

Order of Service - August 23, 2020

Worship Team.....	Wonder This Is Amazing Grace Whole Heart (Hold Me Now)
Welcome	
Message.....	Senior Pastor Jay Bruner Finding Center (Week 1)
Offering/Dismissal	

HOW TO DISCOVER A GOD-CENTERED LIFE

...no longer be infants ...grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. Ephesians 4:14-15 (NIV)

HOW TO BEGIN A GOD-CENTERED LIFE: (Ephesians 1)

1. Recognize that life is about **“His-Story.”** Life is about **God’s** narrative story.

Even before He made the world, God... Ephesians 1:4 (NLT)

For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible... got started in Him and finds its purpose in Him...

Colossians 1:16 (MSG)

2. Understand that God’s plan was/is to **create** a family.

*...God loved us (His people) and chose us **in Christ** to be holy and without fault in His eyes. Ephesians 1:4 (NLT)*

Then God said, “Let us (The Father, Son & Holy Spirit) make human beings in our image, to be like us (Holy and Perfect) ... So God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God He created them; male and female He created them. Genesis 1:26-27 (NLT)

3. Embrace that mankind (including me) **failed** in that plan and has become **separated** from God. (Sin)

*He (God) is so rich in kindness and grace that He purchased **our freedom** with the blood of His Son and forgave our **sins**.*

Ephesians 1:7 (NLT)

*For the wages (price) of sin is death... **Romans 6:23 (NLT)***

*For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. **John 3:17-18 (NIV)***

4. Understand that God created a way to make us right again.

God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure. So we praise God for the glorious grace He has poured out on us who belong to His dear Son. Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

*For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. **2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)***

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast. **Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)***

5. Choose to believe in and follow Jesus Christ, or not.

*... I am writing to God's holy people in Ephesus (believers), who are faithful followers of Christ Jesus. **Ephesians 1:1b (NLT)***

How to become a faithful follower: Make Jesus your CHRIST and LORD.

*For the wages (price) of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through **Christ Jesus our Lord**. **Romans 6:23 (NLT)***

Christ means "Savior" and Lord means "Master."

Going deeper on your own: Review the lesson from today, and then read Romans 10:9-10. Have you ever accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord? If not, do it today. Right where you are, pray and ask the Lord to forgive you for your sins, tell him you accept what He has done for you, and then commit to make Him your Lord. After you pray this prayer, write to Pastor Jay at jay@CenterPointChurch.com. He would love to encourage you and provide next steps to take on your journey.