



FEB. 16-19, 2017 @ MOUNT ARARAT

WHAT IS ELEVATION WEEKEND?

Elevation is an exciting weekend where Middle and High School Students are broken into small groups and stay in local Host Homes for the entire weekend. Elevation is designed to allow students to connect with one another as they deepen their connection with God. During the event, they'll experience four small-group sessions at their Host Home and join other students at three large-group sessions (taught by Keith Smith). On Sunday morning students will be invited to attend the main service to hear Keith speak to the entire congregation. Home sessions are facilitated by Discussion Leaders who are amazing young adults from around our area and other parts of Virginia. They will lead our students in deeper discussion about their experiences and the large group lessons. I know this weekend may be hard to visualize if you've never participated, but it's an incredible environment where God impacts the hearts and lives of many students and adults.

WEEKEND OVERVIEW

LESSON WALKTHROUGH - SECTION 2

THEME EXPLANATION

2 SAMUEL 11 - DAVID'S SECRET

FROM THE VERY START OF THIS CHAPTER WE CAN ALREADY TELL TROUBLE IS ON THE HORIZON BECAUSE DAVID IS NOT WHERE HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE. THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT BEING WHERE YOU SHOULDN'T BE THAT NEVER SEEMS TO END WELL. IN THE MIDST OF THIS SITUATION WE SEE DAVID FACING SOME SERIOUS TEMPTATION. TEMPTATION IS ALWAYS DANGEROUS AND AS DAVID PURSUES THIS BAD DECISION WHAT HE ENDS UP WITH IS A **SECRET**. IT'S A BURDEN THAT BEGINS TO CONSUME EVERY ASPECT OF HIS LIFE AND ULTIMATELY COSTS HIM DEARLY.

2 SAMUEL 12 - COMING CLEAN

THERE IS ONLY ONE SOLUTION TO SECRECY AND THE HARMFUL EFFECTS IT HAS ON OUR LIVES AND THAT IS **TRANSPARENCY**. WE HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT THE THING WE HAVE DONE IS WHAT IS CAUSING ALL THIS TURMOIL IN OUR LIVES AND WE HAVE TO WANT TO GET RID OF IT. IN DAVID'S STORY, IT TAKES SOMEONE CLOSE TO DAVID POINTING OUT WHERE DAVID WENT WRONG AND HOW HE NEEDS TO COME CLEAN FOR HIM TO SEE THAT. ONCE DAVID REALIZES THAT IT IS THIS BURDENSOME SECRET IN HIS LIFE THAT IS RUINING EVERYTHING, HE IS READY TO BE DONE WITH IT AND RUN BACK TO GOD - DROPPING HIS SECRET AND ALL ITS WEIGHT ALONG THE WAY.

LESSON 1 | THE S.L.I.D.E.

-THE TRANSITION INTO A LIFE WITH SECRETS IS A SUBTLE ONE. HERE WE WILL LEARN EXACTLY WHAT TO LOOK FOR AND HOW WE CAN DEFEND AGAINST SECRETS TAKING ROOT IN OUR LIVES

LESSON 2 | THE SNARE

-OUR SECRETS ARE TREACHEROUS, THEY LATCH ON TIGHT AND CAN BE QUITE DETRIMENTAL. IN THIS LESSON WE WILL LEARN ALL ABOUT THE DANGEROUS EFFECTS SECRETS CAN HAVE IN OUR LIVES AND HOW TRANSPARENCY IS THE FIRST STEP IN RECOVERING FROM THE DAMAGE.

LESSON 3 | THE ESCAPE

-IF SECRETS ARE THE LOCK, THEN JESUS IS THE KEY. NOW THAT WE KNOW WHAT TO LOOK FOR AND JUST WHAT IS AT STAKE, HERE WE WILL LEARN THAT GOD DESIRES US TO BE FREE OF OUR SECRETS AND LIVING A LIFE CONNECTED TO HIM THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.



