

Yoof Sunday 25th February 2007 **Promises Promises**

The promise of being watched over

What's on @ YOOF

There's loads a happening at YOOF this week.

Tonight at 5.30 – YOOF Alpha and Calum and Lesley are leading the session on “How does God Guide?” And the nosebag tonight looks like pizza. It might not taste like pizza but it still looks like pizza. So grab a pizza the action and get here for Alpha at 5.30.

Tonight at 7pm – Crafty/Foody/Messy/ painty night. About the crafts we'll hand over to Anne for some comment on that? What about he craft's ANNE? Now about paint if you can persuade your folks to part with some unnecessary emulsion paint we might be able to use it. Don't forget to wear your worst gear for this strictly non fashion event. Bad fashion is the fashion

Universally challenged – the group for s5 and up we have struggled to get a speaker together for tonight and a weekend when all of you who are in the Universally challenged group can get together. So we apologise about this. We are blocking a time off for 18th of March (3 weeks away) but as well as this next Sunday we'll have a Universally Challenged quiet time – the UC Bible Study. 5.30 in the manse (though we haven't told Alan about that yet.

Then this Saturday coming (3rd March)– Music Day –

This is our big chance to work on some of the songs and new music for the band. We'll meet in the church about 12.30. the earlier part of the afternoon is for the younger band members to try some stuff and the regular band will be helping them. The later part of the afternoon – even to early evening is to practice new songs. Bring some money so we can share a huge fish supper together. Tonight can you let us know who all will be there.

And then next Sunday (the 4th March) –

-**Yoof** as usual in the **morning**– we may be in church Alan says.

-**Alpha** as usual at night

-**Bad jokes** as usual all day

-**Universally Challenged** – the quiet Moment at 5.30

-And the great event ofwell the week.. **the Mad Hatters Tea Party @ 7pm** precisely. A word from our sponsors, Calum and Lesley regarding this.

RECAP

Promises – God's deal with us – we've looked at

- the fact we can trust them
- the fact that they are a deal and carry a condition
- the fact tat they are personal – we can accept they have our name on them
- the fact that he promises good things for us

Last week we looked at the promise that we should ask – to receive but that God always sees the bigger picture – and we thought of Jesus prayer Luke 22 (42-43) Jesus prayed to be released from the pain of death – but God sent an angel

Activity Warning – later this morning we're going to see who can remember some of the verses on the promise key rings – a group challenge.

Activity 1 – The verse of the week,

“The Lord says I will make you wise and show you where to go. I will guide you and watch over you.”

Blindfold drawing – someone will be chosen from the group to don a blindfold and someone else will be chosen to describe the following to draw...

A car A Flower A simple clock
A Phonebox A House A rabbit

GROUP TIME 1

LEADERS NOTE *There are three aspects to this promise – God will make us **wise** he will **show us direction** he will **not take his eye off us** We are going to think about guides (not the girl guides) and situations where they might help us. A mountain guide is a good example here because they would have to keep their eye on you unless you wandered off.*

In groups – quickly

-Have you ever been guided by someone? *e.g. tour guide – taken somewhere when you were lost. A mountain guide – a guide through caves. Describe it.*

-What's the verse say?

That God watches you – and will lead you

-What do you think it means?

Try and get them to think about this as being for their whole life.. and for each moment and decision as well

-Do you think you can trust it?

-How could you put that trust into practice? *In order to be guided you must be led. You have to put your trust in the guide*

Now read John 10 1 -13 (mainly 1-6 and 11-13)

-In what way is Jesus describing himself as a guide?

-How does this example tie in with the verse of the day?

*Think of all three points **Wisdom – direction – not taking his eye off us***

Drawing together time - the story of the Highland shepherd and the fox.

One of the main points is that it is good for us to follow the shepherd – he knows what is good for us

An Example – from Aileen – the story of Bruce Olson

Group Time 2 – Psalm I AM

Getting a bit practical – *this is the time where we don't just accept 'read the Bible and pray as the WHOLE answer to every question.*

God's Promise

Psalm 121 Read this and just ask – what's God's big promise here? nHow is this like the story of the highland shepherd?

Psalm 143 7-11 *this is a prayer to God for something specific – David felt his life was in danger- what did he do – he prayed..... look at these points*

Vs 8 TRUST – vs 8 Direction and God is always watching (vs 10)

To do – write down something specific you want to pray about this week

Lastly

The memory verse challenge – how many can your team come up with? – and Acts 16
If time Youth Bible – story attached to Acts 16