

## Becoming A Christ Follower

God loved the world and sent His Son, Jesus, to save us. He died on the cross in our place to forgive us (John 3:16, Romans 5:8). Now, we can be reconciled to God, to each other, and to the world. Change happens when we turn from our sin, trust in Jesus, and seek to follow Him (Acts 3:19-20, John 1:12). We can have a new life and be who we were created to be (II Corinthians 5:17).

As God's love works through us, we point the world to Jesus so that they can be restored to God (II Corinthians 5:18-21). We now can live in a way that *gives* God glory (Romans 11:36).

Would you like to receive the forgiveness of Jesus? Would you like to be a part of His mission? Prayer can be the first step to changing your story.

*Dear God,*

*Thank You for the way You've entered our story and for the invitation to join in Yours. I recognize that part of the reason the world is this way is because of my sin. I know that my sin has broken my relationship with You and with others. No matter how hard I try I can't fix this problem. I believe that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for my sins. I believe that through His resurrection everything can be made new. I surrender to You. Help me to stop living my way and to follow Jesus and His way.*

In Jesus' name, Amen.

If you are a guest, thanks for joining us today. We're glad you're here!

You're invited to bring the enclosed Care Card to the Information Desk in the foyer to learn more about the ministries of CVC and receive a gift we have for you.

About our offering: Your presence today is your gift to us.

## CUYAHOGA VALLEY CHURCH

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2010  
SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2010

### Order of Worship

Greeting / Announcements

Worship

*Brian Howell, Worship Arts Pastor*

Today's Talk

*Rick Duncan, Senior Pastor / Teacher*

Worship / Offering

Closing Prayer

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CVC is passionate about helping you connect with our Lord, and has designed today's service to encourage, challenge, and strengthen each of us in our own spiritual journey.

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LOVE GOD  
Worship



**15** Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

**16** For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world.

**17** And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

**I John 2:15-17 (ESV)**

Jesus, may my desires for...

\_\_\_\_\_ not turn into \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ not turn into \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ not turn into \_\_\_\_\_.

“If we consider the unblushing promises of rewards promised in the gospels, it would seem that our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling around with [temporal] drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy has been offered to us. We are far too easily pleased, like an ignorant child who goes on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by an offer of a holiday at the sea.”

**C. S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory***

***A prayer inspired by 1 John 2:15-17:***

O Lord, the world is so attractive and alluring. I confess that its bait tempts me to nibble and then causes me to devour. Often, my love for the world increases while my love for You decreases. Transform me into a person who loves You and loves not the world or the things in the world. Show me what worldly loves in my life must be forsaken. Jesus, may my desire for pleasure not turn into hedonism. May my desire for treasure not turn into materialism. May my desire for power and impact not turn into egoism. Transform my worldly, temporal desires into godly, eternal desires. Teach me that worldly pleasures and treasures are fleeting and that the pursuit of them is foolish. Grant that I may prove my love for You by truly doing Your will. And may I know that I will abide with You forever.

**A truth to take home:**

\_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_.

**A change to take on:**

- I am receiving Jesus as my Lord and Savior today. Please help me grow in Christ.
- I would like to be baptized.
- Please tell me more about joining a Community Group at CVC.
- I will use the prayer from 1John 2:15-17 to guide my prayers for the next 7 days.
- God has spoken to me today about giving up this worldly pleasure (\_\_\_\_\_) so that I can demonstrate my love to Him more.
- I will say “no” to buying (\_\_\_\_\_) and say “yes” to giving to (\_\_\_\_\_).
- Here’s something I know I am supposed to do in order to live for the line – to accomplish the will of God for my life: \_\_\_\_\_.