

We start with a question: what is a Christian? Paul answers this partially by saying a Christian is someone who lives in submission to God, is selfless, and is willing to suffer for the sake of the gospel. Does this sound like your life? All true believers will strive towards these goals!

Call to Worship

Psalm 98:4-9

# Songs of Praise

My Heart Is Yours Lord I Need You

## Announcements and Offering

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## **Confession of Faith - New City Catechism**

#### Q 46. What is the Lord's Supper?

A. Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread and to drink from the cup in thankful

remembrance of him and his death. The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the presence of God in our midst; bringing us into communion with God and with one another; feeding and nourishing our souls. It also anticipates the day when we will eat and drink with Christ in his Father's kingdom.

References - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

## Song of Declaration

Homecoming

## Sermon - Christian Character

Sermon Scripture - Philippians 2:19-30

#### Introduction

• What is Jesus referencing in Matthew 7:20?

#### **Submission**

- What is one of the main avenues God has provided to help us grow in Christian walk?
  - Ephesians 4:11-13
- Where do we see Paul's submission to the Lord?
  - Philippians 2:19
  - Philippians 2:24
- What "cost" has Paul experienced in terms of his faith (2 Corinthians 11:23-27)?

## **Selfless**

- What is the first thing Paul notes about Timothy?
  - Philippians 2:20
- How does Timothy model Jesus?
  John 13:35
- What is Timothy's ultimate goal?
  - Philippians 2:21
  - Matthew 6:33

# Suffering

- What is one way we can gauge how important something is to us?
- What did Epaphroditus do?
  - Philippians 2:25
  - Philippians 2:30
- What is one of the major fallacies of the Christian faith today?

## Communion

## **Song of Response**

Just To Be With You

## **Benediction**

- 1. What is a Christian? Is it possible to know if someone is a Christian without them telling you?
- 2. What traits are normally associated with Christian (both positive and negative)?
- 3. What is the most difficult aspect of submitting your life completely to God?
- 4. Read 2 Corinthians 11:23-27. Do you believe you would have continued to be as active in your faith if you shared Paul's experience?
- 5. What is the best way to determine what is most important in our lives? What do your current actions say is most important to you?
- 6. What is the greatest trial or difficulty you have faced during your Christian walk? Did this have any affect on you?