



ON THE ROCKS



LEADERS GUIDE



A CHRISTIAN SURFERS MEDIA PRODUCTION

Who is Terran Williams?

"stoked" - adjective - to be "stoked" is to be completely and intensely enthusiastic, exhilarated, or excited about something. those who are stoked...

If there is a word to describe Terran it is the word 'stoked'. He's stoked that God loves him so. He's stoked about his beautiful wife and happy kids – two young boys, Eli and Fynn. He's stoked about the city Cape Town that he lives in – where about half of all the surf clips were captured. He's stoked about the church he helps lead – Common Ground Church – where over 2000 people gather to progress in the adventure of following Jesus. And of course he's stoked about the sport of surfing – which happens to be the very means through which God first reached him.



ON THE ROCKS - A CHRISTIAN SURFERS MEDIA PRODUCTION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SON SURF SOUTH AFRICA PRESENTED AND WRITTEN BY TERRAN WILLIAMS DIRECTED BY JONTY BOUGAS
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Ten Tips for Leading a Rocking On The Rocks Bible Study...

1. Help people move forward spiritually at their own pace. Some of the people may be real Christians and this will strengthen their faith. Others will be seekers who are more than ready to respond to a clear explanation of the gospel. Others will be quite 'anti' – and though this person may not respond to the gospel, hopefully they will come much closer to that possibility in the future because of a positive experience of this Bible study.

2. Make everyone feel welcome and unthreatened. The goal is that many unchurched people will join. Be careful to be respectful as you listen to their perspective. And tell any Christians in the group to not come on too strong in trying to make others see it. This can be off-putting for them. Don't feel you have to convert them, rather let God do that as you have conversation around the gospel. Don't worry when people disagree with the Bible. Often as people experience non-judgmental people who caringly listen to their objections and questions, it seems like their objections melt away. Don't ask people to pray or sing if they are not ready to do something like that. When you do pray, pray short prayers in normal language. The last question of each group time is 'Anyone need prayer for anything'. This is a great lead into a few short prayers for those who want prayer. Be sure to find out if God answered the prayer.

3. Work on your discussion facilitation skills. This means several things: Watch the DVD on your own a few times before hand, and go through the questions suggested – and come up with some of your own, Remember to ask open-ended questions that draw out people's feelings and opinions. Stay away from factual questions. Don't dominate the conversation, rather get other people to do the talking (since your role is to facilitate not teach). Affirm people when they do say something, even if it is small. Keep the conversation on track. Keep the pace moving. Always keep it shorter rather than longer. Carefully draw out the quieter people. Gently ask the dominant people to make space for the others to share. (An example would be to say something like, 'Shem, you have lots of cool ideas, hold on to some of them for now – I would love to hear what Jake and Roxy have to say.')

4. Don't worry about tough questions you feel you can't answer on the spot. When someone has an objection to the gospel don't get defensive. Say, 'That's a good question. There are lots of people who have asked that same question. And there are some brilliant answers. Can I get back to you next week as I give it some more thought.' Then check out www.commongroundchurch.co.za and click on 'Tough Qs' to find answers. Perhaps email the person with the question the link.

5. Create a cool meeting place. People should arrive and the place is ready. Make an effort to make the time together special. Organize music and snacks. Cut out possible distractions. Arrange the chairs in a circle with nothing in between people.



6. Get creative. Think of ways to keep each time you are together fresh and interesting. How sad if these Bible studies are boring! Maybe get people to write things, think about things, draw things. Pray beforehand that the Holy Spirit will give you fresh ideas. Ask both funny and deep questions that will help people to get to know each other.

7. Be real. As the leader you don't have to have it all together. The more real you are about your struggles, the more real the people will be too.

8. Persevere through disappointment. It is really hard when people either don't arrive, or don't seem open to building friendships or spiritually learning. Persevere. Keep praying for everyone in the group. Keep praying to God for strength and wisdom. 'Do not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time you will reap a harvest if you do not give up.' (Galatians 6:9).

9. Care for the people. This group is not about you, but about them. People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. Pursue people in the group who didn't come and tell them you missed them. Encourage people as you see them growing. Be gracious to those who disappoint you. Invite everyone to come to church with you. And once the journey is over, keep the friendship going.

