

Program:

Saturday:

8.30 arrival for gam start

9am session 1 - Daniel 1 - the Lord who rules

10.30 morning tea

11am session 2 - Daniel 2 - the Lord of power and wisdom

12.30 lunch

1.30pm

#1 small group discussion on Daniel 1&2

#2 workshop on devotion materials and practise

free time

6pm fandom dinner and family fun

Sunday:

8.30 breakfast

10am session 3 - Daniel 3 - the Lord who saves

11am morning tea

11.30 small group reflections on Daniel 3

12.30 wrap-up

Session 1
the Lord who rules

Daniel 1

the times are they a changin'?

1. the Lord rules in judgment (vv1-2)

the Lord's people

the Lord
Jeremiah 25.3-9

O Great God

Words & Music by Bob Kauflin

O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forever more.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your spirit gave me life, opened up Your word to me
through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life, that's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul, from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised, with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your name through me.

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Live For The Kingdom

by Rob Smith

Hear the good news, repent and believe
Follow the Saviour and everything leave
Taking the yoke that's easy and light
Dressed for the battle,
equipped for the fight
Learn from the master to sacrifice all
Gladly obeying his call

Chorus

Now is the moment, the day of salvation
This is the hour to be serving the king
Bearing the gospel, go to the nations
Now is the time for our tribute to bring
And live for the kingdom
And give God the glory and honour and praise
Live for the kingdom, all of our days

Love one another, care for the lost
Learn to live simply and carry your cross
Jesus is near, so stand and be strong
Lift up your hearts in the victory song
When you're mistreated,
be certain to bless
Seeking his righteousness

Chorus

Learn to pray daily - Your kingdom come
And may your will on this earth soon be done
Forgive our sins as we forgive
Strengthen us while in these bodies we live
So we might work for that glorious day
When sin and death pass away.

Chorus

2. the Lord rules in exile (vv3-20)

the Lord's people

the Lord

Jeremiah 25.3-9

3. the Lord rules in faithfulness (v21)

Isaiah 45.13

1Peter 2.23

Session 2
the Lord of power and wisdom

Daniel 2

Uncertainty?

1. foolish power (vv1-13)

Lift up your heads

by Emu Music

Why should the gates of heaven be closed?
Is there no one pure?
Who can ascend the hill of the Lord?
Is there no one worthy?

Look now! Lift up your heads
The King is returning x2
Jesus, mighty to save Riding in glory
Jesus, the conquering King

See how he leads the ones he has freed
from the power of sin
Joy on their face, they follow him in
the redeemed are singing

Look now! Lift up your heads
The King is returning x2
Jesus, mighty to save Riding in glory
Jesus, the conquering King

Open you gates, be lifted you doors
Let the sun arise
Heaven be filled with anthems of Joy
to the King of Glory

Look now! Lift up your heads
The King is returning x2
Jesus, mighty to save Riding in glory
Jesus, the conquering King

Servants Of The Gospel

Words & Music by Bryson Smith Philip Percival

Though we were undeserving, Christ died to wash us clean.
He bore the Father's anger, while nailed upon the tree.
In darkness and in turmoil, the Judgement fell on Him
bringing us forgiveness, that new life might begin.

Chorus

As servants of the gospel
Christ's work we carry on
that through our prayer and witness
by grace we might win some.
We call on every nation
to turn to Christ the Lord
refuge in his mercy
and marvel at his love.

The grave could not contain him. From death the son broke free
Exalted by his Father, to rule eternally.
And in his grace he calls us, to be His chosen church.
As his holy temple, His priests to all the earth.

Chorus

Marked with his Holy Spirit, and guided by his word
Christ gathers us together, prepares us for good works.
And so with grace apportioned, we serve each others needs.
Sharing in each blessing, and helping in our grief.

Chorus

2. humble wisdom (vv14-30)

3. the Lord of wisdom and power (vv31-39)

the "wisdom" & "power" of the world

the wisdom & power of the Lord.

Session 3
the Lord who saves

Daniel 3

approval...

1. The powerful call to conform to false worship (vv1-7)

In His Name

© 2010 Luke Woodhouse, Nathan Walter & Gavin Perkins Chorus adapted from Charles Wesley, 1739

1. The prophets saw in ages past. Light in the distant dawn
The King is bound in agony. Will rise to life again
And in his name a saving word. Release from every stain
And in the darkness we have heard. This is God's only plan (X2)

Chorus

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great redeemer's praises
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2. The Son of God now in the flesh. He seeks to save the lost
A King who left his majesty. Behind to set us free
And in his name a saving word. Release from every stain
And in the darkness we have heard. This is God's only plan (X2)

Chorus

3. His Spirit gives us words to speak, 'Jesus Christ is Lord'
And as he breaks the hardest heart. He's worshipped and adored
And in his name a saving word. Release from every stain
And in the darkness we have heard. This is God's only plan (X2)

Chorus (x2)

Come praise and glorify

Words and music: Michael Morrow © 2008

Come praise and glorify our God, The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms, His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight, He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through His Son eternally

CHORUS

To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves

VERSE 2

Come praise and glorify our God, Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away, Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us, The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all, His purpose to fulfil

CHORUS

VERSE 3

Come praise and glorify our God, For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal, The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope, Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise, To God, the Three in One

CHORUS

2. the perilous refusal to conform to false worship (vv8-23)

Matthew 10.28

3. the praise of the Lord who alone deserves worship (vv24-30)

Isaiah 43.1-2

Ideas and things I want to keep thinking about:



