

INVEST

2022

12 – 14 August
6:30 Church Weekend Away



*St George North
Anglican Church*

Name: _____

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
7:00		Bootcamp	Bootcamp Vacate rooms by breakfast	7:00
8:00		Breakfast Serverlies - Matt + Renee Dave + Emily	Breakfast Serverlies - Jess + Jordan Hannah + Jo	8:00
8:45		Personal Bible/prayer	Personal Bible/prayer	8:45
9:30		Session 2 - Talk 1	Gospel Team time	9:30
			Session 5 - Talk 4	10:15
10:45		Morning Tea		
11:00		Session 3 - Talk 2	Morning Tea	11:30
			Gospel Team time	11:45
12:15		Gospel Team time		
1:00		Lunch Serverlies - Troy + Lucy, Steph + Brendan	Lunch Serverlies - Thomas, Ellie + Avril	1:00
1:30		Structured Fun	HOME...	1:30
3:00		Afternoon Tea		
3:30		Free Time		
4:45		Session 4 - Talk 3		
			The Hub	5:45
6:00	Dinner @ Maccas	Dinner Serverlies - Sam + Steph Fergus + Emma	Church	6:30
7:00		Fun Night		
7:30	Arrival + Coffee/ Tea			
8:15	Session 1			
9:15	Fire, Boardgames, chill	Fireside Supper		
10:00				

Notes

Saturday morning

Personal Bible/Prayer time

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Pray that God would teach and convict you now by his word in the Bible.

Read Mark 2:1-12

Reflect:

- What strikes me about what Jesus says and does here?

- What questions do I have about these verses? Does the passage help me to answer any of them?

- How should I respond to Jesus in this passage?
 - ...in thanks and praise?

 - ...in my thoughts and attitudes?

 - ...in my actions?

Spend some good time in prayer – thanking God for his goodness to us, and asking him to bless us today.

Pray to God with the words of Psalm 25:1-7.

Spend some time thanking our heavenly Father for:

- The beauty of his creation.
- That we can pray to him, because of Jesus' death for our sin and his resurrection.
- The chance to go away together as a church.
- His word that shows us his grace and how to live for him.
- Anything else you want...

Spend some time praying:

- That we would humbly listen to God's word as we think about Christian decision-making.
- For Phil as he teaches us from the Bible.
- That we would spend the weekend loving and serving each other.
- That God would grow our church closer in fellowship and more like Jesus.
- For anything else you want...

Talk #1

It's about God, not me!

Decisions, decisions!

God has spoken once and for all

Hebrews 1:1-3 – Long ago God spoke to the fathers by the prophets at different times and in different ways. ² In these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son. God has appointed Him heir of all things and made the universe through Him. ³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact expression of His nature, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

God's plan for everything

Ephesians 1:3-10

Ephesians 2:8-10

Getting the right perspective

Matthew 6:25-34

Knowing Ourselves

Romans 3:10-12 – *There is no one righteous, not even one...
There is no one who does good, not even one.*

Galatians 5:17 – *For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you don't do what you want.*

The framework we need

1)

2)

3)

Talk #2

Gaining True Wisdom

The Biggest Decision?

How does God guide us? (Hebrews 1-4)

- a) God can speak however he wants
- b) But now he has spoken by his Son
- c) Jesus speaks now through his Spirit in the Scriptures

Hebrews 4:10-12

2 Timothy 3:16-17 – All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

- d) God doesn't promise anything else

The key is wisdom

Proverbs 3:13-15 – Happy is a man who finds wisdom and who acquires understanding, for she is more profitable than silver, and her revenue is better than gold. She is more precious than jewels; nothing you desire compares with her.

a) Fear the Lord

Psalm 111:10 – *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.*

Proverbs 11:2 – *When pride comes, disgrace follows, but with humility comes wisdom.*

b) Humbly accept his word

Psalm 119:99-100 –
*I have more insight than all my teachers
because Your decrees are my meditation.
I understand more than the elders
because I obey Your precepts.*

Colossians 3:16 – *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom.*

What should we pray for?

James 1:5 – *Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to all generously and without criticizing, and it will be given to him.*

Some helpful books

“Knowing God” by J.I. Packer

“Guidance & the Voice of God” by Phillip Jensen & Tony Payne

“Just Do Something” by Kevin DeYoung

Saturday Morning Gospel Team Discussion

1) What are decisions that most people think are important?

2) What is the framework that we need for making godly decisions?

3) "Let your conscience be your guide". What is the problem with this advice?

4) How has God promised to speak to us and guide us?

5) What does the Bible mean by wisdom or understanding?

6) How do we become wise?

7) What role does prayer play in Christian decision-making?

8) How much time do you spend in God's word each day / week?
What can we do to improve in this area?

