

Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



SINGING TOGETHER .....Led by our worship team  
Give thanks to the Lord

WELCOME TO CEC ..... Pastor Phill

SINGING TOGETHER..... Your love is amazing (Hallelujah)  
Love so great (You are the Lord almighty)

BIBLE READING ..... 1 John 4:7-21

MESSAGE .....Taught by Pastor Phill

COMMUNION SONGS ..... Jesus you endured my pain (because of your love)  
How deep the Fathers love for us

CLOSING SONG ..... There is a redeemer



**Reboot #3**  
**Understanding real love**  
**1 John 4:7-21**

**Four Principles About Love:**

**1. Love must be directed toward \_\_\_\_\_ and provided to \_\_\_\_\_ in forms that resemble God.**

*“Let love be your highest goal.” 1 Corinthians 14:1 NLT*

*“Jesus replied, ‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.”*

*Matthew 22:37-38 NLT*

*“We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in him. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Christ here in this world. Such love has no fear because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of judgment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. We as a result of his loving us first.” 1 John 4:16-19 NLT*

**2. Love is not \_\_\_\_\_. Love is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the heart.**

*“A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ All the other commandments and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:39 NLT*

*“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 you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbour as yourself,” you are doing right.” James 2:8 NIV*

*“Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.” 1 Peter 4:8 NLT*

*“Everything you do must be done with love.” 1 Corinthians 16:14 NLT*



*“For you have been called to live in freedom—not freedom to satisfy your sinful nature, but freedom to serve one another in love.” Galatians 5:13 NLT*

*“Pay all your debts, except the debt of love for others. You can never finish paying that! If you love your neighbour, you will fulfil all the requirements of God's law.” Romans 13:8 NLT*

### **3. Love is full of \_\_\_\_\_ acts of choosing to act in the best \_\_\_\_\_ of another.**

*“Anyone who doesn't love me will not do what I say. And remember, my words are not my own. This message is from the Father who sent me.” John 14:24 NLT*

*“But if anyone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need and refuses to help—how can God's love be in that person? Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions.” 1 John 3:17-18 NLT*

### **4. Love is the greatest of all \_\_\_\_\_ and the highest of all \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“If I could speak in any language in heaven or on earth but didn't love others, I would only be making meaningless noise like a loud gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I knew all the mysteries of the future and knew everything about everything, but didn't love others, what good would I be? And if I had the gift of faith so that I could speak to a mountain and make it move, without love I would be no good to anybody. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would be of no value whatsoever.” 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 NLT*

*“There are three things that will endure—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:13 NLT*

*“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 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 8:38-39 NIV*





## SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. Why do we all have limits to our love towards others?
2. Read Matthew 22:37-39. Jesus said nothing in the Bible is more important than learning to love God with all your heart and learning to love everybody else. Why is this so important?
3. Life is all about learning to love. Do you agree or disagree with that statement?
4. What are some of the real reasons why it is hard to love other people? See Galatians 5:13.
5. Read 1 John 4:16-19. How do you think God's perfect love can remove all fears? Why do you think love and living in God gives you boldness?
6. Read 1 John 3:18. Love requires action to show compassion. Share a time someone did something for you or someone you know that showed God's love at a time it was needed most.
7. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3. Others should be able to look at Christians and see what love looks like. What are examples of how others could see what love looks like by looking at Christians? Give an example of how others might see love in action by observing you.

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