



# HUME'S CAMP KAJABE

SPEAKER GUIDE

## THEME OVERVIEW:

In the midst of this unique season, our goal with Camp Kajabe is to cultivate a greater affection for, and a greater priority of, the local church. On the surface this theme might just seem like theological pillars of the Church (covenant of redemption, gospel, mission, spiritual gifts, heaven), which in many ways is true. However, our hope is that students will hear of God's love for the Church and God's love for them in the gospel. We pray that this new understanding naturally overflows into passion — a passion to go and proclaim Christ to the corners of the globe, a passion to use their giftings in the Body of Christ, as well as a passion and excitement for the Church's destiny of heaven.

## THEME VERSE: EPHESIANS 2:19-22

*"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit."*

## MESSAGE THEMES:

### MESSAGE 1: THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH

Since before time began, God has had an eternal plan for His Church whom He deeply loves.

### MESSAGE 2: THE MESSAGE OF THE CHURCH

The message of the Church is the gospel of Jesus Christ and believing in Him by faith alone.

### MESSAGE 3: THE POWER OF THE CHURCH

The power of the Church is found in God's Word and God's Spirit.

### MESSAGE 4: THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

The mission of the Church is to make disciples as we proclaim Christ and use our unique gifting by God in the advancement of His kingdom.

### MESSAGE 5: THE DESTINY OF THE CHURCH

The destiny of the Church is heaven where the Body of Christ will forever be united with our Lord Jesus Christ.



## CAMP KAJABE FILM OVERVIEW

In a 1960's scout camp world, Johnny arrives for the first time at Camp Kajabe. He is the newest member of Troop 46, led by Troop Leader Tobias. With the help of the Scoutmaster's Handbook and his troop mates, Johnny learns what it means to be a member of Troop 46.

## GOAL OF CAMP KAJABE EPISODES

Our goal with each episode is threefold:

1. Create and encourage questions about the Church within students.
2. Provide the speaker with a launching pad to answer those questions and have visual examples from the film to reference.
3. Equip counselors with a tangible resource to explicate during group/individual discussions with students.

## CAMP KAJABE: THE BASICS

Troop = Church

Scoutmaster = God

Scoutmaster's Son = Jesus

Scoutmaster's Handbook = God's Word



# MESSAGE 1 - THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH

Scripture: Ephesians 1:4, 3:9, 3:11; John 5:30, 5:43, 6:38-40, 17:4-12

## MESSAGE NOTES:

Our heart for this introductory message is that students understand God's eternal plan for the Church. The Church is not a man-made institution, but one established by God in eternity past. The Church does not necessarily begin in Acts chapter 2; it starts with an agreement amongst the Godhead before the beginning of time. The Father would send the Son, the Son would acquire redemption for the Father, and it would be sealed by the Holy Spirit. From all eternity, God not only planned creation, but He also planned the redemption of that creation.

We want students to have a greater love for the Church because God HIMSELF loves the Church. **The reason God loves the Church is because He loves His Son, and the Church is the people that God gives the Son. The Son loves the Church because they are a gift from His Father.**

The God of the Bible doesn't have a "Plan B" or "Plan C." His "Plan A" is from everlasting to everlasting. God's eternal plan was not revised because of the moral imperfection in the world, nor was it corrected because He gained new knowledge that He lacked at the beginning. God's plan never changes because He never changes and He knows all things. God's plan from the beginning was redemption. Before God ever said, "Let there be light" in Genesis 1, a covenant was made amongst the Godhead. It is called a "covenant" because the plan involves two or more parties. This is not a covenant between God and humans. It is a covenant amongst the persons of the Godhead, specifically between the Father and the Son.

## MAIN TAKEAWAYS:

1. The Church was a gift from the Father to the Son before the beginning of time.
2. God's plan for His people has always been for His people to dwell in His presence.
3. God the Father loves the Church because His Son loves the Church, so we should as well.

