

Spring Harvest 2008.

Out line for: All-age Worship – John Hardwick.

One Hope – *The God Story.*

2006: One God
2007: One People
2008: One Hope

Intro: Who likes a good book?

Wouldn't it be amazing if one day you were reading a really exciting book and you turn over to the next page when all of a sudden you see a picture of you, yes you! You have become part of the story! The next chapter in the book is 'called 'The John Hardwick adventure' or the 'What ever your name is' adventure! Wow! How exciting! However, when you come to read it you realise the pages are blank! There are just a few notes from the author for you a few suggestions to guide you but he's not going to force you, it's up to you what you include in this chapter!

Well, this is exactly what it's like with God's story, this is a very long story in fact it's been going on forever but as soon as you were born **you** become a part of God's amazing story, a whole chapter for you! God had always planned to have you in his story, yes you are a part of God's book! It's up to you what you include, God does give some guide lines but the main thing he would like you to include is Him – you're part of his story but He also wants to be part of your.

This isn't a 'make believe, fantasy story where everything is perfect! This is a 'real life' story, your life – and sometimes in real life things go wrong! Some times we make good decisions and sometimes bad ones. Sometimes people stories go horribly wrong!

You're not the only one in God's special story, everyone ever born is a part of the story and this week we are going to hear some other people's stories. Sometimes their story go from good to bad often to hopeless but then something amazing happens – they all encounter God and he turns their story round and gives them hope!"

Outline of weeks passages

Night 1: Surprising Hope – The gift of a future – The woman caught in adultery – John 8: 1-11

Night 2: Trusting Hope – confusion and resurrection – Raising of Lazarus – John 11: 1-43

Night 3: Hope where we're known – Jesus rejected in Nazareth. Luke 4: 16-30

Night 4: Hope and Presence – God and Journey – Feeding of 5000 John 6: 1

Night 5: Hope Together – Water into wine – John 2

Morning 6: Hope Goes home – Homeward bound :Emmaus Story –

Night 1. *Turn to the person you are sitting by and say "You are part of God's amazing story!"*

Suprising Hope – The gift of a future

Bible Story/passage outline:

The woman caught in adultery – John 8: 1-11:

There was a woman in the Bible and if you had said to her “You are part of God’s amazing story” she would have probably with sad eyes have shook her head. She didn’t feel like she was part of an amazing story. Her life had gone from bad to worse – Suddenly some men had burst in and grabbed her and dragged her off kicking and screaming. They were taking her to see Jesus but they didn’t care if they were hurting her it was as though her story didn’t count!

She had been caught being unfaithful – doing something wrong and so some people who didn’t like Jesus grabbed her and decided to use her to trap Jesus! They didn’t care about the woman, in their eyes she was worthless, her life had no meaning – she had sinned and deserved to be stoned to death! They were just using her, this precious woman, a part of God’s amazing story – just to get at Jesus. She had no hope as they flung her in front of Jesus.

Do we judge others like these people judged this woman – are we as Christian thought of by people who think we are better than every body else always looking down our noses at people or are we known as people of compassion, people who work hard to help others? Carriers of ‘hope’ or ‘stones of destruction’?

Yes she was guilty of her crime and she had messed up her life. It was hopeless – the joy of life was long gone. Her story had come to a sad end.

Jesus saw how she had messed up her life but he also saw this woman as a precious child of God who deserved to be forgiven and set free and he gave her hope again – a future!

Do we value our lives in the way God does! Jesus forgave her but then he said “go and sin no more!” God wants us to stop messing up our lives like this – our lives are so precious! You are part of God’s amazing story!

Creative Prayer:

Carriers of hope.

Tonight we heard a story about a crowd of people who were ready to throw stones of destruction. We want you to throw something but not stones of destruction but ‘carriers of hope’. We’re giving you each a piece of paper. We would like you to write on a ‘message of hope’ for someone you don’t actually know here. It may be something simple like, “we hope the sun shines for you this week!” or it may be something more spiritual like “we hope you hear God’s speaking to you this week” Then either make it into a paper aeroplane or screw it up into a ball and on the count of 3 we’ll all throw them together. Then try and find a ‘Carrier of Hope’ you may need to share. Take that message of hope away with you this week knowing that some one is praying for you!

