



FOLLOW-UP GUIDE

What an amazing weekend together as our family of churches from across Atlantic Canada gathered for the first time! As an answer to our prayers over the last few months, we were "overwhelmed" with the presence of God in our meetings and His plans & purposes for us as a church family!

We've prepared this short guide to hopefully help us process and apply the Weekend Away in a small group setting. It's impossible to cover everything from our weekend together, so we recommend just asking the first two questions and seeing where your group discussion goes. We have provided the outlines for the sermons on the following page and a few questions that may help bring application. Please remember, as great as your discussion might be, don't end without taking time to pray for each other and the things God did during the weekend!

REVIEW

FRIDAY NIGHT - Joe Crummey
TITLE: The Build - We Are About a Great Work!

SCRIPTURE:
Nehemiah 1:1-4, 2:1-5, 11-12, 17-18

MAIN POINTS

1. KNOW YOUR TRUE IDENTITY (1:10)
 - *Individually and together "in Christ"!*
2. KNOW GOD'S PURPOSES (1:8,9)
 - *To extend the Kingdom of God via the local church!*
3. KNOW YOUR INVOLVEMENT (2:5)
 - *We make ourselves available for action!*

SATURDAY MORNING - Joe Crummey
TITLE: The Battle - We Are In a Great War!
SCRIPTURE: Nehemiah 4:1-15, 6:1-14

MAIN POINTS

1. SIX FORMS OF OPPOSITION
 - Negativity, mocking, threats (including friendly fire), distraction tactics, gossip/slander, and deception
2. RESULTS OF OPPOSITION: THE DEADLY D's
 - *Discouragement*
 - *Disappointment*
 - *Distraction*
 - *Division*

} *"We give up!"*
3. FOUR WEAPONS GOD GIVES TO BATTLE
 - *Prayer*
 - *Proclaiming*
 - *Partnerships*
 - *Perseverance*

SATURDAY AFTERNOON - PRAYER

WE PRAYED FOR...
Charlottetown, St. John's, Wolfville, Halifax, Quebec & French Speaking NB, and our vision to see churches planted in 12 cities & towns in Atlantic Canada (Fredericton, Moncton, Saint John, Charlottetown, St. John's, Sackville, Sydney, Truro, Wolfville, Antigonish, Church Point, Halifax)

SATURDAY NIGHT - Jeremy Simpkins

TITLE: God's Arrows
SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 49:1-3,6

MAIN POINTS

ARROWS ARE...
... cut from the tree (God's choosing)
... trimmed & sanded (God's sovereignty in trials)
... stretched in a frame (God's testing)
... treated with oil (God's filling with the Spirit)
... hidden away (God's timing)
... fired to the target (God's sending!)

SUNDAY MORNING - Joe Crummey
TITLE: The Body - We All Carry A Great Weight!

SCRIPTURE:
Nehemiah 11

MAIN POINTS

THE PEOPLE WHO WILLINGLY...

- *Moved (11:2)*
- *Worked For the Temple (11:12)*
- *Worked Outside the House of God (11:16)*
- *Prayed (11:17)*
- *Sang in Service For God (11:22)*

FAITHFUL, NOT FAMOUS!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you as a highlight from the Weekend Away?

2. Was there any thing from our worship times together (songs, scriptures, spiritual gifts) that impacted you? Was there anything you found confusing?

3. On Friday night Joe stressed the importance of us not only realizing our identity in Christ individually but also corporately as a church. Have you thought about your identity along these lines before? What difference does it make to see yourself and the church in this way?

4. Of the 4 "Deadly D's" that Joe spoke about Saturday morning, which one do you feel most vulnerable to? Or to say it another way, which one most often makes you feel like saying "I give up! Of the "Four Weapons" which one do you feel you need to grow the most in so that you can keep fighting the battle?

5. From Jeremy's talk Saturday night (or any other time!), did you feel God "sending" you to a particular people or place or ministry? As you look back on your life, what encouragement do you get knowing that God has been preparing you for this time?

6. What challenges can we face as we seek to be "faithful, not famous" in whatever area God calls us to? How does being connected in with a local church and everyone "carrying a great weight" help us in this?

7. From this discussion, it would be good to take time to pray for each other and the church.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU?

If God did a work in you this weekend we'd love for you to share it with us! Whether it's a physical healing, a new sense of freedom, relational forgiveness, a new sense of calling on your life... whatever it might be, we want to hear it! These stories build up the faith of the church!

Also, if during our time when we prayed for the different churches you felt God bring a scripture or prophetic word or encouragement for one of the groups (but didn't get a chance to share) please send it through to us. We're excited about where God is taking and what He is building - who knows what piece you have in God's great story!