

Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC..... Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Great things
Guardian

PRAYER
UPDATES Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Bless God
You give rest (I will say)

BIBLE READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 (Church Bible page 721)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER It is well with my soul



Faith in action ~4 How to wait in faith. Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

'God does everything just right and on time, but people can never completely understand what he is doing.' Ecclesiastes 3:11 NCV

WHAT TO REMEMBER WHILE WAITING ON GOD:

1. Remember there's sometimes a _____.

'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven... A time to plant and a time to harvest... a time to scatter and a time to gather...' Ecclesiastes 3:1-5 NIV

2. Remember there's an unseen _____ going on.

'We are not struggling and fighting against human beings but against evil spiritual forces in the heavenly realm—the rulers, authorities, and powers of darkness.' Ephesians 6:12 TEV

'Daniel, greatly loved of God, listen carefully to what I have to say to you. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven.' Daniel 10:10-11 NLT

'I have come in answer to your prayer. But for twenty-one days the mighty Evil Spirit who overrules the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the top officers of the heavenly army, came to help me, so that I was able to break through these spirit rulers of Persia. Now I am here to tell you what will happen.' Daniel 10:13-14 LB

3. Remember God is preparing me for his _____.

'There is wonderful joy ahead, even though it is necessary for you to endure many trials for a while. These troubles test your faith, to show that it is strong and pure, just as fire tests and purifies gold—and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold.' 1 Peter 1:6-7 NLT

'Waiting does not diminish us any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We don't see what is enlarging us, but the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy. Meanwhile, when we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't

know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He prays in us and for us... He knows us far better than we know ourselves, and knows our pregnant condition... That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.' Romans 8:24-28 MSG

'People who lived in the past became famous because of their faith.'
Hebrews 11:2 ICB

'After waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.' Hebrews 6:15 NIV

4. Remember God always keeps his _____.
God says, "At the time I have decided, my words will come true. You can trust what I say about the future. It may take a long time, but keep on waiting—it will happen!"
Habakkuk 2:3 CEV

WHAT TO DO WHILE WAITING ON GOD:

1. _____ the lessons of waiting.

'At the Lord's direction, Moses kept a written record of their progress.'
Numbers 33:2 NLT

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

'God, teach me lessons for living so I can stay the course.' Psalm 119:33 MSG

2. _____ in faith while waiting.

'Jesus said, "I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.'" Mark 11:24 NIV

'God calls things that are not as though they were.' Romans 4:17 NIV

3. Develop spiritual _____ while waiting.

'We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.' Hebrews 6:12 NIV

'Keep on putting into practice all you learned from me and heard from me and saw me doing.' Philippians 4:9 NLT

• Keep on _____.

'Keep on asking, and you will be given what you ask for. Keep on looking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened!' Matthew 7:7 NLT

• Keep on _____.

'Never be lazy in your work, but serve the Lord enthusiastically.' Romans 12:11 NLT

• Keep on _____.

'Don't give up your habit of meeting with other believers. Instead keep on encouraging each other!' Hebrews 10:25 NIV

'You must keep on believing the things you have been taught. You know they are true.'
2 Timothy 3:14 LB

4. _____ God while waiting.

'Even when I am afraid, I keep on trusting you.' Psalm 56:3 CEV

'So let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while, at the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up.' Galatians 6:9 LB



1. Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-14. Discuss how waiting on God has affected your spiritual, marital or financial well-being.

2. It is important to remember that there is an unseen spiritual battle between God and Satan going on and we Christians are

in the middle of it. Read Ephesians 6:12 and share your experiences of how delay was not a denial from God.

3. Read Daniel 10:11-13. The good news is that God has power over the enemy's attack. Share a time when you were discouraged because your prayers were not being answered. Which of God's promises can you claim against the darts of the enemy?

4. Read Hebrews 6:12. Waiting is not passive; imitating the habits that grow strong faith builds personal maturity.

- Keep praying: How do your prayers reflect your belief that your dream will be fulfilled?
- Keep on serving: In what ways do you think God blesses you when you are serving?
- Keep going to church: How does God use a fellowship of believers to encourage and uplift when life's delays happen? What can your Life Group do to help other members when their dreams are postponed?
- How do you think God can use these to refine you when your dream is delayed?

5. Waiting tests our character, trust, endurance and faith. Think about a time in the past when you waited on the Lord. How did your life enlarge because of God's holdup?