Build a ‘Hope Tree’.

What are you hoping for this week? Are you hoping for good whether, a good family holiday, may be you are hoping something will be sorted out by the time you get home, or are hoping to have an encounter with God, that He will touch us in a special way

Jesus said to the crowd who were ready to stone the lady ‘If anyone of you is without sin, let him throw a stone at her. And one by one they all walked away.

Bible Verse Song: The Lord is Gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

Mickey Sketch or Ralph the dog puppet: The tongue – do we use our words to build someone up or destroy – carries of hope or doom.

Grandma Sketch: *Grandpa proud of Grandma cause she can juggle. Grandma proud of Grandpa cause he's a great artist – Jeremy draw me a car! Draws a house instead – try change in but in the end has to wipe it away and start again.*

Theme Songs: Hope in the Lord, Jesus went out of His Way, New Generation.

Song/Mime: Carpenters arms. (www.philoverton.co.uk)

Night 2.

Theme: Trusting Hope – confusion and resurrection

– Raising of Lazarus – John 11: 1-43

Bible Story/passage outline:

Mary and Martha were confused, up-set, and must have been angry with Jesus too. There they were, best friends with the Son of God – the man who can change lives and turn them around. Their brother is ill but there's no need to panic, after all they have Jesus, they sent a message to Jesus but it seems like he can't be bothered to turn up and their brother dies! God does not wrap his people up in cotton wool, we live in the real world, it's a world where hope is sadly lacking – we wish we could say 'turn to Jesus and all your problems will disappear' but that's not what God says – He does give us his word to encourage and strengthen us, his people to help us, his Spirit to guide us and a hope that one day he will make things right, he wants us to put out trust in him in all situations.. **Where there is no hope – there is Jesus!**

Creative Prayer:

Trust game: Blind fold – It's hard to trust when you don't know what is going on.

H.O.P.E. (put this on a PowerPoint)

– Lets look closer at the word 'Hope'

H is for Hide Have you ever felt so low, so down, that you just want to hide away? **Everybody lets hide our faces by burying them in our hands.** Sometime we feel like this not knowing where to turn.

O is for Open God doesn't want us to hide from him. He wants us to make time to open up to Him. **Everyone, take your hands away from your face, open your arms and lift them to him and** as you are doing that may be you can think of a time when you choose not to come to God about something – what's the point?, may be you blamed God for something and turned away.

P is for pray We have the privilege in coming before the almighty with our requests **Lets put our hands together in prayer, may be you choose to go onto your knees in coming before our almighty God** May be we need to say sorry because we haven't had faith to come to him about something. Or may be you can take this time to remember someone who needs you love, support and prayer.

E is for each other (God People) E is for encourage E is for embrace God has given us each other, his people, his family, his church, to encourage, comfort, support one another. **Go shake someone's hand, or offer words of encouragement or embrace a friend who may have been going through a tough time and remind them you are there for them.**

Bible Verse Song: Trust in the Lord

Mickey Sketch: Birthday – hope; Micky has a long wish list that he hopes will change his life for ever! But he wished the same last year and he soon got bored of them. – People hope for all kinds of things thinking they will bring happiness but that's' a fake hope!

Grandma Sketch: [Chain Release – Grandma gets in a mess. One key holds the answer.](#)

Theme Songs: Do you not know, New Generation, Thank you Heavenly Father.

Song/Mime: Phil Overton's song: When I look at you.

Night 3

Theme: Hope where we're known Luke 4: 16-30

Bible Story: Passage outline:

Jesus, rejected in Nazareth

Give Jesus a Chance!

The people of Nazareth knew Jesus as 'Joseph the carpenters' - lad! They were obviously impressed and amazed at his gift for the way he taught the scriptures!

