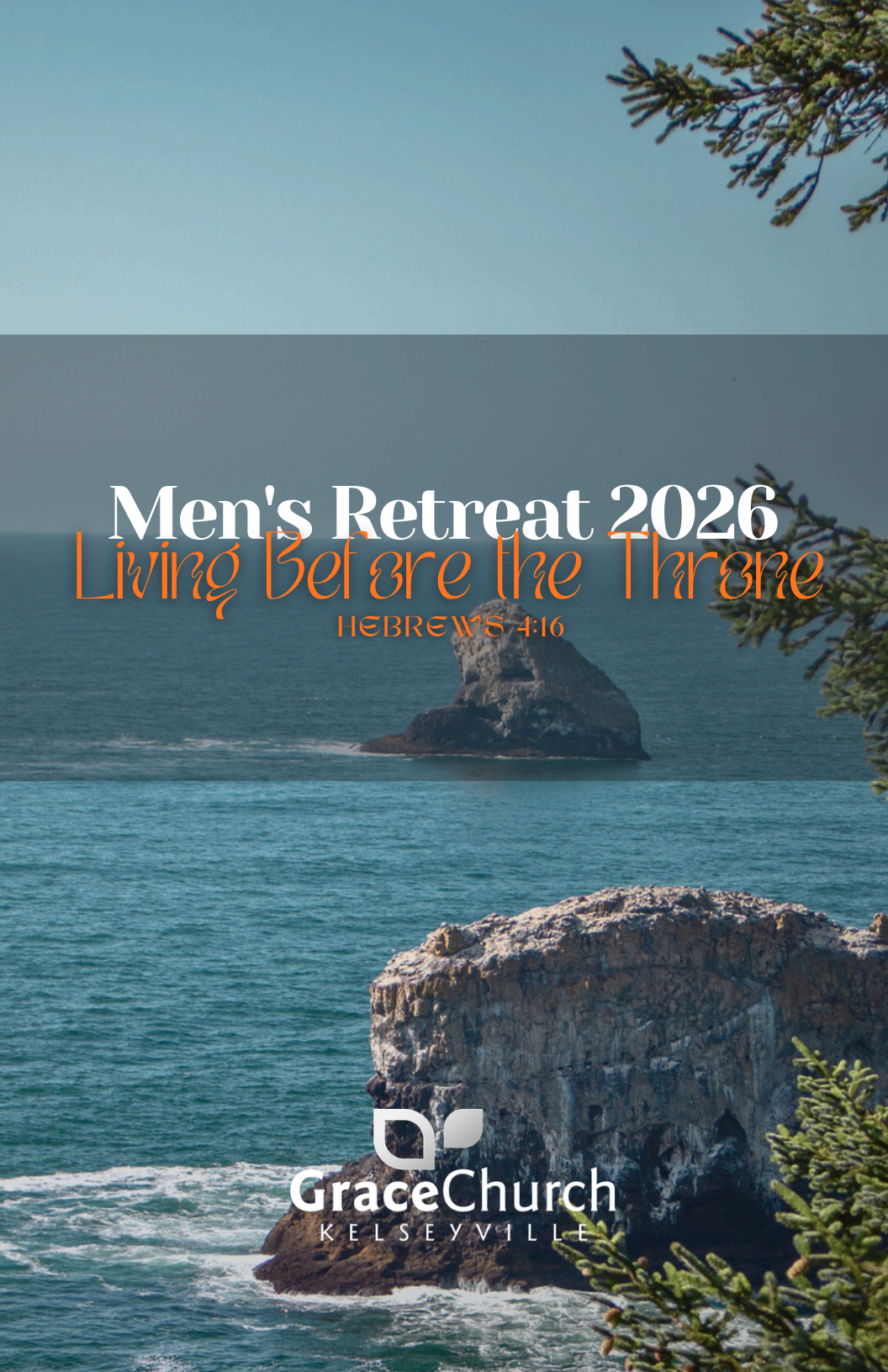
Men's Retreat 2026
Living Before the Throne
HEBREWS 4:16
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See the King

The King on the Throne

Speaker: ROBERT LEINEN

Je 9:23–24

23 THUS SAYS THE LORD, "LET NOT A WISE MAN BOAST OF HIS WISDOM, AND LET NOT THE MIGHTY MAN BOAST OF HIS MIGHT, LET NOT A RICH MAN BOAST OF HIS RICHES;
24 BUT LET HIM WHO BOASTS BOAST OF THIS, THAT HE UNDERSTANDS AND KNOWS ME, THAT I AM THE LORD WHO EXERCISES LOVINGKINDNESS, JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS ON EARTH; FOR I DELIGHT IN THESE THINGS," DECLARES THE LORD.