SO WHY THE LOCK?

OH, YOU DIDN'T KNOW!? EVERY STUDENT WHO ATTENDS THIS WEEKEND WILL BE GIVEN AN ACTUAL PADLOCK. THESE LOCKS ARE GOING TO BE OUR VISUAL TRIGGER FOR THE STUDENTS TO HELP THEM REALIZE JUST HOW HEAVY AND BINDING SECRETS CAN BE. *SO HOW WILL IT WORK?*

AS LEADERS IT WILL BE UP FOR YOU TO DRAW THE CONNECTIONS DURING SMALL GROUP TIMES AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE CARRYING THEIR LOCKS WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES DURING THIS WEEKEND. SO, YOU SHOULD GET USED TO SAYING:

-"DO YOU HAVE THAT LOCK?"

-"LET'S SEE THOSE LOCKS!"

-"EVERYONE HAVE THEIR LOCK WITH THEM RIGHT NOW?"

"GO GET YOUR LOCK"

"WHERE IS YOUR LOCK?"

[LOCKS WILL BE HANDED OUT ON FRIDAY NIGHT AT LARGE GROUP WORSHIP TIME]

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Weekend Schedule (Feb.16-19)

THURSDAY

6:30pm	Weekend Check-In
7:00pm	Kick-Off Rally
8:00pm	Rally Ends (Parent Pick-Up)

FRIDAY

5:45pm	Discussion Leaders arrive at Host Homes
6:30pm	Students arrive at Host Homes
7:15pm	Home Group Introduction (Meet & Greet)
8:30pm	Students Arrive at Mount Ararat (FLC)
8:45pm	<u>Large Group Session #1</u>
10:30pm	Home Group Session #1
11:30pm	Free Time
12:00am	Bed Time

SATURDAY

8:00am	Rise & Shine/Breakfast
10:00am	Arrive at Mount Ararat
10:30am	<u>Large Group Session #2</u>
12:00pm	Project Team Meetings
12:30pm	Lunch/Serving Projects
3:00pm	Free Time
5:00pm	Home Group Session #2
6:00pm	Dinner
7:15pm	Arrive at Mount Ararat
7:30pm	<u>Large Group Session #3</u>
10:00pm	Home Group Session #3
11:00pm	Free Time
12:00pm	Bed Time

SUNDAY

7:30am	Rise & Shine/Breakfast
8:30am	Finish Clean-up & Pack-up
9:00am*	Arrive at Mount Ararat – Bags stay in car in Toluca Road Parking Lot*
9:30am**	High School for Elevation Wrap Up Service in Chapel . Middle School in Auditorium to hear Keith Smith (wear Elevation Shirt)
11-11:15 am	Parent Pick-up opportunity in Toluca Rd Parking Lot
11:15am**	Middle School for Elevation Wrap Up Service in Chapel . High School in Auditorium to hear Keith Smith (wear Elevation Shirt)
12:30pm	Parent Pick-Up (Toluca Rd Parking Lot) . On Toluca Road, behind the church. Bags in Cars.

* Courthouse students will be driven to Courthouse campus to arrive by 9:30. Students report to volunteers spots or attend main service.

**All students who serve in Quest or Noah's Park should report for their regular volunteer spot.

WEEKEND RULES AND INFORMATION

Weekend Rules:

- Use your brain! If it might be wrong or dangerous...don't do it!
- No IPADs, portable gaming units, electronics, etc. Phones are permitted.
- No drugs, alcohol, tobacco or any other questionable items.
- Prescriptions must be checked-in with the Host Home parents.
- No clothing, hats, or accessories with questionable imagery or messages.
- Student Driving: Once students arrive at the weekend (host home or large group) on Friday, their car is to be parked for the weekend. No students are allowed to drive or give rides to students during the weekend. (Exception: students must have a signed Time-Away form with permission to drive to/from their away activity.) Students will be allowed to drive themselves to church on Sunday morning for the conclusion of the weekend. **Parents are encouraged to drop-off or car pool students to the weekend.
- Modesty must be shown at all times
(no yoga pants, short shorts, excessively tight shirts, sagging pants, etc.)
- Students who need to leave for part of the weekend must have a completed "Time-Away" form.
- Students must obey all weekend and host home rules.
- No PDA (Public Displays of affection) allowed.
- No pranks or pranking materials are to be part of the weekend.

