

Sanctuary First

February 2011

Theme Summary God's Spa

Setting the Scene

The space is set out so that there is an area partitioned off with candles. A smoke machine and/or ambient lighting create a mysterious atmosphere.

This area is God's Space, a Holy Space. People only enter into this area when invited to during the service.

At the start of the service the candles are unlit but the additional use of long beams of light can raise our thoughts to something higher and majestic. Candles will be lit during the service.

People enter and sit in the "normal" part of church.

Item	Notes
VIDEO:	"Names of God" this is played on a loop as people enter.
PRESENTER 1:	Welcome to this sacred place A sacred space where you can invite God to rejuvenated your spirit.
PRESENTER 2:	The aim of this service is to draw our attention to the glory and majesty of God and to explore how this knowledge in turn makes us aware of our shabby self centred lives.
PRESENTER 1:	When we in turn strip away all the clutter of a self obsessed lifestyle and put our lives in a right perspective and relationship with God we find ourselves free to relax in the presence of God's overwhelming goodness.
PRESENTER 2:	And to rest in his eternal purposes for our lives. We have been created to glorify God and to enjoy our relationship with God. At the core of a healthy God relationship is a desire to serve God through serving others. Draw close to God tonight and he will draw close to you.
VIDEO:	"ISAIAH"

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<p>PRESENTER 1:</p> <p>PRESENTER 2:</p> <p>PRESENTER 1:</p>	<p>It was is only when Isaiah came into God's presence and experienced an aspect of the glory and majesty of God that he saw himself clearly and saw how unclean and sinful he was.</p> <p>God took away Isaiah's guilt, and atoned for his sin. Now Isaiah was ready for God's calling and was ready to serve.</p> <p>Isaiah said, Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"</p>
SONGS:	Sing songs of adoration
VIDEO:	"Handel's Messiah"
VIDEO:	"How Great Is Our God"
PRESENTER:	<p>We have come here this evening to encounter the power and the presence of the living God, more than that, we have come here tonight to find rest for our souls. We live in a bitter twisted screwed up world. Deep down inside all of us feel the loss and the pull to find something more in life. We all need to encounter forgiveness. Here is a beautiful song highlighting our broken world.</p>
VIDEO:	"BROKEN WORLD"
VIDEO:	<p>"HEALING HANDS"</p> <p>(During this video the candles are lit)</p>
PRAYER:	<p>Lord</p> <p>Grant us the courage to face up to our short-comings</p> <p>Give us the strength to change and make amends</p> <p>Cleanse the thoughts and the attitudes of our hearts and minds</p> <p>Allow us to draw close to your presence</p> <p>To feel forgiven</p> <p>To feel clean</p> <p>Remind us once again of our baptism</p>

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PRESENTER:	<p>(Invite people to move forward into “God’s Space”. (Explain the need to come with a clean heart into the presence of a Holy God)</p> <p>‘Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord. He who has clean hands and has not lifted up his soul unto vanity” Psalm 24</p>
PRESENTER:	<p>As people move through into God’s Space their hands and their lips are washed by water touching hands and lips symbolically and the phrase is said something similar to the following,</p> <p>“See, this water has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”</p>
	<p>People then sit in God’s Space and take time to relax and soak up God’s presence. Music is played, bible verses are said, times or quiet are allowed and the “This is the Place’ meditation can be played. Can we suggest the following passages of Scripture may be read and also that you invite perhaps a couple of singers to share their songs as an acoustic set. The readings can be taken from different translations of the Bible including the KJV.</p> <p>Psalm 23 Isaiah 55, Matthew 11. 25-30, Romans Chapter 8 John Chapter 7.37-39, Phillipians 4. 6-9</p>
PRESENTER:	<p>“but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” John 4:14</p>
	<p>Pick a piece of music that is inspirational as it builds in mood</p> <p>People are asked to come forward and drink some refreshing cold water.</p> <p>Being nurtured to be sent out to serve others.</p>
SONGS:	<p>The Sprinkling Song The lord’s My Shepherd I Heard the Voice of Jesus say</p>

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BLESSING:	Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the infinite peace to you.