Attributes of God

Five Characteristics of The Unity of God.

1.NO ONE ATTRIBUTE OF GOD IS _____ _____ THAN ANY OTHER ATTRIBUTE.

2.NO ONE ATTRIBUTE OF GOD ACTS _____ FROM THE OTHER ATTRIBUTES OF GOD.

3.NO ONE ATTRIBUTE OF GOD IS _____ MORE THAN ANY OTHER ATTRIBUTE.

4.EVERY ATTRIBUTE OF GOD IS _____ BY EVERY OTHER ATTRIBUTE.

5.IN THE UNITY OF GOD ALL ATTRIBUTES _____ AND _____ APPLIED.

CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF THE KING

Six areas of your life that will improve simply from “understanding and knowing the King”

FIRST: YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD WILL IMPROVE: UNDERSTANDING AND KNOWING THE KING WILL IMPROVE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.

SECOND: YOUR WILL GROW IN YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF YOURSELF AND YOUR IDENTITY: UNDERSTANDING AND KNOWING THE KING HAS EMOTIONAL BENEFITS.

THIRD: YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS WILL IMPROVE: UNDERSTANDING AND KNOWING THE KING PROMOTES PEACE AND UNITY WITH OUR NEIGHBOR.

FOURTH: VICTORY IN YOUR TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS: UNDERSTANDING AND KNOWING THE KING WILL GIVE YOU STRENGTH AND PEACE IN THE MIDST OF WHATEVER THE WORLD THROWS AT YOU.

FIFTH: YOUR EVANGELISM WILL BECOME MORE EFFECTIVE: UNDERSTANDING AND KNOWING THE KING WILL IMPROVE THE WAY YOU EVANGELIZE.

SIXTH: SEEING ANSWERED PRAYER: UNDERSTANDING AND KNOWING THE KING WILL IMPROVE YOUR PRAYER LIFE.

Notes:

Submit to the King

Living Daily Before the Throne

Testimony:

BRENT SMITH
TIM BARNES

Proverbs 3:1-12

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND DO NOT LEAN ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING. IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT.

I. A Man's Heart Must Be Surrendered

- CHRIST IS SAVIOR AND LORD.
- DAILY SURRENDER IS AN ACT OF WORSHIP.
- MEN OFTEN COMPARTMENTALIZE THEIR FAITH.

II. A Man's Relationships Must Reflect Grace

- MARRIAGE AND PARENTING
- FAMILY AND EXTENDED FAMILY
- FRIENDSHIPS
- CHURCH INVOLVEMENT
- CO-WORKERS
- NEIGHBORS

How would our relationships change if we are consciously standing before and submitting to God's throne today?

III. A Man's Decisions Must Seek God's Direction

- WORK
- FINANCES
- TIME MANAGEMENT
- PRIORITIES
- HEALTH

What areas of life are hardest to surrender to God's authority?

- HAVE YOU EVER SURRENDERED TOTALLY TO GOD?
- DO YOU HAVE A RELATIONSHIP NEEDING GRACE?
- DO YOU HAVE A HABIT NEEDING SURRENDER?
- DO YOU HAVE A STEP OF OBEDIENCE GOD IS CALLING YOU TO TAKE?

Notes:

Approach the King

Confidence Before the Throne

Testimony:

BRENT SMITH
DEREK REISBECK

Hebrews 4:16

LET US THEN WITH CONFIDENCE DRAW NEAR TO THE THRONE OF GRACE, THAT WE MAY RECEIVE MERCY AND FIND GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED.

I. Our Confidence Is in Christ

- CONFIDENCE IS NOT SELF-CONFIDENCE.
- CONFIDENCE IS CHRIST-CONFIDENCE.
- JESUS UNDERSTANDS EVERY TEMPTATION AND STRUGGLE.

