

## WORSHIP

### SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

No Other Name, All Because of Jesus, What a Beautiful Name

## WELCOME

**The Change.** What has been the most significant change in your life ever since you surrendered your life to God?

## WORD

### MATTHEW 24:35

*"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away..."*

### CHANGING TIMES, UNCHANGING GOD

Times have always changed. The reality is that it's changing at a more rapid pace that we are actually unable to keep up with the rate of change.

Have you ever wondered what passes away and what abides? What moves on and what remains forever? The world changes but God's Word remains eternally true. It was timely when it was given and its implication is timeless. God's Word, the Holy Scripture, is truth. It is inspired by the Holy Spirit, therefore, it cannot be broken.

God talks of three important changes in our life that will ultimately help us understand Him, the unchanging God.

### FORMATION

The first greatest change in our lives is when He brought us into the world from non-being into being. He has brought us from non-existence to existence. The day we were conceived is an amazing event of how God infused His signature to our yet unformed body in our mother's womb (**Psalm 139:13-14**). God's imprint is upon us.

When we think about the miracle of our birth, it is unparalleled, incomparable to any adorable painting, incredible medical invention, or even an awesome luxury car. From a single fertilized ovum, in over nine months, billions of cells soon appear. Just in our eyes alone there are already over a hundred million cells. If our DNA, the alphabet of our singular uniqueness, is written on the pages of an encyclopedia with 500 words per page, it will take a thousand volumes to write. We cannot be duplicated, we are irreplaceable. God has formed each one of us unique. We are

fearfully and wonderfully made by Him. This is why we do not need to be somebody else.

Mark Twain made a comment that the two most important days in our lives are: the day we were born and the day we find out why. Think about it, we did not choose to be born. Even our parents did not frame our innermost being. God is solely responsible for that. You may have a physical malady but even in the midst of pain and disability, He is drawing you closer and closer to Him. Find out why He has brought you into this world and once you understand that why, many of the "what" can be explained as well.

### TRANSFORMATION

The second greatest change in our lives moves from formation into transformation. God takes you and brings new hungers and desires in your life.

There is the temptation to make everything intellectual and cerebrally driven. This is the reason why some Christians conjure too many questions to the point of doubting and walking out from the faith. While it is okay to have questions, never ever doubt God. When we try to answer the mystery of this world without God, we will have more doubts than we ever had. The questions, by itself, assume purpose, design, reasoning, order, and values which do not just come at random. None of these are self-evident. These existential longings of our heart tell us that life must make sense. These arise only if life has a Designer—one who is behind all that causes us to hunger after life's design and everything about it.

But we cannot just have intellectual realities about God. For we are not the one looking for God, He was the one always looking for us. He has been following us all along even though we were not thinking of

## WORD (cont'd)

Him. Ultimately, it is our own conversion to Christ that can cast away our doubts and persuade us like no intellectual arguments can. We need to experience Him, the indwelling presence of the living Christ that changes our lives and gives us a new direction as our old self passes away. We need to feel the reality of that transformation; otherwise, our faith will be reduced to doctrines, ideas, and propositions.

### TRANSLATION

The third change that God makes in our lives is our consummation or translation from this world into the world to come. God has told us again and again that there is a heaven prepared for us. In His presence there is fullness of joy and a pleasure that is forevermore. It is amazing to realize that life does not end with the grave. Someday the strength of our youth will be gone and all that we know may fade

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

*(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)*

1. **Changeless Word.** What does not change according to **Matthew 24:35**? How is this true to you?
2. **For Real.** Have you ever experienced the reality of God in your life? How did it help you grow your faith in Him?
3. **Right with God.** Are you right with God today? In what ways can you continue to be right with God?

## WORKS

### PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Engage people using #LifeGoals. A new engage material developed by CCF that you can use to share Jesus with your friends, family, and eventually start a small group with them, in obedience to Jesus' mission for us to make disciples and multiply.

Check the web link: [lifegoals.ccf.org.ph](http://lifegoals.ccf.org.ph) for the details of the leaders' and facilitators' training schedule.

from our memory. But it is our faith in God that is going to carry us through. Jesus has prepared a place for us so that wherever He is, we will be with Him also (**John 14:2-3**). This is the only hope in this world for all of us.

In this life we may not figure out everything, we have unanswered questions, and perhaps we see life does not make sense. But when we get to heaven, Jesus will tell us the whole story of life. He will answer the many questions we have.

Our formation, transformation, and translation are the three great changes that God brings into our lives. These will help us arrive at the realization that though times are changing, God does not change. But our unchanging God is changing us for His glory and we are to reflect His eternal splendor.

### WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

#### I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

#### II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

#### III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

#### IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

#### V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends