



## ROCK 2016 YOUTH GROUP DEVOTIONS

The following devotions are suggested for use with your youth group following each of the four main sessions at ROCK 2016. Please feel free to change up for use with your group as you see fit.

It is suggested that for each devotions session with your group you meet at a pre-arranged time and place where there will be ample time for all your youth to participate and an atmosphere conducive to discussion and time of prayer. This year we're starting the morning sessions 30 minutes later than we have in the past. This will give your group some additional time for discussions and prayer.

For larger youth groups it is recommended that you break up into small groups, each with adult leadership. The adults should be selected ahead of time and have time to go over the questions with the youth group leader. It is important to encourage the youth to share and reflect freely. Remember we are all on a "journey" and as we are all at different points in that process there is no single "right" response but we are trying to encourage them to examine their experience and share with their peers during the process.

### **FRIDAY NIGHT: Jonah 1**

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1. What impressed you tonight at ROCK?
2. Brenda talked about Jonah 1 when Jonah heard God's voice, but ran and hid. Have you ever heard God speak?
3. Did you try to follow God's voice or did you run away?
4. Were you able to hide from God? How'd it work out?
5. The theme for the weekend is, "Let's Get Ready to humble." How can you show humility? How does Philippians 2:3 "*Do nothing out of vain conceit or selfish ambition. Rather, in humility, value others above than yourself*" connect with the story of Jonah?

Prayer – Good and Glorious God, we thank you for bringing us here safely. We thank you for providing for us and loving us. Help us this weekend to open our hearts to all you have for us. Help us to grow in Your Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **SATURDAY MORNING: Jonah 2**

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1. What made you laugh this morning?
2. Jonah gets swallowed by a whale (big fish). Have you ever felt swallowed up by life?
3. While in the belly of the fish, Jonah prayed to God. Have you been in desperate situations when you prayed? Were you able to praise God even when you were in dark and scary places?
4. Our theme is, "Let's Get Ready to humble." Can you think of a time you saw humility this weekend? Either by you or someone in your group?

Prayer – Loving and merciful God, thank you for waking us up this morning and giving us a new day. Help us to be open to accept the gift of Your Grace and Love. Guide us today and every day, in Jesus' name, Amen.

### **SATURDAY EVENING: Jonah 3**

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1. What did you experience tonight that was special?
2. Jonah 3 calls us to repent and to call on God. Is this something we should do?
3. Why should we repent and call on God?
4. How does repenting and calling on God show humility?

Prayer – Precious Lord, we thank you for this day and your presence and love every day. Help us to help each other as we grow in faith and love. Help us to repent, call on you and remain humble. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **SUNDAY MORNING: Jonah 4**

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1. Share one thing that was special to you at ROCK this weekend.
2. In Jonah 4, Jonah was angry because he felt others were treated better than himself. Have you ever felt that way?
3. In your own life, how do you think you could be more humble?
4. Do you feel your youth group acts with humility? If not, what are ways you could improve? If so, how does it show up in everyday life?

Prayer – Lord God, you call us to be humble just as Christ was humble. Fill us with desire to be more like Jesus and less like the world. Give us the grace to love each other and the courage to share Your love in this hurting world. Use us Lord, for Your Kingdom, in Jesus' name, Amen.