II. The Throne Is a Throne of Grace

- WE OFTEN EXPECT JUDGMENT.
- PRAYER IS AN INVITATION INTO RELATIONSHIP.
- MEN OFTEN AVOID PRAYER BECAUSE OF GUILT, PRIDE, OR BUSYNESS.

Where do you typically turn first when facing difficulties?

III. God Welcomes His Children

- THE FATHER IS NOT RELUCTANT OR DISTANT
- GOD INVITES HIS CHILDREN TO RECEIVE GRACE.
- WE CAN RECEIVE FORGIVENESS AND EMPOWERING HELP.
- MEN OF GOD NEED TO LEAD OTHERS TO THE THRONE.

What keeps men from drawing near to God consistently?

Romans 8:31-39

1.WHEN A CRISIS HITS (FINANCES, MARRIAGE, PARENTING, WORK), WHAT IS YOUR INSTINCTIVE DEFAULT: TRY HARDER, SHUT DOWN, VENT TO OTHERS, OR GO TO THE THRONE? WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE TO MAKE GOING TO GOD YOUR FIRST RESPONSE RATHER THAN YOUR LAST RESORT?

2.WHEN YOU HAVE FAILED, SINNED, OR FALLEN SHORT, DO YOU NATURALLY PICTURE GOD'S POSTURE TOWARD YOU AS A DISAPPOINTED JUDGE WAITING TO REPRIMAND YOU, OR A FATHER WAITING TO DISPENSE MERCY?

3. OF THE THREE COMMON BARRIERS MENTIONED—GUILT (FEELING UNWORTHY), PRIDE (BELIEVING YOU CAN MANAGE), OR BUSYNESS (DISTRACTION AND HURRIEDNESS)—WHICH IS THE PRIMARY OBSTACLE KEEPING YOU FROM CONSISTENT, HONEST PRAYER?

Home Challenge:

WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RETURNING HOME, INITIATE A MOMENT OF PRAYER WITH YOUR WIFE, CHILDREN, OR A BROTHER IN CHRIST WHERE YOU DON'T JUST PRAY FOR THEM, BUT INVITE THEM TO PRAY WITH YOU THROUGH A REAL NEED, DEMONSTRATING THAT APPROACHING THE KING IS A PRIVILEGE AND SHARE THAT WITH THEM.

Notes:

Represent the King

From the Throne to the Mission

Speaker:

JONATHAN BRIDGES

Important cornerstone:

WE ARE _____ BY _____

Read

_____ _____

Three Practical Points:

THIS IS _____

THIS IS _____

THIS IS _____

What is required of me?

_____ _____ _____

GOD DEMANDS _____

GOD DEMANDS _____

GOD DEMANDS _____

Conclusion:

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Appendix A
Incommunicable Attributes of God:

1.GOD'S INDEPENDENCE GOD'S INDEPENDENCE IS DEFINED AS FOLLOWS: GOD DOES NOT NEED US OR THE REST OF CREATION FOR ANYTHING, YET WE AND THE REST OF CREATION CAN GLORIFY HIM AND BRING HIM JOY. THIS

2.GOD IS UNCHANGING IN HIS BEING, PERFECTIONS, PURPOSES, AND PROMISES, YET GOD DOES ACT AND FEEL EMOTIONS, AND HE ACTS AND FEELS DIFFERENTLY IN RESPONSE TO DIFFERENT SITUATIONS.

3.GOD'S ETERNITY MAY BE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS: GOD HAS NO BEGINNING, END, OR SUCCESSION OF MOMENTS IN HIS OWN BEING, AND HE SEES ALL TIME EQUALLY VIVIDLY, YET GOD SEES EVENTS IN TIME AND ACTS IN TIME.

4.GOD'S OMNIPRESENCE MAY BE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS: GOD DOES NOT HAVE SIZE OR SPATIAL DIMENSIONS AND IS PRESENT AT EVERY POINT OF SPACE WITH HIS WHOLE BEING, YET GOD ACTS DIFFERENTLY IN DIFFERENT PLACES.

5.THE UNITY OF GOD MAY BE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS: GOD IS NOT DIVIDED INTO PARTS, YET WE SEE DIFFERENT ATTRIBUTES OF GOD EMPHASIZED AT DIFFERENT TIMES.