## EPISODE 1

Johnny arrives at camp for the first time, and he is unsure of Troop 46. He sees that the Troop has a special bond that intrigues him. At the welcome assembly, Troop Leader Tobias asks how the Troop began. He says it didn't start with stories found in the handbook, but started before the foundation of the world. He says it began with an agreement between the Scoutmaster and His Son. The Scoutmaster gave His Son the gift of the Troop. Beside the campfire, Johnny is left processing what Tobias said.

### Important Quote:

"The story of the Troops began before the mountains or the trees even existed. It started with an agreement that the Scoutmaster would give His Son a gift. A gift that would cost the Son His life." - Tobias



## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

What are some misconceptions about the Church?

According to God's Word, how did the Church begin?

What is the agreement or covenant between God the Father and His Son Jesus?

Because God loves His Church, what are we as believers called to do?

When it comes to the Church, what are some things you're confused by?



# MESSAGE 2 - THE MESSAGE OF THE CHURCH

Scripture: Ephesians 1:7, 2:8-9

## MESSAGE NOTES:

The message of the Church is the **message of the gospel**. Jesus is the first missionary who was sent by God in order to save those who were lost. Jesus came willingly to “seek and save the lost” (Luke 19:10). He was not coerced by the Father to leave heaven and take the form of man. Rather, He willingly made himself of no reputation in order that He might live a perfect life, die on the cross, and rise from the grave (Phil. 2).

Romans 3:23 declares that, “All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God,” and the message upon which the Church is established is that Jesus, through His death and resurrection, offers eternal life and justification to those who believe in Him. **The method by which we are made right with God is faith alone.**

Specifically in this gospel message, we will focus on the truth that sinners are justified by faith alone. Our heart is that students would understand that there is nothing we can do to earn our way to God, but that we can be declared righteous by God through placing our faith in Jesus Christ. **This is the doctrine upon which the Church rises or falls.**

## MAIN TAKEAWAYS:

1. The message of the Church is the gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. In order for students to understand their mission by God, or their part in the Body of Christ, they must understand the nature of saving faith, that being faith alone.

## EPISODE 2

While Troop 46 is eating breakfast, Tim and Timmy interrupt to talk about the Great Mountain Trek. Barb explains the Great Mountain Trek to Johnny. Then, the Troop addresses the importance of the Scoutmaster’s Handbook. As the Troop enjoys free time, Johnny feels more a part of the Troop. At the campfire, Troop Leader Tobias explains that the Scoutmaster sent His Son to die for the Troop. Johnny is left confused.

### Important Quotes:

“The Father sent the Son to a people who were lost. To save them from their dangerous ways, it would be such a cost.” - Tobias

“The people the Scoutmaster had made rejected him. They thought they could earn favor with Him by collecting merit badges. But badges could never earn peace with the Scoutmaster.” - Tobias



“Because all people are naturally enemies of the Scoutmaster, what we need is peace with Him.” - Tobias

“He was killed by the ones He came to save.” - Tobias

“I said He died, I didn’t say He was dead. He is with the Scoutmaster now. But He is always with us, even today.” - Tobias

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

Why did Jesus have to die for the Church?

Describe your understanding of the gospel message.

Describe what the idea of “by faith alone” means when it comes to believing in Jesus Christ.

Have you given your entire life to Jesus?



# MESSAGE 3 - THE POWER OF THE CHURCH

Scripture: Ephesians 2:19-22

## MESSAGE NOTES:

If the Church is not an institution that was started by man, then surely the power of the Church does not lie in man's gifting or experience, but in the power of God. **God's Word and God's Spirit are the power of the Church.** They are the foundation of the Church. Ephesians tells us that the Church is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, meaning the Word of God.

Think about the analogy of God's spirit being the wind in the sails and God's word being the rudder. All wind and no rudder, we go all over the place. All rudder and no wind, we go nowhere. That is why the Church needs the spirit of God, working in conjunction with the power of God in order to fulfill its lofty mission.

We want students to understand that the priority of the Church then is to accurately and passionately communicate and study the Word of God, so that the Spirit of God can move powerfully amongst the people.