Talk #3

Tell me what to do!

Get the framework right

Matters of righteousness

“Is it a sin?” (Mark 7)

Matthew 5

The other questions to ask (Galatians 5)

Practical wisdom on making decisions

1) Know the Bible

2) Use our brains

3) Think long term

4) Seek and take advice

*Proverbs 12:15 – A fool's way is right in his own eyes,
but whoever listens to counsel is wise.*

5) Suspect ourselves

*Psalm 139:23-24 – Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my concerns.
See if there is any offensive way in me;
lead me in the everlasting way.*

6) Just do it!

7) Be humble enough to repent

*Proverbs 13:16 –
Every sensible person acts knowledgeably,
but a fool displays his stupidity.*

*Proverbs 14:16 –
A wise man is cautious and turns from evil,
but a fool is easily angered and is careless.*

*Proverbs 26:11 – As a dog returns to its vomit,
so a fool repeats his foolishness.*

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Pray to God with the words of Psalm 86:8-13.

Spend some time thanking our heavenly Father for:

- For Jesus – his life, death and resurrection, that means we can know God and have life.
- For the fun we've had together this weekend.
- For Phil and the talks we've heard so far.
- For anything else you want...

Spend some time asking our Father in heaven:

- That he would strengthen Phil to proclaim the word boldly to us.
- That we would be challenged, convicted, and changed by his word.
- That he would comfort those in our church who are struggling or suffering.
- For anything else you want...

Sunday Morning #1

Gospel Team Discussion

1) What are some 'matters of righteousness'? How must we respond if there is a clear word of scripture on a topic?

2) a) "Is it a sin?" "Is it permissible?"
Discuss why these questions are necessary but inadequate for godly decision-making?

b) What are some of the key questions a godly Christian asks in making any decision?

3) Read Proverbs 12:15 again. What role do our Christian brothers and sisters have to play in our decisions?

4) Why do we need to 'suspect ourselves'? What does this look like in practice?

5) a) Why do we find it so difficult to admit our sin and error?

b) Why is it important to repent quickly?

c) How can we help each other in this regard?

Talk #4

Godly decision-making in practice

Applying the framework

Test Case – Who should I marry?

1) The wrong first question (1 Corinthians 7)

2) Not – who should I 'go out' with?

3) The Bible's clear limits

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2 Corinthians 6:14 – Do not be mismatched with unbelievers. For what partnership is there between righteousness and lawlessness? Or what fellowship does light have with darkness?

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4) Further Biblical wisdom

1 Timothy 2 & 3

Ephesians 5

1 Peter 3

5) Other practical wisdom applied

a) Seek after and take advice

b) Just do it!

c) Be humble enough to repent

6) The Final word

Sunday Morning #2

Gospel Team Discussion

- 1) What things stood out to you from our last talk?

- 2) How have you been challenged in your thinking, attitudes or actions when it comes to relationships/marriage?

- 3) As a group have a go at applying the truths we've seen this weekend to a big decision in life by doing a worked example of Christian decision-making. What are the things that should be considered (start to finish!) in the following scenarios?
 - a) An example that someone from the group comes up with...

 - b) An overseas job opportunity comes up for you that pays more and gives good career experience. The contract is 2-3 years.

 - c) Your family wants to spend more time together and setup a regular fortnightly dinner. Someone suggests that they be on Wednesday nights, when your Gospel Team meets.

d) A non-Christian you know wants to be in a romantic relationship with you. He/She expresses interest in learning more about Christianity, and is supportive of you being a Christian, and even encourages you to go to church when you don't feel like it.

e) You are finding your work/study hard and you feel unfulfilled.

4) What's the one big thing you want to take away from this weekend and put into practice?

Notes

HELLO BINGO!

Has a birthday in August	Enjoys coffee!	Likes to sing	Plays a team sport	Favourite colour is aqua
Is a grandparent	Likes to cook	Is left handed	Has been to 2 Invests	Can play a musical instrument
Can name the first 5 books of the Bible	Has read the whole Bible!	FREE	Is afraid of spiders	Has been to 3 different countries
Has had stitches	Has a pet	Can speak a different language other than English	Does not have an Instagram/ Twitter/ Facebook account	Likes to read
Has performed in front of an audience	Likes sushi	Has more than 4 siblings	Is wearing glasses	Can name all the 7 dwarfs in Snow White



KEY: Rathane

- 01 Meeting Hall
- 02 Sandbar Room & Games Room
- 03 Dining Room
- 04 Accommodation
- A Rooms 1 – 8
- B Rooms 9 – 12
- C Rooms 13 – 20
- D Rooms 21 – 22
- 05 Gazebo
- 06 Meeting Room Boatshed
- 08 1/2 Basketball court
- 10 Volleyball



BBQ



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