***Students must follow all other given rules and do everything in a manner that is appropriate, considerate, safe, and fits the overall purpose of the weekend. Students who go above and beyond breaking these rules may be sent home at our earliest convenience.**

WHAT STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO BRING

- Comfortable Clothes
- Clothes for Community Service Projects (see below)
- Closed-toed Shoes (for Community Service Project)
- Toiletries
- Towels
- Bedding (sleeping bag, pillow, blankets)
- Elevation Weekend T-Shirt (you will get these at your host home Friday)
- Bible (we have one if you do not have your own)
- \$10 spending money for free time (merchandise will be available for purchase)
- **Snacks and Drinks for host home to share** (bring enough for the entire weekend) - not obligated.

***Community Service Projects:*

Some groups will be doing service projects that might get them a little dirty. You may want to pack some older clothes to wear Saturday AM and for the service time. Also, please make sure and bring a jacket as some groups will be working outside. (Your student will find out their project at the Thursday rally.)

WHAT STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ASKED NOT TO BRING

- IPADs, gaming systems, electronics, etc. (phones are permitted)
- Drugs, alcohol, or other illegal or questionable items
- No knives, paintball guns, weapons of any kind, water balloons, shaving cream (except for shaving purposes), or other items that can cause damage or injury
- Clothing containing questionable messages or images

TIME AWAY FORMS

If your student will be gone during any part of the weekend, or will be arriving late to your Host Home, we need you to complete and turn in a "Time Away Form". **THIS FORM SHOULD BE TURNED IN WHEN THEY CHECK IN THURSDAY, FEB 16.** "Time Away" forms are available at the Student Ministry Table on Sundays, at the Rally Thursday night, and at the church office. Students will not be allowed to leave the weekend without an approved "Time Away Form." If an emergency situation arises, students will only be permitted to leave with a parent (ID will be required) or adult (ID and parent confirmation required). If an emergency arises, please contact both your Host Home Parents and our Student Ministry Staff.

ARRIVAL and PICK UP

Parents, please have students at their respective **Host Homes by 6:30pm on Friday night!** Our first home group session begins at this time and we want to limit distractions. *Your student will receive address to their host home at the Thursday night rally. We will also text and email the address to you. **There are two opportunities to pick up students on Sunday morning. The first window of opportunity is 11:00-11:15 in the Toluca Road parking lot. The 2nd window of opportunity is after the 12:30 service in the Toluca Road parking lot. Courthouse students will be driven to the Courthouse campus and can be picked up after the 10:00am service.**

ELEVATION 2017 - TIME AWAY REQUEST

The weekend is designed in such a way that the fewer interruptions, the greater the impact will be! If a student must leave for a period of time, the following information must be filled out and signed by their parent.

Student's Name _____ Phone _____ Grade _____

Reason for being gone _____

Time Away: Day _____ Time: _____ to _____

Parent's Signature _____

Medications Release Form for Elevation Weekend

I _____, give permission to the Mount Ararat Baptist
Parent/Guardian's Name

Church adult host home chaperones to give the prescriptions and dosages noted below to my
child, _____ during the weekend of Feb 17-19, 2017.

For: _____.
Name of medication

Dosage: _____

For: _____.
Name of medication

Dosage: _____

For: _____.
Name of medication

Dosage: _____

For: _____.
Name of medication

Dosage: _____

For: _____.
Name of medication

Dosage: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature