

YOOF Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2007

## Promises Promises 1 God's Promises Can Be Trusted

### WHAT'S ON @ YOOF

- Yoof tonight – Video Night – Tonight the big movie on the big screen – we're meeting here at 7pm – it's a mystery movie – the mystery is that we've not decided which one yet – the evening will end therefore either at 8.30 or 9 – so if you're being met could you bring a phone and arrange the pick up time when you get here – bring your sweets to share and bring a cushion.
- Next Sunday - **In Church in the morning** –as usual in here  
- **in the evening**  
**YOOF ALPHA** – this is particularly for s3s and 4s – a chance for the next 7 or 8 weeks to look at the big questions – who is Jesus? Why did he die? Can I trust God? – and any questions you may have about being a Christian or Christianity. We meet in here at 5.30 for FOOD then will be doing the Alpha stuff till 7 when evening YOOF kicks off – as we said particularly for S3-4's *but* if you're in s2 or S5 and really would like to come speak to one of the leaders and we'll arrange it.
- Beach Party** - at 7pm next week – a beach party and summer BBQ – Beach Volley ball – Beach games etc. Neil and Dyan are arranging – (pass over to them) what are we to bring?
- Coming Soon We've heard about YOOF Alpha for the 3-4s. A New monthly group looking specifically at the challenges we face as Christians – is coming for S5 – Uni folk. How do I live out my life as a Christian – what does God say about tough things like drugs/abortion/ death/ relationships . This group is being called UNIVERSALLY CHALLENGED and will meet at 7pm on selected nights in here– the first will be on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January.
- And lastly – especially for S1-2's – once a month a group called 'Of course it's in the Bible – for part of the evening we will be running a short group to look at reading the Bible using Bible notes and compare what we've been learning – more about this next week.
- And very lastly Music – we're going to have a couple of music group lock in days in the church here after February – (Over to Lesley for a comment on this).
- So don't forget – VIDEO TONIGHT @ 7  
BEACH PARTY next week @ 7  
YOOF ALPHA next week at 5.30 and if you want to talk to us about coming do it today

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### RECAP

We finished last year looking at the importance of gifts at Christmas – God's great gift to us and we thought about what the best and worst things you ever got at Christmas were. How did it go this year

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### Activity 1

- What was the best Christmas present you got?  
What was the worst?  
What is the best present you gave?  
And the least successful?
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**Did any of you receive promises this Christmas? (money or cheques?)**

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**Over the next few weeks we're going to be looking at Promises – God's promises**

We'll try and memorise some of them

And – this is the big challenge we're going to make a promise ourselves each week

The Bible is full of promises from God – we want to consider these and think about how they affect our lives.

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In your groups discuss these points : and try and give examples of each

How good are you at making promises?

How good are you at keeping them?

How good are you at trusting people who promise you things or to do something for you?

Are there some people who's promises mean very little?

Why do you trust some people more than others?

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**The first thing** we need to think about when we think about promises is the character and trustworthiness of the promise maker.

Read – what do these tell us about God?

2 Samuel 7:28

Psalm 145 :13

1 Kings 8 :56

He never lets us down.

**Activity 2** – the trust game –

if we look at the Bible we see that God makes promises the whole way through – this is all about building up our faith because we know that if we have found out that we can trust God in one thing we can trust his promise in something else.

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Can you think of people in the Bible that God made promises to and kept them?

*Abraham – Noah – Joseph – Moses – Us –*

Read Jesus' last words on earth (Matt 28 : 20) to see one promise he made to us.

(the older group here might discuss other promises they know of or have experienced in their Christian lives).

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So God spends a lot of time promising us things and building our faith as we see them fulfilled in our experience of him.

The first great promise in the Bible is the story of Abraham : Read Genesis 17 1-10 and use the story in the Youth Bible to think about it.

A promise is a deal – you have agreed to do something for someone – you have made a deal.

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This week make a new deal with God OR commit one of the three verse we read about God's faithfulness and trustworthiness to memory. It's no big deal !