

YOOF Sunday 28th January 2007

Promises Promises 4 ARE YOU LISTENING - Wisdom and Understanding

WHAT'S ON @ YOOF

Yoof tonight –

Alpha 3 – Last week we looked at WHY JESUS DIED. Tonight at 5.30 we're thinking about faith – with a special guest or two. – Calum and Lesley have you anything you want to add? (hand over to Lesley and Calum). A good nosebag of food as usual at 5.30 in here

UNIVERSALLY CHALLENGED - this also starts at 5.30 and what we've decided is to have food altogether in here – then the challenge is to get across the road to the manse for the talk/discussion. time especially for s5 and ups. It's going to be relaxed – easy – cool – all the things you want it to be. – and it starts with food. (hand over to Anne to tell us what's happening with that).

And then at 7pm

Crafty things – food things fun things - Dyan anything you want to say about it?

Coming Soon

March Musical Lock-ins – in the church here - a couple of Saturdays – more on that next week

Weekend away –Whitaugh Park 15-17th June - (Hand over to Murray for this one)

Next Week

Monopoly as you've never played it. MIDI Monopoly. Plans are under way for the YOOF extravaganza of the year so far. 7pm next Sunday

RECAP

Week 4 of promises and we should wonder if we're getting any better at two things.

- Are you better at keeping promises you have made to other people and to God?
- Are you better at trusting God's promises?
- How seriously do you take promises?

Remember the principals one and two

Principal 1 – Psalm 145 : 13 – God's words are **absolutely trustworthy** (*we talked about poker....*)

Principal 2 – God's promises are a two way thing – **a deal** - **James 4 vs. 8**

Principal 3 - God's promises are **Personal** -

Principal 4 – God gives you help in keeping them.

Interlude 1

Memory Key Rings (Anne will explain and demonstrate)

Promise Box (Anne will explain and demonstrate)

Are you listening challenge - Everyone in the group gets a bit of paper with an advert from the paper to read (or a promise from God) – half the group sit on one side of the room and read the offers – while the other half try and listen to them – we then see which one's caught the ears of the other group. Then the other group does the task.

The question is – what do our ears tune in to?

GROUP DISCUSSION

- What is the best promise that was ever made to you? (*Why was it so good?*)
- What promise have you ever received that you really didn't trust?
Discuss why you felt that way - - the giver was always letting you down – the promise was outrageous and impossible—
- What do you think about the promises you see in adverts? – *Can they be trusted? – Is there a catch?*

We have seen that God makes promises as a deal with us personally - - but we can reject them and miss out on something if we don't listen to them.

Read Matthew 19 (16 – 26)

There are at least two promises in here can you find them? *Vs 21 and vs 26*

??What is the deal in verse 21?

?? Do you think the young man took on the deal? Why?

?? Did he like what he heard?

The good news is that the promise in verse 26 is also for you – how might it help you when you are tempted or going through a difficult time?

Have you ever had to do something you found really hard but you knew was the right thing to do?

What do you think would be the hardest thing to give up – if you had to? *Maybe write it on a bit of paper and keep it in your Bible or pocket.*

INTERLUDE

The scene is a car showroom. A man and a woman are considering a car. It might be the woman who really wants it – or the man. Think What they might like about it. But it's a heap of junk actually. Now in your group think up the ultimate dodgy car salesman phrase for the heap of junk that you're trying to sell.

Can you trust it? Would you trust it?

Have you ever got frustrated because someone wasn't listening to you? *Share this in your group.*

Jesus was often saying 'listen to me if you have ears – see **Matthew 13 vs 9**

Some promises and commands –

Proverbs 3 vs 5-6 –

What's the deal? –

what do you think your own understanding means?

How can we find God's understanding?

Proverbs 16 vs 20 – What's the deal?

The Rich young man went away not listening to God – he had the promise but he didn't keep his side of the deal.

Look at 2 Timothy 4vs 3 –

Do you think we always listen to what God's promises or deals?

There are three things we can do with God's promises.

1. Ignore them

2. Accept them

2. Try and negotiate on them (find someone who does the dodgy car sales trick and tells us a better version.

Which is the right one?

Some more promises and commands –

Think together about these promises – what do they mean...?

James 1 vs 5

I Corinthians 10 :13