Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC	Pastor Phill
	Open up the heavens
PRAYER	
SINGING TOGETHER	In the name of the Father
UPDATES	Pastor Phill
LIGHTING ADVENT CANDLE	Hope
SINGING TOGETHER	Joy has dawned
	O come O come Emmanuel
BIBLE READING	Luke 1:26-38 (Church Bible page 1078)
	Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER	Come behold the wondrous mystery



Christmas is ~1 Christmas is... Promised. Luke 1:26-38

The	of Christmas. child, a son.' Luke 2:6 NIV
1. The promise of God	d
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father's household and go	am, "Leave your country, your people and your to the land I will show you. I will make you into ess you; I will make your name great, and you
•	Il peoples on earth will be blessed through
The kingdom	of
Il will also make you a light	t for the Contiles that my solvation may reach
to the ends of the earth.' Is	t for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach saiah 49:6 NIV

"My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me, because my name will be great among the nations," says the Lord Almighty.' Malachi 1:11 NIV

Israel would	be blessed through Abraham. be a light to the Gentiles. be worshiped throughout the world.	
2. The promise of God When the set time had full Galatians 4:4 NIV	d ly come, God sent his Son, born of a woman.'	
•	el to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin man named Joseph, a descendant of David. Mary.' Luke 2:26-27 NIV	
	oms of this world do not have ity to the world.	
'to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour.' Matthew 4:8 NIV		
'The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and he will be called the son of the Most High."' Luke 2: 27-28, 31-32 NIV		
Israel God The world	_ be a light to the Gentiles. be worshiped throughout the world. be blessed through Abraham.	



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

- 1. Do you look forward to the Christmas season? Why or why not?
- 2. How familiar are you with the backstory of Christmas that was discussed in the message?
- 3. Read Genesis 12:1-3. Put yourself in Abraham's sandals. How would you have felt about hearing that promise? Would you have been obedient?
- 4. Read Isaiah 49:6, Malachi 1:11. Faith is trusting in the promises of God. We can see the fulfilment of these promises, but the people at the time would have had a hard time believing them. What promises do you find hard to believe? How can you trust God's promises even when you can't see them fulfilled yet?
- 5. Read Galatians 4:4. How does this verse encourage you to trust that God knows what he is doing both in the world and in our individual lives?
- 6. Outside of your personal experience but based on personal observation, how has the coming of Jesus blessed the world?
- 7. How has the coming of Jesus served as a blessing to you? What was missing before you came to faith?
- 8. Is there something you can do this season to bless someone else?
- 9. The story of Christmas reminds us that when God is silent, he's not necessarily still. What are the implications of that for us?



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