

Christian Union Planning Sheet

Theme / Topic

Where is God when my plans go wrong? - *Part 5 of the 'Hope has a name' 6-part series*

Bible Passage

John 16:33 "I told you these things so that you can have peace in me. In this world you will have trouble, but be brave! I have defeated the world." (New Century Version)

Time Allocation

30 minutes

Aim

The young people will have opportunity to reflect on all that they have heard over the last few weeks and how the common thread through all these big questions, is the hope we can find in Jesus.

Introduction

What are sponges for? Draw out the points that; 1) they soak up and then release liquid and 2) they are used to clean.

What happens if what is in the sponge is dirty? They can't do what they are supposed to do!

Do we ever get 'squeezed' in life? If so, how? Allow the group to reflect on this, you could do this in small groups, or altogether.

How do we respond when we reach these 'squeeze' points? What comes out?

Teaching

In the Bible, Jesus makes reference to these times when we feel like we are being 'squeezed'. In the gospel of John, Jesus says "I told you these things so that you can have peace in me. In this world you will have trouble, but be brave! I have defeated the world."

Regardless of the struggles that we face, the 'squeezes' that we feel and the questions that may come as a result, we can be assured of the hope we have in Jesus. In this week's video the team recap all that we have discuss over the last few weeks.

Watch the Vitalise Devotional video 'Hope has a name: His name is Jesus'

You can find the video here: <https://youtu.be/PNXDnVpuhcM>

Application, Reflection and/or Activity

What has struck you as we have reflected on these questions?

Why not go away and watch (or re-watch if you have seen it already!) the devotional that explores the theme that has struck you the most? Take some time to allow God to minister to you and fill you with the truth of His hope even in the midst of the times that we feel 'squeezed'.

Memory Verse

'God decided to let his people know this rich and glorious secret which he has for all people. This secret is Christ himself, who is in you. He is our only hope for glory.' - Colossians 1:27 (NCV)

Resources

Vitalise Video

Bibles available in case young people would like to look up Bible references