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	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
7:00		Bootcamp	Bootcamp <i>Vacate rooms by breakfast</i>	7:00
8:00		Breakfast Serverlies – Asigen + Renee Dave + Emily	Breakfast Serverlies – Brendan + Jess, Braydon + Ellie	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, Q&A	Morning Tea	11:00
			Session 6 – Q&A	11:30
12:15		Gospel Team time	Gospel Team time	12:00
1:00		Lunch Serverlies – Troy, Avril	Lunch Serverlies – Lucy + Jasper, Jo + Hannah	1:00
1:30		Variety Fun	HOME...	1:30
3:00		Afternoon Tea		
3:30		Free Time		
4:45		Session 4 - Talk 3		
6:00	Dinner @ Maccas	Dinner Serverlies – Sam + Kat, Pete + Claire + Josh	The Hub	5:45
7:00		The Oscars	6:30 Church	6:30
7:30	Arrival + Coffee/Tea			
8:15	Session 1			
9:15	Fire, Boardgames	Fireside Supper		
10:00				



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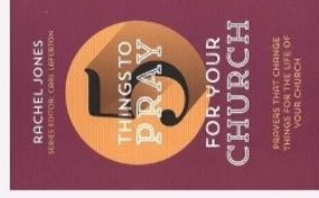
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SATURDAY MORNING PERSONAL BIBLE/PRAYER TIME

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

Read Mark 5:1-20

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 99.

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 being the people of God.
- For Phil & Troy as they teach 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

'THE FAMILY OF GOD'

What is “the church”?

What does it mean for you to be a part of “your” church?

The Household of God

1 Timothy 3:5 – *If anyone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of God's church?*

1 Timothy 3:15 – *I have written so that you will know how people ought to act in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.*

Romans 8:14-17 – *All those led by God's Spirit are God's sons. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father! The Spirit Himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God's children, and if children, also heirs —heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ—seeing that we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.*

Mark 3:33-35 – He replied to them, “Who are My mother and My brothers?” And looking about at those who were sitting in a circle around Him, He said, “Here are My mother and My brothers! Whoever does the will of God is My brother and sister and mother.”

Mark 10:29-30 – “I assure you,” Jesus said, “there is no one who has left house, brothers or sisters, mother or father, children, or fields because of Me and the gospel, who will not receive 100 times more, now at this time —houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions —and eternal life in the age to come.

The blessings of belonging to the family of God

The Gospels make it clear that the church family has a greater claim on us than our biological families. But our domesticated religion tempers this bold assertion. Discussing Christian service, we say: “Obviously, you need to put your family first”. The word “obviously” is revealing. Lacking biblical justification, we turn instead to what is “obvious” according to the standards of our culture. While the church should support the family as a God-ordained institution, we do not give it our ultimate allegiance. Is it too much to suggest that for some Christians their biological family has become an idol?

Gospel-centred Church

What are you thankful for?

TALK #2

'THE HEALTHY CHURCH'

Our church: A dysfunctionally wonderful family

Acts 2:41-47

Common mistakes with this passage

A picture of a healthy church

Devoted to....

- 1) The Apostles' teaching

2) The fellowship

... breaking bread together

.... overwhelming fellowship

3) Prayer

4) Growing

SATURDAY

GOSPEL TEAM DISCUSSION

1) What passage or verse struck you the most from the talks this morning?

2) What does it mean to be the family of God? How does this make you feel?

3) What does a healthy church look like? How do you see this in our church?

4) What questions do you still have in light of these truths and talks? How could we start to answer them?

5) What are the ways we can respond to these truths and talks:

- ...in thanks and praise to God?

- ...in our thoughts and attitudes?

- ...in our actions?

6) What steps do you need to take to put these into practice?

7) How can your Gospel Team pray for you in this?

Spend some time thanking God and praying for each other...

TALK #3

'SEEING THE CHURCH GOD'S WAY'

Don't give up meeting together!

Hebrews 10:24-25

One of our great allies at present is the Church itself. [...] All your patient sees is the half-finished, sham Gothic erection on the new building estate. When he goes inside, he sees the local grocer with rather an oily expression on his face bustling up to offer him one shiny little book containing a liturgy which neither of them understands, and one shabby little book containing corrupt texts of a number of religious lyrics, mostly bad, and in very small print. When he gets to his pew and looks round him he sees just that selection of his neighbours whom he has hitherto avoided.

C.S. Lewis, *Screwtape Proposes a Toast*

Three reasons to not give up meeting

1) For our own spiritual health

Time and again, people's first inclination is to withdraw from church. But it's about the worst thing that you can do. It's not that missing one week of church will harden you into unbelief, nor does it mean that there will never be a reason to stay away. Rather, the danger lies in the pattern of withdrawal and in a low estimation of how God's power is working out through the church, irrespective of how you are feeling about it.

Why is it important to go to church? Shockingly, here's the answer that Hebrews gives: so you don't go to Hell! Not because Church makes us right with God: Jesus' death and resurrection do that. But the church is God's instrument to keep us from turning away from Jesus.

Karl Deenick – Gathered Together

2) For other people's spiritual health

Hebrews 10:24-25

3) Because of the way God sees the church

One of our great allies at present is the Church itself. Do not misunderstand me. I do not mean the Church as we see her spread out through all time and space and rooted in eternity, terrible as an army with banners. That, I confess, is a spectacle which makes our boldest tempters uneasy. But fortunately it is quite invisible to these humans.

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Hebrews 12:22-24

Revelation 19:6-8

Ephesians 5:25-27

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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 100.

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 Troy to proclaim the word boldly to us today.
- 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

GOSPEL TEAM DISCUSSION #1

1) What passage or verse struck you the most from the talk last night?

2) What does it mean to see the church the way God sees it? How does this encourage or challenge you?

3) What are some of the things that tempt us to give up meeting together regularly?

4) What questions do you still have in light of these truths and talks? How could we start to answer them?

5) What are the ways we can respond to these truths and talks:

- ...in thanks and praise to God?

- ...in our thoughts and attitudes?

- ...in our actions?

6) What steps do you need to take to put these into practice?

7) How can your Gospel Team pray for you in this?

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TALK #4

'THE CHURCH IS FOR PRAISING'

The church is a building!

Born again... to be together (1 Peter 2:4-8)

- 1) Jesus is the living stone

- 2) We are living stones

- 3) Used by God to make a living building

- 4) We are all priests in this building

- 5) Offering acceptable sacrifices

Romans 12:1 – Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship.

Romans 14:23 – ...everything that is not from a conviction (faith) is sin.

The new people of God (1 Peter 2:9-12)

Who we are?

- 1) A chosen race
- 2) A royal priesthood
- 3) A holy nation
- 4) A people for His possession
- 5) Called from darkness to light
- 6) Recipients of mercy

What we will do?

- 1) Declare God's praises
- 2) Stand out from the world

SUNDAY

GOSPEL TEAM DISCUSSION #2

1) What passage or verse struck you the most from the last talk?

2) Who are we because of Jesus, and how does that shape our minds and hearts?

3) What is the purpose of the church? How does this encourage or challenge you?

4) What questions do you still have in light of these truths and talks? How could we start to answer them?

5) How do you need to grow in:

a) Declaring God's praises?

b) Standing out from the world?

6) What steps do you need to take to put these things into practice?

7) How do you want to thank and praise God for his word we've heard this weekend? Spend some good time giving glory to our Father in heaven.

NOTES

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