

2019 WORLD MISSIONS WEEK [ *July 1 - 6* ]  
DEEP IMPACT WEEK [ *June 30 - July 6* ]  
FORT CASWELL



CHURCH GROUP DEVOTIONS

## 2019 Church Group Devotions Deep Impact/World Missions Week

The following pages contain church group devotions for those attending Deep Impact or World Missions Week at Fort Caswell this July. “Pre-camp” devotions are found at <https://baptistsonmission.org/camps/deep-impact>. Scroll down the page for 2019 Pre-Camp Bible Studies. These were prepared by this year’s Deep Impact Staff and are available to any church attending a Deep Impact or World Missions Week.

The studies listed in this booklet have been prepared by Rev. Derek Bailey and Rev. Don Strader. These have been written specifically for the 2019 Deep Impact/World Missions Week - Monday through Friday, July 1 - 5, 2019. During camp, there will be a time scheduled each evening for Church Group Devotions. Two options are provided for you on these pages. You are welcome to use these devotions or provide your own. These are provided as a service to you.

Thank you for joining us at Fort Caswell for the 2019 Deep Impact or World Missions Week. Our theme this week, “NO!” is taken from *Titus 2: 11 - 14 (NIV)* -- ***“For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.”***

You are responsible to provide your group with any additional materials needed for nightly church group devotions. Depending on the option you choose to utilize, you may need to make signs, provide pens/pencils, sticky notes, basins and towels, etc. Items needed for each evening are mentioned in the devotion. You will need to read and prepare this ahead of camp.

Each camp participant will be provided with a workbook providing morning devotions; note spaces for morning celebration, evening worship, and church group devotional times; and morning Bible study notes for the WMW youth. You may want to bring pens or additional supplies to aid your group devotions.

Pre-Camp Devotions are found online at <https://baptistsonmission.org/camps/deep-impact>.

2019 Deep Impact/World Missions Week Church Group Devotions are included in this booklet or may be downloaded from <https://baptistsonmission.org/camps/world-missions-week> (scroll to the bottom of the page).

We look forward to our week together at Fort Caswell.

## **A Message to Church Leaders from the Devotion Writers:**

It's the first night of camp and we have just been introduced to Deep Impact/World Missions Week at Fort Caswell for the year 2019. We have been introduced to our camp pastor, Mike Satterfield, and our worship leaders, Rush of Fools. We've just left an awesome service of worshipping God. As a group what are your goals for this week? Your group may be just a few or it may be over 50. The size of your group does not matter.

*"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." - Matthew 18:20 (NIV)*

You are at Caswell, and God is with you this week! Start every day and meeting time by inviting Him into your conversations, thoughts, decisions, and activities. There are 2 options provided for Youth Group Night Devotions.

**The First Option** is aimed at using the evening message from Hatch as the foundation for your devotion time. There are "note taking sheets" for each evening in this guide. If you choose option 1, use the sheets to fill in details from the message and help organize your devotion time. There is a challenge to take application to the "next step". Before you begin your devotion, please take a minute to think and pray through the last set of questions to ensure you take the devotion time in the direction most personal for your group.

**The Second Option** is aimed at using a "youth group focus" to challenge students to look at the group with the same love they have for themselves. There are suggested discussion questions, scriptures and ways to connect your group with their mission in the Kingdom. Please pray for the Spirit's guidance during this time. Students will be tired, and often distracted, but this is an incredible ministry time. While these devotion sets offer structure and planning, they do not take the place of Holy Spirit direction or the specific needs of your group. No one knows your students the way you do. God's plan is the greatest priority.

Overview of Section 2 Topics:

- Monday – Why you are here?
- Tuesday – Key Ingredient
- Wednesday – We are His design
- Thursday – True Freedom
- Friday – Serving without restraints

### **SPECIAL REQUEST!**

**Make prayer a priority for your group. Bring a notebook for prayer requests and pass it among your group daily. This will allow students and leaders to write down prayers and answers to prayers during the week. Be sure to celebrate the answers. It will manage your time well. It will give written requests for individuals and the group to pray over specifically.**

**Thank you for allowing us to serve with you this week!**

**Derek Bailey  
Don Strader**

**YOUTH GROUP EVENING DEVO BUILDER FROM MESSAGE (OPTION 1)**  
**Monday, July 1, 2019**

**MAIN PASSAGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIN THEME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIN POINTS OF THE MESSAGE:**

**STORY OR ILLUSTRATION TO CONNECT MAIN POINT(S)**

**GO ONE STEP FARTHER**

What is the next step to go beyond where the speaker ended?

How specifically can my students respond to what they have learned?

**Before presenting the devotion consider the following:**

What main takeaway do I want my students to take from the message?

What is the main verse I want them to keep with them?

How does this relate to contemporary issues in youth or our community?

