

SURREY HILLS CHURCH CAMP

St. Stephen's
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

JUDGES

Right in Their Own Eyes



NAME:

CABIN:

Camp Program

FRIDAY

- 6:30 Arrive at Camp
- 7:30 Session 1
- 8:45 Supper & Group Activity
- 10:00 Bed
- 10:30 Lights Out

SATURDAY

- 7:00 Prayer Meeting
- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:30 Session 2
- 10:00 Triplets with Morning Tea
- 11:00 Workshops
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:15 Group Photo
- 1:30 Free Time
- 5:00 Session 3
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Bush Dance
- 9:00 Supper / Campfire
- 11:00 Lights Out

SUNDAY

- 7:30 Prayer meeting
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Session 4 and Q&A
- 10:30 Morning Tea &
Camp Pack Up
- 11:15 Triplets
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Session 5
- 2:00 Leave

Duty Group Roster

Meal	Setup	Pack Up
Sat breakie		A, B
Sat lunch	C	D, E
Sat dinner	F	G, H, I
Sun breakie	J	K, L, M
Sun lunch	N	O, P
Setup: arrive 10 minutes early		
Pack up: please assist with clearing and wiping down the tables at the end of the meal		

SESSION I | FRIDAY NIGHT

HOW IT ALL WENT TERRIBLY WRONG

Introduction *Bad News Week*

The Context of Judges

- 1250-1050 BC
- two 'new starts'
- "there was no king in Israel...
- ...everyone did as was right in their own eyes"

2. The Double Introduction

- 2 sides of a coin

Israel's Story: One Side of the Coin *1:1 – 2:5*

- 1:1-2
- Adoni-Bezek – minus thumbs and toes
- The iron chariots
- A man called Luz
- 1:21
- 1:32
- 1:34

- whose promised land is it?
- 2:1-4 – giving evil a foothold

Israel's Story: The Flip Side of the Coin 2:6 – 3:6

- play it again, Joshua
- 2:12-13
 - spiritual adultery
- God's two emotions
 - Anger
 - Compassion
- 1:1-2 & 20:18

Application *The Awe-ful Command*

1. God's Righteous Judgment

- Gen 15:16 – the sin of the Amorites
- 2 Cor 10:35 – the weapons of our warfare
- 1 John 2:15-17

2. Our Spiritual Warfare

3. The God of Feuerbach

SESSION 2 | SATURDAY MORNING

GIDEON *Judges 6-7*

Introduction *In Praise of Barbecues*

- 1. This Time - the Midianites 6:1-10**
 - Again, “again”
 - The downward spiral

- 2. The ‘Mighty’ Warrior 6:11-40**
 - An instant dislike
 - Forgetful
 - Fearful
 - Faithless
 - Too many fleeces

- 3. Gideon Trims the Troops 7:1-8**
 - The Spring of Trembling
 - Lappers and Cuppers
 - Boasting in the Lord

4. The Mother of all Battles *7:9-8:3*

- Interpreting a Dream
- God's great victory

Application

1. Too Many Men
 - gifted leaders
2. Man of Faith

TRIPLET TIME

Purpose

Over this camp, we will meet in triplets two times. The aim is for us to get to know other members of our church family and to spend time discussing and sharing what we have learnt from the sessions.

One of our hopes of camp is that we develop deep and meaningful fellowship with one another across the different generations and church services. We would love for these meet ups to continue after the formal triplets at camp.

SATURDAY | DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Introduce yourself, share your name, how long you have been at this church, and what is something God has been challenging you on lately.
2. What comes to mind when we talk about the judgement of God? How does our society think about judgement?
3. What did you learn from Gideon's story? Are there any aspects of his story that you resonate with?
4. What do we learn about God and how He works in the world? Why is that helpful to you?

Workshops

The 'We' in Marriage

John & Yvonne Huynh

Nurturing the 'we' from the early years to the twilight years. We will consider the stages of marriage, service to the Lord, conflict, sex and finances amongst other topics. This workshop is best undertaken as a married couple.

Grow Together: Reading the Bible One-to-One

Oli Blythe

You don't need to be an expert to help someone grow in their walk with God. Sometimes all you need is to sit down together to read the bible, to ask good questions and to pray together. This workshop will explore why one-to-one bible reading is such a powerful way to grow in your Christian walk, as you do life together. It will also give you practical tips and tools for getting started.

Christian Bioethics

John Zhu & Andrew Li

Thinking through what God says about the start of life, the end of life, gender and sexuality, and how to use these issues to speak the gospel to the world

Untangling Emotions

Michelle Gerungan

Emotions are weird, they can have a whole host of effects on us and even make us behave in ways we don't want to. But we may not even know why we're feeling what we're feeling. We all find emotions a difficult thing to deal with and manage. And so we'll spend time understanding our emotions as well as learning how to engage with them well, in order to better bear fruit when it comes to emotions and help us live rightly before the Lord.

Disciples of a Digital Age

Sarah Chew

Social media, digital ID, any device that connects to the internet...could you go a day without any of these? Whether you're a digital native or a late adopter, the impact of digital technology is undeniable on our lives. Come consider what God's word has to say about this and how we are formed as disciples of Christ.

The Dynamite of Memorising Scripture

David McConnell

This workshop will cover why and how to memorise Scripture and which verses to learn. This will assist in meditating on Scripture.

Why We Sing

Mike Raiter

At the centre of the Bible, and its longest book is Psalms. So singing is important. We sing to God. What does that mean? We sing to each other. What does that mean? What place should singing play in the gatherings of God's people? What is the role of the song leaders? These are the questions we'll discuss in our workshop.