10. Know that we're praying for you. Here's our prayer: 'Jesus Christ, you love surfers. So draw 100s and 1000s and 100s of 1000s of them to find and follow you. Much like you once did when you drew your first disciples from the beach. Open the eyes of surfers everywhere to see how loving and powerful you are, and what you did for them through the cross and resurrection. We submit On The Rocks to you as one way of doing this. Use the DVD and the Bible Studies that go with it to revolutionize the lives of multitudes of these surfers! Oh God, empower Christian surfers everywhere with your Spirit as we expose surfers everywhere to the gospel through On The Rocks and other means. We won't give up till the fame of Christ burns bright on every beach!'

Suggested intro for each session:

Hi everyone. Some of you know all about Jesus, and for others of you, this is brand new stuff. Terran, in this video, shared some cool stuff, some deep stuff. It's no good just listening to it. We want to talk about it, and maybe apply it to our lives. Most of what he said, he got from the Bible, so we're going to look up some verses too. I've got some questions to discuss. And there is no pressure to give the right answer – just the real answer, your real answer, even if that means you disagree with what Terran or the Bible say for now.

So let's go !



The Search

On The Rocks Bible Study, session 1

- 1. Terran said, 'I lived for girls, parties, but mainly surfing – when I got what I wanted I'd be happy as can be – but 2 days later - the emptiness would come back again, and I'd be trying to get another fill of anything – just so I could feel that stoke again.' Can you relate to his quenchless thirst for satisfaction?*
- 2. Terran quoted Bono of U2 who said, 'There's a God-shaped hole in all of us, and only God can fill it.' Read Jeremiah 2:13 which says something similar.*
- 3. Terran refers to a woman who tried to satisfy her thirst but could only do so temporarily. Read John 4:6-15. What did Jesus have to say to her?*
- 4. And what would Jesus say to us today if he were to meet us not at the well, but at the beach? Have you ever tried to get from surfing, or something else, what we're meant to get from God?*
- 5. Read John 7:37-38. What did Jesus claim he could be for us? Terran said his life changed when he heard Roy preach that 'Jesus alone can satisfy us. He is the Son of God who died on the cross taking the punishment we should have received, and then rose from the dead overcoming sin, Satan, death, demons and hell. And now he is alive ruling the world with his Father, and calling all people everywhere to come and trust in him and drink of him.' Have you sensed Christ inviting you to drink from himself?*
- 6. Are you ready to do what Terran did: to bow down in surrender before Christ, and to drink from him as the "Spring of Living Water"? If so, why not do that in prayer now? If not, what is holding you back?*
- 7. Anyone want prayer for anything?*

The Impact Zone

On The Rocks Bible Study, session 2

- 1. Terran said that surfing in itself is pure, but surfers aren't. Got any recent stories to prove his point?*
- 2. Read Romans 3:19-20. Terran asked us if recently we've broken some of these commands: Don't lie. Don't steal. Don't hate. Don't be selfish. Don't dishonour your parents. Well have you?*
- 3. Read Romans 1:21-25. Terran said that sin is more than just rejecting God's rule, It's re-inventing God in our heads to be a God who is okay with us doing what we want. Ever done that?*



4. Terran compared Judgment Day to being in the impact zone of a giant wave. Read Hebrews 4:13 and Romans 2:5-6. What do these verses teach about Judgment Day?
5. Read Isaiah 53:5. Terran quoted this verse to show that Jesus on the cross took the judgment we deserve. Read John 3:16 to find out what his death accomplished and why he did it.
6. Terran spoke of how, like a drowning man reaching for the jetski-rider, he took hold of Christ's hand by faith and was saved. Read 2 Corinthians 6:1-2. According to this verse, when is the best time to reach out to Christ's mercy?
7. Terran suggested a prayer that invites Christ to rescue us. It went like this: 'Christ, I need you and I trust you. Come and save me from my sin, and from the judgment that it deserves. Come into my life and make me new on the inside. Amen' Have you ever prayed a prayer like that? Would you like to now? If not, what holds you back?
8. Anyone want prayer for anything else?

Pure Stoke

On The Rocks Bible Study, session 3

1. Terran said that as surfers we have a lot more to be grateful for than the average person? How grateful are you?
2. Share a memory of the best experience of beauty and power in nature you've had. Now read Psalm 93:3-4. This verse says that God is greater than his creation. Can you comprehend that God is even more beautiful and powerful than the experience you previously shared?
3. Read Genesis 1:27. What does this verse say about us? Terran said he thanks God because God made us and loves us, and wants a relationship with us. He said the one thing that's even better than surfing is talking to God while you surf. Would you say you have a relationship with God?
4. Read Matthew 8:27. What do we learn about Jesus in this verse? Terran said that surfers tend to be able to relate to Jesus. Anything about Jesus you feel you can relate to?
5. Read 1 Peter 3:18. What do we learn about Jesus' death from this verse? Terran spoke about Jesus' life on earth and his death. What, if anything, does Jesus' death mean for you?
6. Read Acts 2:32-36. In line with this verse, Terran said that Jesus is the king of the universe and this makes him worthy of more than just respect, it makes him worthy of our whole lives. Terran then challenged us to do more than just thank Christ, but to also trust him and surrender our lives to him. Are you ready to do that? If not, why not? If so, why not pray a prayer of surrender right now?
7. Anyone want prayer for anything else?