**YOUTH GROUP EVENING DEVO BUILDER FROM MESSAGE (OPTION 1)**

**Tuesday, July 2, 2019**

**MAIN PASSAGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIN THEME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIN POINTS OF THE MESSAGE:**

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**YOUTH GROUP EVENING DEVO BUILDER FROM MESSAGE (OPTION 1)**

**Wednesday, July 3, 2019**

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**MAIN THEME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIN POINTS OF THE MESSAGE:**

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**YOUTH GROUP EVENING DEVO BUILDER FROM MESSAGE (OPTION 1)**

**Thursday, July 4, 2019**

**MAIN PASSAGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIN THEME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIN POINTS OF THE MESSAGE:**

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**YOUTH GROUP EVENING DEVO BUILDER FROM MESSAGE (OPTION 1)**

**Friday, July 5, 2019**

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**MAIN THEME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIN POINTS OF THE MESSAGE:**

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## YOUTH GROUP EVENING DEVO (*Option 2*)

**Monday, July 1, 2019**

Possible opening questions for your youth to begin a conversation:

- Reflection of your first day of Caswell 2019?
- What did you like about today in and outside the service?
- What were some of the things you thought were interesting?
- What are some goals for our group this week?
- What do we hope we get out of this week?

**Why are we here? It is no accident..... Think about all the steps and decisions that took place for everyone to be here this week.**

We are here because this is where God wants us this week both individually and as a group.

***Proverbs 19:21 (NIV)- Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.***

What does this verse mean to you? Each year many attendees come to Caswell for reasons other than building a relationship with God and others. This may apply to some of you here tonight and that is ok.

Why do you think you are here this week individually? As a group?

On sticky notes have each person write one reason they are here this week as an individual and as a group. Designate an area in your lodging to place your sticky notes. (There is a page at the end of these devotions to label this area "Why do you think we are here at Caswell?".)

**(Create the sign for the designated area ahead of time)**

This week commit to looking, listening, and following God individually and as a group. God's plan is for us to prosper and not to harm.

***Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) - For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.***

Some of us may be trying to make decisions about the future with schools, careers, or may be changing our direction and relationship with God and others. Scripture tells us in Proverbs 16:3 to commit to the Lord and He will guide us.

***Proverbs 16:3 (NIV) - Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.***

**Prayer:** Pray for your group as a whole and as individuals to see the plans God has for them. Pray for His direction in the lives of each one attending Caswell. Pray each person will commit to the Lord in whatever we do and will follow His plans and not those of our own desires.

## YOUTH GROUP EVENING DEVO (*Option 2*)

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

One of the goals this week for your group, attendees and our campus is to become closer together through our relationships with Christ and each other.

**What do you think the key ingredient is for you to become closer as a group? (Have students guess the key ingredient by writing them on a sticky note and post on your designated area) (Create the sign for the designated area ahead of time)**

*John 13:35 (NIV)- By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*

So how do we show we are followers of Christ is our love for one another.

Love is the key ingredient. Love is mentioned throughout scripture.

*John 13:34 (NIV) - A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.*

This week as we continue to learn about Christ we will see the true example of an unselfish love. Our love toward one another is a choice. Make a conscious effort to put others before ourselves.

(For this next reading break into smaller groups if you wish. Have students to read 1 John 3:18 and reflect on the questions below. Instruct them to be ready to share.)

*1 John 3:18 (NIV) – Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.*

How can we put others before ourselves this week? How do we show our love to others?

The center of a family is love. It is no different for our group. Love does not reflect self, it reflects putting others before ourselves.

### **No other love - Rush of Fools**

(Chorus)

No other love

Looks beyond the things I have done

That I'm not proud of

No other love

Lifts me up and holds me in its arms

And lives within my heart

As we want Christ to look beyond the things we have done, we should be a reflection of Him by looking beyond the things others have done. Love without judging.

**Prayer:** Pray for each person and group who is at Caswell to grow closer to God and to each other through the key ingredient -- our love for Christ and each other. To love and not judge, to reflect the grace we have received to others.

## YOUTH GROUP EVENING DEVO (*Option 2*)

Wednesday, July 3, 2019

### Part of His Design

Have students write on a sticky note three unique and different parts of their body. Then have them answer with a yes or no next to their listed body parts the following question: Can your body part function alone without the rest of the body? Then have students place them on your designated sticky note area. **(Create the sign for the designated area ahead of time.)**

*1 Corinthians 12:12 (NIV) - Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.*

Think about the complexity of our human body and the significant of each part to each other.

*1 Corinthians 12:14 (NIV) - Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.*

It is important that each part does its expected function for the body to meet its potential.

*1 Corinthians 12:18 (NIV) - But in fact, God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.*

Are we in a local church body? Are we active in our faith? We all have different gifts and talents God has created for us to do in our local church body so it will perform to its fullest potential and we will be at our fullest potential.

