'
Jonah 2:10 NIV

1. The Grace of God gives us a second _____.

'Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time.' Jonah 3:1 NIV

'What I have vowed I will make good.' Jonah 2:9 NIV

2. The Grace of God gives us another _____.

"Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city—a visit required three days.'
Jonah 3:2-3 NIV

'As the crowds increased, Jesus said, "This is a wicked generation. It asks for a miraculous sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah. For as Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites, so also will the Son of Man be to this generation.' Luke 11:29-30 NIV

'On the first day, Jonah started into the city.' Jonah 3:4 NIV

3. The Grace of God brings life _____.

'On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned."' Jonah 3:4 NIV

'The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.' Jonah 3:5 NIV

'When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let any man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."'
Jonah 3:6-9 NIV

4. The Grace of God displays God's _____.

'When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.' Jonah 3:10 NIV



1. Name a famous person or people group that you doubt will ever become followers of Christ. Share your reasons for thinking this. What is the best 'second chance' story you've heard outside of the Bible?

2. Read Jonah 3:1-10. What was Jonah's response to God's word?
 - How do you know when God is speaking to you?
 - Why do you think Jonah was quick to obey the second time God spoke?
 - What thoughts do you think went through his mind?
 - How do you think he felt about going to Nineveh?
 - What seems reasonable and surprising about God's command (v2)?
3. What kind of scars do you think Jonah had from being inside the fish for three days?
 - When people asked him what happened, what do you think he told them?
 - How would Jonah's appearance and/or his story encourage the fear of the Lord in the Ninevites?
4. What message did God tell Jonah to preach? (v4)
 - How did the Ninevites respond to Jonah's message? (v5)
 - How do you account for this?
 - What did the Ninevites believe God was going to do?
 - How is God's message similar or different today?
 - Who is God wanting you to speak to about His grace?
5. Repentance is changing our mind and actions to agree with God.
 - From what did the Ninevites repent? (v8)
 - What was the king's main concern? (v9)
 - What was God's response?
 - How does this story of God's love and mercy compare to the New Testament message of His love and grace?
 - What can we learn from God's dealings with Nineveh?
6. Why didn't God just speak directly to the Ninevites instead of sending Jonah?
 - Why does God choose to use us to accomplish His will on earth?
 - How willing are you to be God's messenger and take the good news to undeserving people?
 - What evidence do you see that God is a God of second chances?

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