The Last Session

On The Rocks Bible Study, session 4

- 1. Terran asked, 'What if, instead of denying death and trying not to think about it, we're meant to think about it - and prepare for it? What if, instead of asking ourselves the question, 'Where will you be 1 year from now?' we should ask ourselves, 'Where will you be 1 million years from now?'" Do you ever think about what happens when you die?*
- 2. Terran shares a story that shows there are times when Jesus Christ can speak, and reveal himself in powerful ways. Have you ever experienced something like that? Have you heard of other people who experienced God in this way?*
- 3. Was there anything in Terran's story about the loss of his brother and the surrounding miracles that really impacted you?*
- 4. Terran said, 'Without Christ we should fear death because judgment and hell are real. But with Christ, judgment is replaced with forgiveness, and hell is replaced with Heaven. Death is not something to be feared anymore.' Read Hebrews 2:14-15. In what ways does this verse echo what Terran said?*
- 5. Read 1 John 5:12-13. Based on this verse, can we know for sure what happens when we die? And on what basis can we be sure?*
- 6. Terran ended with a challenge. He said, 'If you were about to drown, and someone reached out their hand to save you, I hope you'd take that hand. That's why I hope you take Christ's hand as he reaches out to you.' Are you ready to do that now?*
- 7. Anyone want prayer for anything?*

Surf's Up, Part 1

On The Rocks Bible Study, session 5

- 1. Do you remember when you started surfing? What made you start? And how did it change the way you lived and thought about yourself?*
- 2. Terran said salvation creates even more of an identity shift than becoming a surfer does. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What happens when we put our faith in Christ?*
- 3. Read John 1:12. What happens when we trust in Christ? Terran said, 'I couldn't believe God himself had adopted me as his own kid. And he loved me, and accepted me, and had plans for my life. I can't explain how much it changed my life knowing that God was my Father, and I was his son - and that he was for me. It gave me security, confidence and a deep happiness.' Have you experienced God's love like this? Would you like to?*



4. Read 2 Timothy 1:9-10. Terran said that salvation is as free as sunlight and waves. But that it came at a cost to Christ. He said, '2000 years ago, the cross of Christ became a deep sea storm that generated an eternity long ground swell of salvation that has since been arriving on the coast-line of our lives ever since' What a thought! Now read 1 Peter 3:18 and answer: What did it take to bring us to God?

5. Terran said he received salvation when he prayed: 'Jesus, I believe you really are the Son of God who died for my sins. I'm sorry for being a sinner. I can't save myself. Only you can save me. So I call on you to save me. Forgive me. Make me a child of God. I trust in you. Help me to get to know you better. Help me to follow you. Amen.' Would you like to pray that prayer now? If not, why not?

6. Anyone want prayer for anything else?

Surf's Up, Part 2

On The Rocks Bible Study, session 6

1. From your experience, what's the difference between a poser surfer and a real surfer? Were you ever a poser surfer? When was the day you became a real surfer?

2. Anyone here grow up in a Christian family, or go to church or learn about Jesus while growing up? Do you think that this is enough to make you a Christian?

3. Terran said, 'It was only when I called on Jesus, and put my trust in him, and started to follow him personally, that he became real to me. I discovered that though Christ offered salvation to me, I needed to paddle out and paddle into salvation by trusting in Jesus with all my heart. I realized no one else could do this for me.' Can anyone here relate to that in their own spiritual journey?

4. Read Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 10:9 and Romans 10:13. What do each of these verses tell us about how to receive salvation?

5. Read Hebrews 4:15. Why do some people who hear this message of salvation not get changed by it?

6. Terran invited us to pray the prayer he prayed when he received salvation. Anyone keen to join him? Here it is... 'Jesus, I believe you really are the Son of God who died for my sins. I'm sorry for being a sinner. I can't save myself. Only you can save me. So I call on you to save me. Forgive me. Make me a child of God. I trust in you. Help me to get to know you better. Help me to follow you. Amen.'

7. Anyone want prayer for anything else?