Christian Parenting

Stephen & Wendy Moody

How can we raise children for Christ? How should we live as parents? How do we help children to be spiritually healthy and resilient?

Mission Where You Are

Neil & Sil

Through stories and insight from ministry in Benin and Togo, explore how ordinary Christians, especially teachers, are being used by God to impact their workplaces and communities.

Saturday Afternoon Activities

See the map at the back of this booklet for meeting locations

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| 1:30-3:30pm | Flying Fox followed by Giant Swing |
| 1:30-3:30pm | Archery |
| 1:30-3:30pm | Canoeing |
| 1:30-4:45pm | Drive to a Cafe (meet outside dining hall) |
| 1:30-3:30pm | Walk to Beach (meet outside dining hall) |
| 3:30-5:00pm | Board Games (meet in dining area) |

Camp Fun

321 Camp Challenge

Everyday aim to:

- Meet 3 new people
- Serve 2 people in a practical way
- Pray with 1 person

Photo Challenge

Submit a photo for each of the points below:

1. At the morning prayer meeting
2. Selfie with a church elder, staff member or the camp speaker
3. Have at least one person from each service (9AM, 11AM, 5PM)
4. During a Saturday afternoon activity
5. Include a scenic background or wildlife
6. At the bush dance
7. With instant noodles or at the campfire
8. Create a tableau of a verse from Judges

Rules:

- Create a photo challenge team of 3 people
- Ask for permission before taking photos of others
- All 3 group members must be in each group photo
- Submit your photos by sharing it via the QR code below (WhatsApp) including the name of your 3 team members
- Submissions close at 12:00 PM on Sunday, and the winners will be announced at Session 5



SESSION 3 | SATURDAY AFTERNOON

SAMSON

Judges 13-16

Introduction *The Secret of Samson's Success*

- The hair
- The muscles

Introducing Samson

- Israel personified

The Birth of Samson *Chapter 13*

- “Again” – but this time it’s different.
- In the world
- A Nazirite

Samson Falls in Lust *Chapter 14*

- He sees a woman
- 4:14 This was from the Lord

The Battle of Jawbone Hill *Chapter 15*

- The cycle of violence

The Gates of Samson the Saviour 16:1-3

- Samson in Gaza

Samson and Delilah 16:4-22

- The woman with a name
- Playing games with God
- Ominous signs
- Bald and blind
- “But the hair on his head began to grow again.”

The Victory of Samson 16:23-31

Applications

1. Failure is not Final
2. Samson and the Sovereignty of God
3. A Better Samson

SESSION 4 | SUNDAY MORNING

RIGHT IN THEIR OWN EYES

Judges 17-21

Introduction *If there were no God*

- The abuse of women
- God-breathed

The First Ending: Micah, the Levite, and Dan *Chapters 17-18*

- A thief in the home
- Micah and the Levite
- The spies from Dan
- Micah and the Danites

Application

- *The Secret*
- *Health and Wealth gospel*

The Second Ending: The Levite, the Concubine and Benjamin *Chapters 19-21*

- (Another) Levite and a concubine
- The concubine and the Benjamites
- War in Israel
- Final humiliation
 - Murder in Jabesh Gilead
 - The forced marriages

Application

Let me say 3 things by way of application.

1. A Word for Men and Women
 - It's the church
 - Domestic violence in the church
2. The Need for a King
3. The Day of Grace

SUNDAY | DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from Samson's story? Are there any aspects of his story that you resonate with?
2. What would the world be like if there were no God?
3. What do we learn about the human heart and what the world is like from the talk today?
4. How does the Bible make sense of the world? What comfort is there for Christians?
5. What is one thing from this camp that you will take away? What have you been convicted or challenged by? What will you commit to doing as a result?

Mission Partners Prayer & Praise Points

PETE AND ERICA SORRENSEN (AFES DIRECTOR)

- Thank God for the recent AFES Horizon's Mission Exposure Trip in Southern Europe.
- Pray that some from the team might, in time, be sent out in global mission.
- Please pray that Pete's own reflections from the Horizon's trip would further fuel his and Erica's own praying, sending, giving or going.

DANIEL AND COURTNEY (SOUTH ASIA)

Prayer for:

- the team to generously scatter the gospel seed amongst the mountain peoples
- the cafe to be an effective tool in the pursuit of making disciples among the mountain peoples.
- the family to stay strong in following the Lord amidst the numerous challenges.

BARNABAS AID (INDIA)

- Pray for the continued faith and resilience of two Christian evangelists in central India, after they were attacked by extremists and then charged with carrying out allegedly unlawful conversions. Several Indian states have 'anti-conversion laws' that regulate religious conversions and criminalise those believed to be obtained through force, fraud or allurements. Extremists often wrongly believe that such laws criminalise all conversions from Hinduism, or even that they outlaw any form of Christian evangelism or worship. At the time of writing the pair are hiding. Ask the Lord to sustain, uphold and deliver them from harm.

Useful Contacts During Camp

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About Our Guest Speaker

MIKE RAITER



Mike is the Director of the Centre for Biblical Preaching based in Melbourne, which trains people across Australia and the world in Biblical preaching. He spent 11 years as a missionary in Pakistan. He served as Head of the Department of Mission at Moore College in Sydney before becoming Principal of Melbourne School of Theology. He's married to Sarah and they have four adult children (in Ballarat, Philadelphia, Madrid, and Germany's Black Forest), and 3 grandchildren. He's the author of numerous books including the 2004 Australian Christian Book of the Year, *Stirrings of the Soul*. He enjoys daily walks with Sarah and crime novels.

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27-29 August 2027

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