

Sanctuary First

October 2012

Theme Summary - Here for You

Scripture Focus: Ruth 1:16-18 - the covenant promise of Ruth, a young widow, to Naomi, her widowed mother-in-law as the basis for a new beginning for both women

Background

One of the features of our society is the breakdown of trust. Our generation grows up in a toxic environment of distrust and suspicion. For many people the erosion of trust has begun close to home as significant relationships have broken down and children grow up not knowing who can be trusted, or what it means to keep promises. The story of Ruth and Naomi offers a striking example of how one person's covenant love creates the basis for a new beginning for another - and both discovering the God who can be trusted in the long term.

Focus

- Core element of passing our faith on to the next generation = learning to trust (again)
- Context suitable for people with little background in church of Christian Faith = check our assumptions of knowledge (tell the stories) and behaviour (interactive); lead people into prayerful experience of God (five senses)

Setting the Scene

Centrepiece of fragile items easily broken:

- e.g. - broken pieces of pottery or coloured glass
- large jigsaw pieces to make up a picture
- plants uprooted
- images of migrant peoples
- headlines of loss of trust in media/politics/church

- Message:
- Loss destroys trust.
 - Commitment creates trust.
 - How do we help a distrustful generation to recover the ability to trust?
 - What are the role models of commitment?

Item	Notes
PRESENTER	<p>Faith is difficult in a culture where we have lost faith in so many key people and institutions. We focus on how we can begin to trust (again). We come to worship a God who makes promises and keeps them.</p> <p>This service is part of series of gatherings in which we explore what it means to pass faith to another generation - and to do it with heart and soul. We are people with a cause....</p>
SONG	eg. An Army of Ordinary People
VIDEO	The Outsider becomes the Insider
PERSONAL STORIES	Where do I belong? Who can I trust?
MIME/DRAMA	Story of Ruth and Naomi - covenant of practical compassion, telling the whole story, but focusing on the promise of Ruth to Naomi (1:16-18)
SONG	<p>Jesus Culture Featuring Kim Walker, Where you go I go www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2U3PU-E32E</p> <p>(LYRICS)</p> <p>Where you go I go What you say I say What you pray I pray (repeat 2x)</p> <p>Jesus only did, What he saw you do He would only say, What he heard you speak He would only move, When he felt you lead Following your heart, Following your spirit</p> <p>How could I expect to walk without you When every move that Jesus made was in surrender I would not begin to live without you For you alone are worthy you are always good</p> <p>You are always good You are always good Always good Always good</p> <p>(Bridge)</p> <p>Though the world seems to forget We will not forget Who you are and what you've done for us</p> <p>You are my God (repeat 5x)</p>

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SONG	<p>Chris Tomlin, I Will Follow www.youtube.com/watch?v=20De4sGCKxc</p> <p>Where you go, I'll go Where you stay, I'll stay When you move, I'll move I will follow...</p> <p>All your ways are good All your ways are sure I will trust in you alone Higher than my side High above my life I will trust in you alone</p> <p>Where you go, I'll go Where you stay, I'll stay When you move, I'll move I will follow you Who you love, I'll love How you serve I'll serve If this life I lose, I will follow you I will follow you</p> <p>Light unto the world Light unto my life I will live for you alone You're the one I seek Knowing I will find All I need in you alone, in you alone</p> <p>In you there's life everlasting In you there's freedom for my soul In you there joy, unending joy and I will follow</p>
TEACHING	<p>Covenant v contract (i.e. "I'll love you no matter what...." v "I'll love you if you keep your side of the bargain...."</p>
TAIZE SONG	<p>Stay with me, remain here with me. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nENazSENMNY</p>

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STATIONS	
AREA 1	Workshop on mosaics - making beautiful things out of broken pieces or "seadrift" art or collage Reflecting on broken trust and what might hold the pieces together
AREA 2	Labyrinth marked out with God's promises
AREA 3	Make a wrist-band with the promise for you Take a promise to trust, make a promise to keep
AREA 4	Trust Games, blindfolded and led
FEEDBACK	Feedback from activities
SONG	Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love endures for ever
BLESSING	