



Weekend Away
3-5 February 2023

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Name:

Timetable

Friday

17.00 - 18.00	Kids' tea
18.30 - 20.30	Supper
21.00 - 21.30	Welcome and introduction to the weekend

Saturday

07.30 - 09.30	Breakfast
08.30 - 09.00	Prayer meeting
10.00 - 11.00	Session 1
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee
11.30 - 13.00	Session 2 & group time
12.30	Kids' lunch
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 18.20	Free time
16.30	Afternoon tea & cakes
17.00 - 17.45	Kids' tea
18.20 - 19.00	Drinks reception: Thinking about the future...
19.00 - 20.15	Supper
20.15 - 21.00	Evening entertainment

Sunday

Please check out by 11am

07.30 - 09.30	Breakfast
10.15 - 10.30	Prayer meeting
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee
11.00 - 12.30	Morning church / session 3
12.30	Lunch
14.00	Arrange own transport home

Treasured & Trashed 1

1 Peter 1v1-12

The big idea: This world is not our home / we belong to God

Whole book:

- Know your God given identity (1:1 – 2:10)
- Live radical lives in line with your identity (2:9 – 3:22)
- Stand firm through suffering until home (4:1 – 5:22)

INDUCTION to the *new you*

i) A new status: Elect (v1-2)

challenge: worth / self esteem

ii) A new home: Heaven (v3-5)

challenge: what we long for

iii) A new joy: even through tough times (v6-9)

challenge: outlook on life

iv) A new privilege: the good news (v10-12)

challenge: do we value – not just the Bible
– but what the Bible gives us?

Conclusion:

Questions for discussion:

1. We are God's elect / chosen (v1-2): how does this challenge the way I see myself in this world?
2. **How much do we think about heaven (v3-5)? Be honest! What stops us? How do these verses help us get excited about heaven?**
3. We have a new joy: even through tough times (v6-9). How does this challenge what we expect from this life? Why does that matter?
4. How do v10-12 help me value God's word more?

Extension questions:

- a) Why does Peter start his letter like this?
- b) Given what Peter has said here - Is it possible to be keen without being extreme?

Treasured & Trashed 2

1 Peter 1v13-19

Introduction:

Loosen your grip on this world,
by grasping the world to come

1. Think like an exile (v13)

'set your hope fully'

2. Live like an exile (v14-16)

'be holy in all your conduct'

3. Fearfully depend on God like an exile (v17- 19)
'conduct yourselves with fear'

Conclusion:

Questions for discussion:

1. When can we feel like we're missing out for being Christians?
2. How should 'setting our hope fully' on the world to come help us?
3. If we believe that God knows best, why don't we like being told to 'be holy'? Where does this most get under the skin for us? Why is it important that a 'kill-joy / restrictive' view of God is challenged?
4. In v17 Peter says we should 'conduct ourselves with fear' as exiles. Why is a healthy fear of God good for Christians? How does v18-19 rightly motivate us?
5. Spend some time in prayer together

Treasured & Trashed 3

1 Peter 1v22- 5v14

The story so far:

Talk 1: Christians must understand our NEW identity:

- We don't belong to the world
- We belong to heaven & have a living hope in heaven

Talk 2: Christians must think & live our NEW identity:

- We don't belong to the world
- We do belong to God

Now: Talk 3:

A: LOVE EACH OTHER (1v22)

Sincere brotherly love

...as defined by God's Word

Questions: Think of examples of what 'sincere brotherly love' might look like? Where could you / we improve on showing this sort of love?

B: SPEAK UP (2v9)

Proclaim Jesus to the world

We are God's own possession

...everyone else faces judgement

So: proclaim Jesus to the world

Questions: Read v9a: In what situations would it be good to remember our privileged status? Read v9b: How can we encourage each other to 'proclaim God's excellencies' (ie JESUS) to the world?

C: LEAD EXCELLENT PUBLIC LIVES (2v12):

We are God's people,
...so we should be God's People,
...to make others God's people.

Personal reflection: Why do I like to keep my Christian faith to myself?

Confession

D: YOU WILL SUFFER (4v3-4)

Not joining in with the world

Means you will get teased / ridiculed / worse

Questions: We often want to 'jump back in'.... How does the reality of judgement day help to motivate us to stand firm as Christians? How will standing firm help our non-Christian friends?

E: STAND FIRM (5v8-14)

Be sober minded and watchful

Watch out for the devil – esp his roar!

Pray