

Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO COWPLAIN CHURCH Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER God so loved (Saviour of the world)
Your love so great (You are the Lord almighty)

PRAYER
UPDATES Assistant Pastor Chris
SINGING TOGETHER Come behold the wondrous mystery
BIBLE READING 1 John 4:7-18 (Church Bible page 1279)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
COMMUNION Faithful One
When I survey
I stand amazed in the presence



Anchor ~10 How to know and feel the love of God 1 John 4:7-18

'We know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.' 1 John 4:16 NIV

I. WHY PEOPLE AVOID GOD

FEAR #1: That I'll have to give up my _____.
'God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.' 1 Timothy 6:17 NIV

'The Son of Man [Jesus] came enjoying life.' Matthew 11:19 JBP

FEAR #2: That I'll become a _____.
'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full!' John 10:10 NIV

FEAR #3: That I'll lose my _____.
'If the Son sets you free, then you will be really free!' John 8:36 TEV

'There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear.' 1 John 4:18 NIV

II. HOW MUCH GOD LOVES ME

'I pray that you will grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.'
Ephesians 3:17-18 NIV

1. God's love is wide enough to include _____.
'The Lord is...loving toward all He has made.' Psalm 145:17 NIV

2. God's love is long enough to last _____.
'I have loved you with an everlasting love.' Jeremiah 31:3 NIV

'God's love will last for all time.' Psalm 69:2 GN

3. God's love is high enough to be _____.
'Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.' Romans 8:39 NIV

4. God's love is deep enough to meet my _____.
'My only hope is your love... for my problems are too big for me to solve and are piled over my head.' Psalm 40:11-12 LB

'The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.'
Deuteronomy 32:27 NIV

'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.' John 15:13 KJV

'But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.' Romans 5:8 NIV

III. LEARNING TO FEEL GOD'S LOVE.

1. I feel _____ rather than ashamed.

'For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.' John 3:17 NIV

'There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.' Romans 8:1 NIV

'By faith we have been made acceptable to God. And now, because of our Lord Jesus Christ, we live at peace with God.' Romans 5:1 CEV

'If God says his chosen ones are acceptable to him, can anyone bring charges against them? Or can anyone condemn them? No indeed!' Romans 8:33-34 CEV

2. I am _____ in bringing my needs to God.

'All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God! So, you should not be like cowering, fearful slaves. You should behave instead like God's very own children, adopted into his family—calling him 'Father, dear Father.' And since we are his children, we will share his treasures—for everything God gives to his Son, Christ, is ours, too.'
Romans 8:14-15, 17 NLT

'Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.' Hebrews 4:16 NIV

3. I have _____ in pain I don't understand.

'And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.' Philippians 4:7 ESV

'And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.' Romans 8:28 NIV

4. I _____ instead of worry.

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.' Matthew 22:37-38 NIV

'Give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life.' Romans 6:13b NLT

'With deep love I will take you back...' Isaiah 54:7 GN

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' John 3:16 NIV

'God showed how much he loved us by sending his only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love. It is not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other.' 1 John 4:9-11 NLT



1. When you think about the love of God, what do you immediately think of? Why?
 - People often misunderstand God's love, why do you think that is so?
 - How can tough circumstances affect our view of God's love?
2. Look at each of the three common fears as to why people avoid God. Why do people think like that and how could you help a person with each of the fears?
 - Fear: Give up my fun. Read 1 Timothy 6:17.
 - Fear: I'll become a fanatic. Read John 10:10.
 - Fear: I'll lose my freedom. Read John 8:36
3. Read Ephesians 3:17-18. How does God's love include everyone?
 - List the differences between God's love and human love.
 - How can God's love make a difference in a person's: marriage, parent/child relationship, work colleagues, friendships, enemies/people we don't get on with?
 - How is the fact that God's love is everywhere an antidote to loneliness?
4. Read Psalm 40:11-12, Deuteronomy 32:27. Why and how is God's love deep enough to meet my needs?
5. Read Matthew 22:37-38. In what ways should we respond to God's love.
6. Read 1 John 4:9-11. God loves us and expects us to love others. How can we show that type of love to others this week? List some examples.

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