Communicable Attributes of God:

1.GOD'S SPIRITUALITY MEANS THAT GOD EXISTS AS A BEING THAT IS NOT MADE OF ANY MATTER, HAS NO PARTS OR DIMENSIONS, IS UNABLE TO BE PERCEIVED BY OUR BODILY SENSES, AND IS MORE EXCELLENT THAN ANY OTHER KIND OF EXISTENCE.

2.GOD'S INVISIBILITY CAN BE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS: GOD'S INVISIBILITY MEANS THAT GOD'S TOTAL ESSENCE, ALL OF HIS SPIRITUAL BEING, WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO BE SEEN BY US, YET GOD STILL SHOWS HIMSELF TO US THROUGH VISIBLE, CREATED THINGS.

Mental Attributes:

1.GOD'S KNOWLEDGE MAY BE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS: GOD FULLY KNOWS HIMSELF AND ALL THINGS ACTUAL AND POSSIBLE IN ONE SIMPLE AND ETERNAL ACT.

2.GOD'S WISDOM MEANS THAT GOD ALWAYS CHOOSES THE BEST GOALS AND THE BEST MEANS TO THOSE GOALS.

3.GOD'S TRUTHFULNESS MEANS THAT HE IS THE TRUE GOD, AND THAT ALL HIS KNOWLEDGE AND WORDS ARE BOTH TRUE AND THE FINAL STANDARD OF TRUTH.

Moral Attributes:

1.THE GOODNESS OF GOD MEANS THAT GOD IS THE FINAL STANDARD OF GOOD, AND THAT ALL THAT GOD IS AND DOES IS WORTHY OF APPROVAL.

2.GOD'S LOVE MEANS THAT GOD ETERNALLY GIVES OF HIMSELF TO OTHERS.

3.GOD'S MERCY MEANS GOD'S GOODNESS TOWARD THOSE IN MISERY AND DISTRESS.

4.GOD'S GRACE MEANS GOD'S GOODNESS TOWARD THOSE WHO DESERVE ONLY PUNISHMENT.

5.GOD'S PATIENCE MEANS GOD'S GOODNESS IN WITHHOLDING OF PUNISHMENT TOWARD THOSE WHO SIN OVER A PERIOD OF TIME.

6.GOD'S HOLINESS MEANS THAT HE IS SEPARATED FROM SIN AND DEVOTED TO SEEKING HIS OWN HONOR.

7.GOD'S PEACE MEANS THAT IN GOD'S BEING AND IN HIS ACTIONS HE IS SEPARATE FROM ALL CONFUSION AND DISORDER, YET HE IS CONTINUALLY ACTIVE IN INNUMERABLE WELL-ORDERED, FULLY CONTROLLED, SIMULTANEOUS ACTIONS.

8.GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS MEANS THAT GOD ALWAYS ACTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHAT IS RIGHT AND IS HIMSELF THE FINAL STANDARD OF WHAT IS RIGHT.

9.GOD'S JEALOUSY MEANS THAT GOD CONTINUALLY SEEKS TO PROTECT HIS OWN HONOR.
10. GOD'S WRATH MEANS THAT HE INTENSELY HATES ALL SIN.

Attributes of Purpose:

1.GOD'S WILL IS THAT ATTRIBUTE OF GOD WHEREBY HE APPROVES AND DETERMINES TO BRING ABOUT EVERY ACTION NECESSARY FOR THE EXISTENCE AND ACTIVITY OF HIMSELF AND ALL CREATION.

2.GOD'S FREEDOM IS THAT ATTRIBUTE OF GOD WHEREBY HE DOES WHATEVER HE PLEASES.

3.GOD'S OMNIPOTENCE (ALL-POWERFUL) MEANS THAT GOD IS ABLE TO DO ALL HIS HOLY WILL.

Summary Attributes:

1.GOD'S PERFECTION MEANS THAT GOD COMPLETELY POSSESSES ALL EXCELLENT QUALITIES AND LACKS NO PART OF ANY QUALITIES THAT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR HIM.

2.GOD'S BLESSEDNESS MEANS THAT GOD DELIGHTS FULLY IN HIMSELF AND IN ALL THAT REFLECTS HIS CHARACTER.

3.GOD'S BEAUTY IS THAT ATTRIBUTE OF GOD WHEREBY HE IS THE SUM OF ALL DESIRABLE QUALITIES.
4..GOD'S GLORY IS THE CREATED BRIGHTNESS THAT SURROUNDS GOD'S REVELATION OF HIMSELF.