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me!

Because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor!

He sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners!

And recovery of the sight for the blind! -

To proclaim the year of the Lords favour

Then Jesus closed the scriptures and said "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing!

Wow! The people listening must have been so excited, such anticipation!

They had been waiting for their great messiah - a messiah that would be so shockingly different that everyone would sit-up and take notice! They wanted a hero!

They eagerly waited to hear what Jesus would say next!

But shock - horror!

The local lad went to far, this carpenters boy started talking as though the scriptures taken from Isaiah 61:1+2, had been written about him! Who does he think he is! He was getting too big for his sandals! This carpenters lad wasn't their great hero, their hope for messiah - He was just the lad from next door! The idea that the lad next door could hold the answer and hold the hope they were looking for seemed ridiculous!

Then from bad to worse! Horror of horrors!- Jesus dared to suggest that **their** Messiah, wasn't just going to be **their** precious Messiah who would show the world, especially the Romans, that the Jews were on the winning side and he would give them back their pride! But Jesus was saying he wasn't going to be just **their** hope, **their** King but He was going to be the Hope for the World!

No, no, no! - Jesus had gone just too far!

They were outraged! They drove him out of town in order to put a stop to this once and for all by stoning him!
But Jesus walked right through the crowd and went on his way!

If only they had given **Jesus a chance!** They would have seen that Jesus did full-fill the prophesy!

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon was very much up on Him!

He did preach good news to the poor!

He did proclaim freedom! Many people were restored and set free by the power of Jesus and by the way he had time and a real genuine concern for individuals!

He did recover of the sight for the blind! - not only the physically blind but also the Spiritually blind! Eyes were opened!

To proclaim the year of the Lords favour

Creative Prayer:

May be we need to give **Jesus a Chance!** May be we have become over familiar with Jesus!

We talk about his love as a friend but do we forget who he really is?

- **The Lords the King Rap**

Prayer Webs – balls of wool – Get into family groups and extended family groups. – give each group a ball of wool – I have 100 balls of wool so groups of around 8 people.

1st person hold onto end of wool then throw ball to someone else who then throws it to someone else etc, forming what looks like a web. All connected, united in Prayer – to the Sovereign God (pray for the below)

Play 'For God So Loved' quietly in background –

1. **Jesus is our Saviour.** Jesus is more than a friend but also our Saviour – our rescuer, this shows how much we mean to Him! ***Can someone in the group thank him for saving for rescuing us!***
2. **God is our Guide and also our judge.** He gives us rules and His Spirit to guide us keeping us on the right track! Sometimes we choose not to obey him and his rules for living and wonder why we mess things up. ***Can someone pray in the group that we will take his rules and the way we live seriously so we can be salt and light for him. Doing our best not to grieve the Spirit but enjoy his guidance.***
3. **God is our councilor and comforter** - But often we seem to seek the council and comfort of almost anyone but Him! When go and talk to someone about a problem or situation do we start the session by praying that God will guide us in our thoughts and show us the way ahead? ***Can someone in the group pray that we will always seek Him first in every thing we do!***
4. The idea that the lad next door could hold the answer and hold the hope they were looking for seemed ridicules to the people of Nazareth but it was true! Have we ever considered the fact that God may have put us where we have to be his hope!

All connected, united in Prayer – to the Sovereign God – Now you need to work backwards – the one with the ball of wool follow your line back to the person before and so on – please do your best not to get in a tangle we want to use the wool

again!

Bible Verse Song: Who is Jesus? He's the Christ the Son of the living God.

Mickey Sketch: If I were King.

Grandma Sketch: Uni-cycle

Theme Songs: At the Name of Jesus, Jesus you are Lord. Let's sing Praises (Time for a Celebration) I find my happiness.

Song/Mime: Love has come to earth

Night 4.

Theme: Hope out of Town – Working together with God. Taking hope where ever we go – we can make a difference.

