

ROCK 2017 YOUTH GROUP DEVOTIONS

The following devotions are suggested for use with your youth group following each of the 4 main sessions at ROCK 2017. Please feel free to change 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.

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.

The scripture for the weekend is Psalm 62:2 - *Truly God is my rock and my salvation, God is my fortress, I will never be shaken. NIV*

FRIDAY NIGHT Isaiah 41:10, Isaiah 40:31, John 14:27, Joshua 1:9

1. What impressed you tonight at ROCK?
2. Is fear stopping you from something? Would you act differently if you knew that God had your back?
3. God says, “Do not be afraid.” a lot. Why?
4. The theme for this weekend is “Solid as the ROCK”. How does that tie into the scriptures listed above? How is God a rock?

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. Please surround us with your presence, strength and peace. Help us to grow in Your Spirit. In Jesus Name, Amen.

SATURDAY MORNING Matthew 6:14, Isaiah 1:18

1. What made you laugh this morning?
2. God tells us to forgive. Why?
3. What do we gain when we forgive others? Is it easier to forgive others or to forgive ourselves?
4. Do others need to apologize for us to forgive them? If not, why not?
5. Do you need to ask someone else to forgive you?

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 Romans 4:2

1. What did you experience tonight that was special?
2. Are we saved by the work we do? If so, how? If not, why?
3. Should we do good things for others? If so, why?
4. Why would God offer a way to salvation?

Prayer – Precious Lord, we thank you for this day and your presence and love every day. Help us to show God's love to all. Please be with us in all we do. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

SUNDAY MORNING Matthew 5:16, John 8:12

1. Share one thing that was special to you at ROCK this weekend.
2. Why should we let our light shine?
3. How can you let your light shine?
4. Do you feel your youth group shines the light of God? 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 forgive others and to not be afraid. Fill us with your peace, grace and strength. Give us the grace to love each other and the courage to share Your love. Help us to shine your light into the world. in Jesus' Name. Amen.