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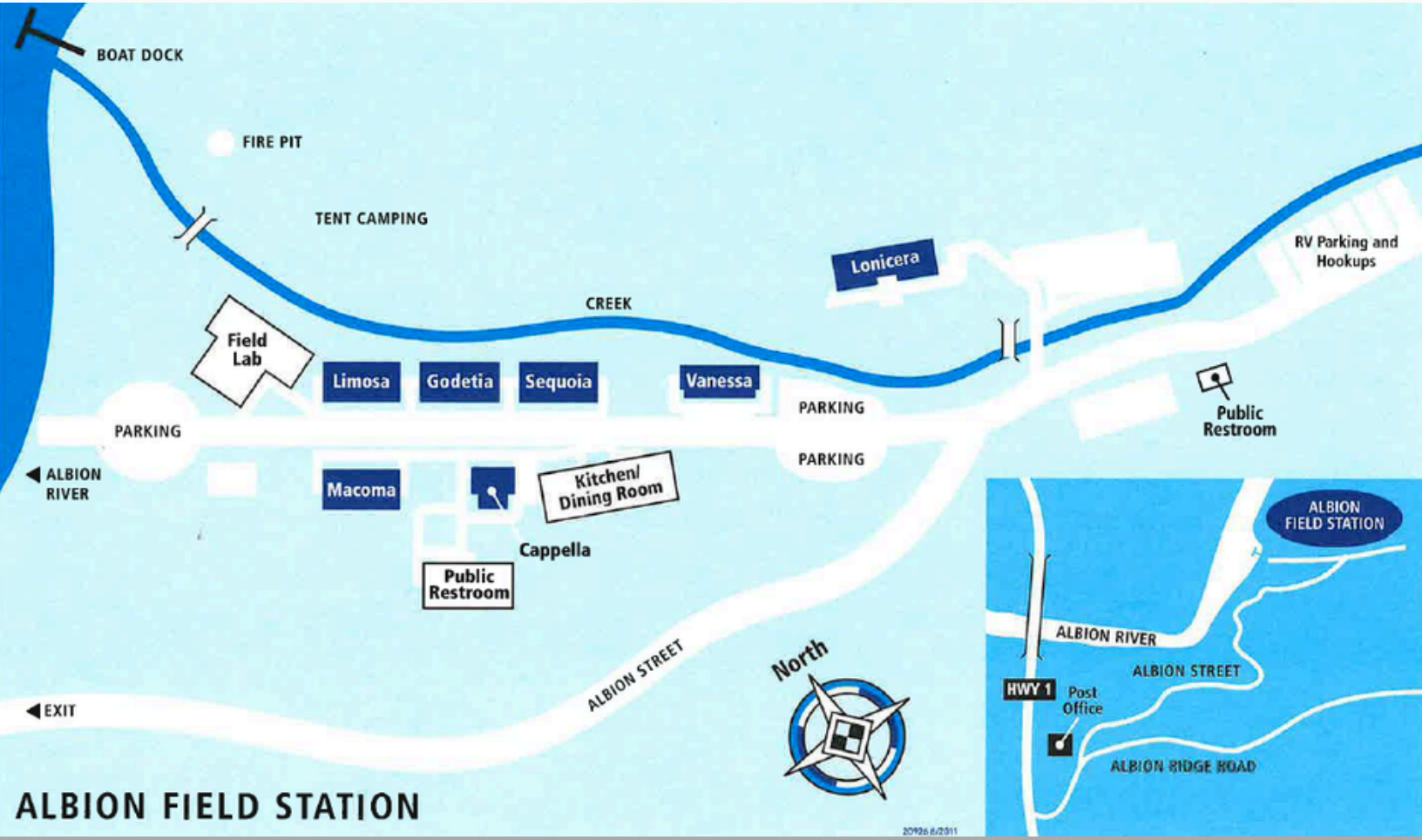
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FRIDAY
3:30-6:00 PM: ARRIVAL
6:00 PM: DINNER
7:00 PM: GROUP SESSION

SATURDAY
8:00 AM: BREAKFAST
9:00 AM: GROUP SESSION
11:00 AM: FREE TIME
6:00 PM: DINNER
7:00 PM: GROUP SESSION

SUNDAY
8:00 AM: BREAKFAST
9:00 AM: GROUP SESSION
11:00 AM: GO HOME