Bible Story/passage outline: Feeding of the 5,000 – Working with God rather than for Him and discovering wisdom and truth at every stage of life. Why did the boy give his small gift – did he expect Jesus to perform a miracle? Or was it as 'an act of worship' – Jesus accept the gift, the worship, it was small but it was all the boy could had and by working together with Jesus the crowd was fed! The boy didn't miss out – he was fed too!

Do we hang on to what is ours, our time, our gifts our processions because we believe what we have is too small to offer, or because our time is precious and we don't want to miss out? Give it to Jesus as an act of worship, he will receive the gift and together you will be on a journey of faith with God as a partner! God has put His hope in You!!!!

Creative Prayer:

The boy gave all and everyone was fed! The boy was the hero! Spend some time praying for each child and every child. Each one is unique and very special. They have so much to offer so thank God for them and the gifts they have. Ask what they enjoy at school, their teachers name, and their best friends. And pray that they will be salt and light in their schools! They're on the frontline!

And children, why don't you thank God for your parents and those who love and care for you! They need to know you love them too!

Bible Verse Song: Go, Go, Go!

Mickey Sketch: True Champion – gave up the race to rescue a fellow runner.

Grandma Sketch: Do we have eyes ready to see, ears ready to hear, Heart to feel.

Theme Songs: God's Peoples. God Knows my heart/Isn't it Good to be part of God's Family. Do you not know!

Song/Mime: Growing in You. (Phil Overton)

Night 5.

Theme: Hope in the City! - last night 'Party Night!' Land of Hope and Glory! Create a party/celebration + laughter. Last night of the Proms! Foretaste of heaven.

Bible Story/passage outline: Water into Wine - Jesus helped the party on it's way! Although the wine disappearing this wasn't life-threatening or going to be life-

changing like some of the stories and miracles we've had. Yet Jesus still chooses to act and disaster, or embarrassment at least was turned into a party! What is our church known as – it is a boring repressive place where everyone always looks so bored and miserable or is it a place full of joy and happiness and a place of hope where everyone is welcome? The servants served despite the strange request!

Creative Prayer: The Bible is full of parties and celebrations. Globes Race – *just for fun – God's plan was to have a world full of delight and joy!*

– Miriam (Moses older sister) was in her 90's as she let the people in a jamboree of praise. Linda is going to be at the front and led us in a jamboree of praise, flags waving, tambourines playing etc (may sing We are marching in the light of God or Heaven invites you to a party) – a few prayers let from the front – hope and praise.
Bible Verse Song: He's a Rock!

Mickey Sketch: Lost cap! Sometimes I think we've forgotten that God has found us, he has rescued us – party time!

Grandma Sketch: *Grandpa missed out on the party because he thought it would be boring!*

Theme Songs: Enjoy, Enjoy, He loves to hear us shout, Happy! I find my happiness, God Loves you when
Song/Mime: You're the only one

Morning: Day 6

Theme: Hope goes home! Home ward bound – Emmaus Road.

Bible Story/passage outline:

In their grief Jesus came along side the two travelers and walked with them. He reminded them of things they already knew and helped them to see how it all fitted together. In their confusion Jesus brought hope and showed the way! He then broke the bread.

In all things and at all times Jesus is with us but sometimes, like the two travelers we miss him, we are blind to the fact that he is with us but he gently reminds us of what we already know and of the hope that we have in us!

Creative Prayer: Communion.

Bible Verse Song: I will never leave you. (Hand)

Mickey Sketch: Fake love – hold onto to what is real!

Grandma Sketch: *Dentist sketch.*

Theme Songs: Hope in the Lord, Do you not know, new generation, Isn't it good.

Song/Mime: Yes Lord

Performance Songs with mime or dance.

N1: Carpenters Arms (No More Distance)

N2: When I look at You (Isn't it Good)

N3: Love has come to earth (Just as much as yesterday)

N4: Growing in you (16 of Best)

N5: You're the only one (Isn't it Good)

Morning 6: Yes Lord (Isn't it Good)

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