## MAIN TAKEAWAY:

The Church of God is dependent upon the Spirit of God using the Word of God to conform the children of God into the image of God.

## EPISODE 3

Troop 46 is counting down the days to the Great Mountain Trek which is quickly approaching. While the scouts are enjoying time in the pond, Tim makes fun of Tobias' so-called "imaginary friend." Johnny seeks wisdom from Tobias who explains the importance of the Scoutmaster's Handbook and the Scoutmaster's Spirit.

### Important Quotes:

"How can a handbook change my life?" - Johnny

"We need His Spirit to work through His words in His handbook." - Tobias



## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

What is the power of the Church dependent on?

What is the importance of God's Word?

What is the role of the Holy Spirit?

How do you see the power of God's Word and the Holy Spirit working in your life?





## MESSAGE 4 - THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Scripture: Matthew 28; Romans 12

### MESSAGE NOTES:

The mission of the Church is to make disciples as we proclaim Christ and use our unique gifting by God in the advancement of His kingdom. We want students to understand their part in the local church. **The Church is not something we merely attend, but something we are a part of. We are members of the Body of Christ.** As members, we are called to use our gifts to serve Christ. Much has been said in the past about students or people in general being apathetic towards the Church, but little is said about our vital role in the Body of Christ.

Jesus told His disciples in Matthew 28 that they were to go into the whole world and make disciples. He told them in Acts 1:8 that they were to be His witnesses, in order that they might make disciples. Disciples are made in the Church as believers surround themselves with other men and women who have been saved by God and gifted by God for His grand mission.

### MAIN TAKEAWAY:

Church isn't something that you attend, it is something you are a member of. It is something that you are called to be a part of as you use your gifting in Christ's call to make disciples of all the nations.

### EPISODE 4

Troop 46 has finally made it to the day of the Great Mountain Trek. Each scout plays a critical role as they venture through each of the challenges. Sam creates fire, Barb hits the bullseye with her bow and arrow, Johnny navigates with his compass and map, and Suzie learns the value of including Timmy. Together, they make it through the Great Mountain Trek.

### Important Quote:

"Every single one of you plays a critical role in winning the Great Mountain Trek. Collectively, we are the Scouts. Individually, we're...individuals." - Tobias

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

How does God work through His Church?

As a member of the Church or Body of Christ, you play a valuable role; how are you using your gifting to accomplish the mission of the Church?

Church isn't something you merely attend, but something you are a member of; how are you being an obedient and active participant in the Church?



# MESSAGE 5 - THE DESTINY OF THE CHURCH

Scripture: Revelation 19; 1 Peter 1:3-5; John 14:1-2

## MESSAGE NOTES:

The destiny of the Church is heaven. In this message, we want students to realize that one day **the Body of Christ will forever be united with Jesus in heaven**. Few people actually contemplate or study the reality of heaven. The Scripture describes that heaven is not just a bunch of individuals, it is one bride joined to her groom, that being, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The problem today is that our hope as Christians is rarely addressed, consequently then our hope is rarely fixed. 1 John 3:3 tells us that when we have our hope fixed on Christ and our future home we are purified.

## MAIN TAKEAWAY:

We want students to understand the “imperishable, undefiled inheritance” (1 Peter 1:4) that is stored up for the Body of Christ.

## EPISODE 5

Troop 46 returns to camp after the Great Mountain Trek. Johnny receives a package with a letter and photos. Johnny and Tobias have a discussion about what happens after we die.

### Important Quotes:

“What happens after all this? I mean, after we die?” - Johnny

“We go home to be with the Scoutmaster, forever.” - Tobias

“We know how the story ends. It says it right there in the handbook. The Troops that the Scoutmaster gave His son will be with Him forever.” - Tobias

“Our home is not this camp or this mountain in the trees. Our home is with the Scoutmaster, for all eternity.” - Tobias

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What is the hope of the Church in?

Describe your understanding of heaven; what are you confused by?

God’s ultimate plan for the Church is to be united with Him for all eternity; how does that affect the way you live your life today?

