

NATIONAL MEN'S RETREAT 30/9/16 - 02/10/16

The theme of our retreat was “**A man after God's own heart.**”

Our first session on Friday commenced with an introduction from the National Leader, Brother Justin Clarke. This was followed by a prayer and encouragement from the National Overseer, Brother Philip Bennett.

Brother Jason conducted a workshop on “**Answering the Call of God.**” Areas looked at were:

What is the call of God?

How do we recognise the call of God?

What can hinder our obedience to the call?

On Saturday we began with a devotion based on “**Deliverance**” which focussed on God delivering the 3 Hebrew Children from the fiery furnace, Daniel from the lion's den and Stephen through death.

Brother Stuart Brown did a presentation on the incident between “**David and Bathsheba.**” He emphasized that David's downfall was partly due to complacency and referred to 1 Corinthians 10:11-13. David succumbed to the lust of the eyes but if we do what God has called us to do He will protect us [Titus 2:11-13].

Brother George Wilson did a presentation on “**David and his Repentance**”. He gave us a definition of sin and repentance and then outlined the early training that David went through as a Shepherd and his calling by God. He also outlined some of the hindrances to repentance such as peer pressure and people feeling that they have gone too far in sin for God to forgive them.

Brother Bennett did a presentation entitled “**A man after mine own heart.**” He looked at the differences between King Saul and David. David would always humble himself and depend on God while Saul was more self willed which resulted in his downfall.

Sunday morning we had an excellent devotion by Brother Joshua Anderson. We even had Sunday School with Brother Patrick Clarke teaching the lesson.

Before dismissal each person was asked to say what they would take away with them.

Our National Co-ordinator, Brother Justin Clarke did an excellent job in putting the retreat together and moderating throughout.

Report by – Brother Philip Bennett