

Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



- WELCOME TO CEC..... Pastor Phill
- SINGING TOGETHER Strength will rise
You hold the stars (All the glory)
- PRAYER
- UPDATES Pastor Phill
- SINGING TOGETHER Christ in me (Jesus you're the hope I cling to)
Great are you Lord (It's your breath)
- BIBLE READING Ephesians 4:1-16 (Church Bible page 1227)
- MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
- SINGING TOGETHER The same power



Counter Cultural Church ~3
The inner spiritual life.
Ephesians 4:1-16

'They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.' Acts 2:42 NIV

'to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.' Ephesians 4:1 NIV

'The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.' Acts 4:1-2 NIV

'During the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people the full message of this new life." At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.' Acts 5:19-21 NIV

'So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.' Acts 6:7 NIV

'Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.' Acts 9:31 NIV

'But the word of God continued to increase and spread.' Acts 12:24 NIV

'So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.' Acts 16:5 NIV

'It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, is to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.' Ephesians 4:11-16 NIV

God's number one purpose is to make you like _____.

God wants you to become _____.

1. Spiritual growth is _____.

'In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's Word all over again.' Hebrews 5:12 NIV

'Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.' Philippians 2:12-13 NIV

'Give yourselves completely to God--every part of you--for you are back from death and you want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for his good purposes.' Romans 6:13 NIV

2. Spiritual growth is very _____.

'Take time and trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit.' 1 Timothy 4:7 JBP

3. Spiritual growth is a _____ that takes time.

'become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.' Ephesians 4:13 NIV

4. Spiritual growth is demonstrated by _____ as well as by belief.

'Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.' James 2:18 NIV

'Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show it by his good behaviour.'
James 3:13 NIV

'For though once your heart was full of darkness, now it is full of light from the Lord, and your behaviour should show it!' Ephesians 5:8 LB

'By their fruit you will recognise them.' Matthew 7:16 NIV

5. Spiritual growth is _____.

'Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.' Acts 2:46 NIV

'And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another.'
Hebrews 10:24-25 NIV

'We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death.' 1 John 3:14 NIV

'If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.' 1 John 4:20 NIV

6. Spiritual growth is _____.

'Remember today what you have learned about the Lord through your experiences with him.'
Deuteronomy 11:2 TEV

'Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways.' Proverbs 20:30 TEV

7. Spiritual growth is _____.

'I have been crucified with Christ. I no longer live but Christ lives in me. And the life I live in my body I live by the faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me.' Galatians 2:20 NIV

'it is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace.' Hebrews 13:9 NIV

'Christ carried our sins in His body on a cross so that, freed from our sins, we could live a life that has God's approval. His wounds have healed you.' 1 Peter 2:24 GW



1. Why do you think many Christians struggle with spiritual growth?
2. Read Ephesians 4:11-13. What is the role of the Pastor as described by Paul here and what is our response? Why is our response important? See Ephesians 4:14-16.
3. What does it mean and what does it look like in our lives to become like Jesus?
4. Read Hebrews 5:12. Spiritual growth requires commitment and effort to grow. It's not accidental. Its intentional. What are some of the practical ways you can do this?
5. Look at each of the 7 principles for spiritual growth. What ones do you struggle with? What ones are new information to you about spiritual growth? And what one will you start to work on this week?
6. Read Galatians 2:20. The goal of the Christian life is to live like Jesus. It's letting Jesus live inside of you. In what ways can you let Him live through you?

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