



PHOENIX FEST

MAIN SESSION OVERVIEW: LEGACY

Pick one: A king, an inventor, or a carpenter.

Which do you think would leave the greatest mark on history?

You can tell how large a boat is by the size of the wake it leaves behind. Similarly, you can tell how significant a person is by how they impact history.

From a purely historical perspective, the most influential man in all of history was actually a carpenter turned travelling preacher.

And his name was Jesus.

H.G. Wells said; "I am an historian, not a believer, but I must confess as a historian that this penniless carpenter-preacher from Nazareth is irrevocably the very centre of history. Jesus Christ is easily the most dominant figure in all history."

Historians, philosophers, and world leaders have marvelled at how Jesus has changed the world for the better.

He is without a doubt the most influential person in human history.

More than that, he is God in flesh.

He has changed the world for the better and his work isn't done yet.

He has called us to carry on His legacy.

This weekend we'll explore how He is calling each of us to follow Him. Every one of our actions, no matter how seemingly insignificant, can create a ripple effect that can change someone's life.

What legacy will you leave behind?

MAIN SESSION TALK THEMES

FRIDAY PM - Johnny Henderson

Big Idea: Jesus is unique and special - both in who he is, and His mission on the earth. There is like no one else like Him in all history, He stands above everyone.

His is both God and human - John 1

He came to bring Heaven to Earth - Luke 19:1-10

Desired Action: Students will gain an understanding of and an appreciation for Jesus. Challenge previous misconceptions of who they think Jesus is.

SATURDAY AM - Johnny Henderson

Big Idea: Jesus changed the world for the better. Because Jesus was God, he impacted the world supernaturally

This session will highlight how Jesus and His followers throughout history have impacted the world for the better (with a focus on equality, compassion, servant-leadership, healthcare, education, science)

Desired Action: Students will realize that a lot of the good things we experience in our society started with and stem from Jesus.


SATURDAY PM - Johnny Henderson

Big Idea: Jesus changes me - He loves each of us and wants a relationship with us

When we recognize who Jesus is and allow Him space in our lives, He changes not only the world around us, but He begins to change us.

Because of Jesus, we can be who we are created to be - more caring and compassionate, generous and wholly human.

End of Talk Reflection - Jeremy Camp: Getting Started will be played live by the band

 [Jeremy Camp - Getting Started \(Lyric Video\)](#)

Desired Action: Students will admit their need for Jesus to be the central figure of their lives. They will bring their needs, anxieties, and shortcomings to Jesus.

SUNDAY AM - Genevieve Epp

Reflective exercise and hike off-site at Niagara Gorge

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Jesus has invited us to join Him on Mission to change the world

Mark 2:1-12 "Seeing **their** faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."

Desired Action: Students will see how they can positively impact the people around them, and choose to join Jesus on mission.

MONDAY AM - Johnny Henderson/Martin Nieuwets

Big Idea: We are not meant to change the world alone - the task is too great to do on our own. Like Jesus, we are invited to join with others and move forward together in the power of the Holy Spirit

Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 2

Action: Students will realize their limitations in fulfilling the mission Jesus started. They will commit to journeying together with others and open themselves up to allow the Spirit of Jesus to empower them as we leave for home.