Come hear the angels sing

Words and music: Michael Morrow © 2008

1: Come hear the angels sing
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
Gathering round the throne
Hail the Son of Man Hail the Son of Man
Not for their sin He died
It was no angel crucified
And yet they hold Him in their sight
And live to praise their Lord

2: Come hear the elders sing
As they fall in praise to the Lamb
Bowing before the throne
Laying down their crowns Laying down their crowns
They praise Him for His blood
With which He purchased men for God
They praise the Saviour of the world
The Lamb He is their Lord

Chorus: Hear the heavens shout. Worthy is the Lamb
All creation bows. Giving glory to the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb

3: What is the song we'll sing
As we join in heaven with our God
A people from every land
Crowding round the Lamb Crowding round the Lamb
We'll sing salvation's song
How many million voices strong
We'll sing the glory of our King
Of Jesus Christ our Lord

Chorus:

Across the lands

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You're the word of God the Father from before the world began
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand
All Creation holds together by the power of your voice
Let the skies declare Your glory; Let the land and seas rejoice!

CHORUS

You're the Author of creation;
You're the Lord of ev'ry man;
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels, Came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven For the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry; With a word You calmed the sea;
Yet how silently You suffered That the guilty may go free!

CHORUS

With a shout You rose victorious, Wresting vict'ry from the grave,
And ascended into heaven, Leading captives in Your way.
Now You stand before the Father, Interceding for Your own;
From each tribe and tongue and nation,
You are leading sinners home!"

CHORUS

Reflective questions 1

1. In what ways do you feel as if you are living as an exile in a foreign country?

2. What are your reflections concerning Nebuchadnezzar and him representing the authority & power of our world?

3. In what ways are you challenged by the example of Daniel & the 3 men?

4. What truths of the Lord God have encouraged & comforted you? How might these serve as a foundation for you to be courageously faithful this week?

Reflective questions 2

1. In what ways do you hear "the music of this world" enticing you to false worship?

2. What perils face us if refuse to conform to the false worship of our world?

3. What are your responses to the courageous faith of Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego?

4. Share the comfort you feel from the words "You are mine". How might those words help you be courageously faithful this week?

Songs

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Devotions - Time Alone With God:

Top Tips:

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Making the most of a church weekend away

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The church weekend away: you're in an unfamiliar environment, missing the comforts of home, and hanging out with people you generally only see for short stretches of time once—or maybe twice—per week. It sounds like too much hard work! But every now and then, it's worth giving up some creature comforts in order to build up the church community.

Modern life has compressed church meetings to a couple of hours per week with, perhaps, an extra meeting for Bible study at some other time. This is a big contrast to the early church: in Acts 2, the early Christians were meeting together daily, eating and worshipping. Heaven will be a bit like this: the emphasis is on the gathering, not on individuals (Rev 7:9-10).

Going away for the weekend with a group of Christians provides a different sort of gathering to that of church, with different opportunities for ministry. During a standard church meeting, you worship together (hear a bible talk, sing some songs and pray together), and then you have a short period of time in which you might have a brief conversation with one or two people, and perhaps meet a new person. If you're particularly gifted at hospitality, you might end up having lunch (or dinner) with someone after the service. But the scope of community is limited. However, on a church camp, you have far more opportunities for worship, for conversation and to share meals. If you want to make the most of these opportunities, it's best to go about it mindfully.

Different people respond to the challenges of a church weekend away in different ways. Some seek extra opportunities to serve the people around them, avoiding conversations with others where possible along the way. Others seek their own comfort without thinking about anyone else. Neither approach is necessarily a godly one.

Here are some things to consider when thinking about how to make the most of your church camp:

- When will you do your personal Bible reading? How could you encourage other people (who wouldn't normally try) to engage in personal Bible read-

ing themselves? (It helps if there is dedicated time for this in the program.)

- Who at church have you never spoken to? Have a look through your church directory, pick some people and organize a time to have a meal with them over the course of the weekend.
- Are you assigned to a particular small group for the weekend? Find out who is in your group ahead of time so that you know who they are and how you can best serve them.
- Where do people gather during the camp and what opportunities could you create for conversation? Maybe you could bring some kind of food or drink to share (being mindful of allergies, of course).
- How much rest will you need during the weekend? How will this affect when you go to bed and when you get up? This may mean encouraging people to turn in for the night, but it may also mean being prepared to sacrifice some sleep for a long, in-depth conversation.
- Keep an eye out for people who might be feeling left out and look for ways to include them.

Remember that not everyone thrives on prolonged conversations with people. Give them space if needed. Camp organizers can facilitate this by providing quiet areas where people can be together, but not engaging one another. Perhaps this sort of thing could form one of the free time activities.

Organizing a church weekend away is a lot of work. Here are some tips on how to assist the people putting the camp together:

- Block out the camp dates in your diary as soon as they're announced. Register as soon as registrations are open and pay promptly in full.
- Volunteer to help out as early as possible. Volunteer with specific ideas for what you can do. Be prepared: if you're looking to be involved in the children's ministry, you will need to comply with child protection guidelines for your denomination (e.g. you may need to undergo a background check).
- Look for opportunities to encourage the people who are running the camp and its activities. It can be a long, thankless task.
- Think about who you can travel up and back with: some of the best conversations you will have often happen during travel.
- Arrange to have some free time after camp so that you can stay back and help with pack-up and transport. Or enjoy some recovery time before normal life starts up again. You might feel sad about the transition back to post-camp life (even if you didn't particularly enjoy the camp), so it might be helpful to catch up with a friend who wasn't away on the weekend with you.