*1 Corinthians 12:19 (NIV) - If they were all one part, where would the body be?*

We are all different and we have different talents to make the body function as a whole. We should enjoy who we are and whose we are.

*1 Corinthians 12:26 (NIV) - If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.*

We are made for each other as a body of believers. In our human body when we injure one body part another one steps up to assist and helps the other one during the healing process. The same is true for us as a body of believers. We are to lift each other up. A part away from the body is lost and ineffective. We are all created by God. Each of us have different spiritual gifts and these gifts should be used to strengthen our church body. Some may not know what it is like to be a member because they never have been part of a team, group, church. Like an organ within our human body we cannot function to our fullest potential without the support of our other parts/members.

**Prayer:** Pray for each member of your group. Pray for those who have made a recommitment or accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. Pray for all the attendees here at Caswell to have or find a church body for them or get actively involved in their current home.

## YOUTH GROUP EVENING DEVO (*Option 2*)

**Thursday, July 4, 2019**

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July – True Freedom and Independence is found in Christ

What is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July?

Independence Day is annually celebrated on July 4 and is often known as "the Fourth of July". It is the anniversary of the publication of the declaration of independence from Great Britain in 1776.

Great Britain was ruling the 13 colonies here in America and the colonists became tired of being controlled by Great Britain. These colonists wanted their freedom.

Think about things or people which have a control on your life. Many of us have habits, things in our past, people, or sin within our lives which we cannot let go – in other words, it has a hold on us. These things weigh us down.

Pass out the sticky notes and have each person list one thing weighing them down. Place it in the designated area marked with the attached sheet "Things weighing us down." **(Create the sign for the designated area ahead of time.)**

***2 Corinthians 3:17 (NIV)- Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.***

According to the scripture we just read, where can we find freedom from anything? In the Lord.

Take the sign labeled "Things God Can't Lift" and tape over the previous one that says, "Things Weighing Us Down." Now have those who placed sticky notes on the wall with items weighing people down remove the one they posted unless God can't lift it or remove it. **(Create the sign for the designated area ahead of time.)**

The key to remaining free is not being trapped by those things which weigh us down.

***Galatians 5:1 (NIV) - It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.***

What is a yoke? A frame fitting over the neck and shoulders of a person, used for carrying pails or baskets. This is a heavy load for a person to carry as with the items we listed which will weigh us down.

How do we escape the yokes we put on ourselves? What prevents us from living our lives to the fullest? We live in the Spirit of the Lord and we enjoy freedom we have in Him.

**Prayer:** Please pray ***Psalms 79:9 (NIV) - Help us, God our Savior, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for your name's sake.*** Now pray for each member of your group. Pray for those who have made a recommitment or accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. Pray for all the attendees here at Caswell to find a church body for them or get actively involved in their home community.

## YOUTH GROUP EVENING DEVO (*Option 2*)

Friday, July 5, 2019

### Serving and Reaching Together

**Matthew 20:28 (NIV) - Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.**

Jesus came to give His life for everyone. He came to serve everyone. As disciples of Christ both individually and as a body we should be serving everyone not just those we like. Our service, like Jesus's love, should be unconditional. Our willingness to help others should not have conditions or expect anything in return. One of the best examples of serving others is found in the scripture below:

**John 13:12-13 (NIV) - When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet."**

Do we fully understand the meaning and significance of Jesus performing this act of servanthood? Think about the shoes they wore, think about it being at the end of a long day, think about who usually performs this act for visitors. This is our Savior, the one we are called to follow. Nothing was beneath Him. In the same way, there should be no task or chore beneath us.

Do you think He was worried about His reputation or what others would think? Do you think others learned from His actions? Are we still learning from His action of servanthood?

(Optional Activity:

This would be an opportunity to have a foot washing ceremony within your group. You, as the group leader, should go first. Then invite others to follow. You will find this is one of the most humbling acts of servanthood for everyone involved, including those who are having their feet washed. If you choose to do this, make this activity voluntary. You will be amazed at the impact this activity will have on each member and the group. You will be ready to serve your church, your community, and the world.)

During our times of serving do you think others notice? When we are serving others do we want to be recognized or do we do it to show our love for others and the love of Christ? Are others learning from us when we serve?

Take a sticky note and write down the various ways your group can serve your church, community, schools, and each other. Make a commitment to pursue serving others both individually and as a group. Take the notes and in no particular order share them with your group and discuss ways to get started serving.

**Prayer:** Pray for each member of your group. Pray for those who have made a recommitment or have accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. Pray for all the attendees here at Caswell to have or find a church body they will become involved with in their home town. Pray for God to open opportunities for your group to serve one another, your community, and around the world.

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WE HERE?**

**KEY  
INGREDIENT**

**THREE  
DIFFERENT  
BODY PARTS**

**THINGS  
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**THINGS  
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**HOW & WHERE  
WE CAN  
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