

# **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

#### WILL GECKO AND FRIDAY YOUTH BE CHANGING?

Nope! Gecko on Wednesday/Youth on Friday are staying the same. And if you don't go, come along! It's fun, Jesus-y and a great place to hang out with friends!

#### WHY ARE WE CHANGING THINGS?

Our church loves meeting in bigger groups, but we also love slightly smaller groups where people notice each other, talk to each other, and care for one another. This is harder to do in big crowds, so we are keen to keep our Sunday services not so mega in size. Sometimes our 10.30am service has been getting full. So we're trying to create, rather than one mega service of 150 people or more, two services of 50-70 adults and about 20 kids and youth.

#### ARE THE PROGRAMMES STAYING THE SAME?

Our groups are staying the same but they may be a teeny-tiny bit smaller than you're used to. But don't panic, Elise and the leaders are working on some great ideas to ensure you have fun, make friends, and learn more about Jesus.

# SO WHAT PROGRAMME WILL I BE ON SUNDAYS IN TERM 4?

You're getting a promotion! First of all figure out what programme you're supposed to be in *next year*. Got it? That is the programme you're going to attend in Term 4 of this year. So, for example, if you're in Year 5 this year (and Year 6 next year), we're going to invite you to *Bin Chickens* in Term 4 this year (even though you're not in Year 6 yet!)

# SO WHAT PROGRAMME WILL I BE IN AT GECKO OR FRIDAY YOUTH IN TERM 4?

These are all staying the same. So, for all midweek programmes and camp (eg Beach Camp) you'll be in the same programmes you have been all year.

# WHICH SERVICE WILL I GO TO AND WILL I HAVE FRIENDS THERE?

Your parents will talk to you and find a good service for your family. We will also plan carefully together to make sure that every kid has some friends to hang out with at church. Whether you end up with two friends or ten friends on Sundays, we're sure you'll have a great time. Also you can see all your Church friends at Gecko/Youth!

# **ARE WE DOING THIS FOREVER?**

We're going to try these new services for Term 4 this year and Term 1 next year. So we'll "give-it-a-go" and see what happens next!

# WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THE SENIOR HIGH DISCUSSION GROUPS?

We love having you guys in church, and to help you learn a little more, after the sermon we're going to take you out for a 10 minute discussion and prayer time. Sorry, Hayden will be leading this! <u>So, even though Senior High Bible Study at 5pm was good, we're going to not-do-it for now.</u>

# WILL I HAVE THE SAME LEADERS?

Our kids and youth leaders might be reshuffled a little bit. But with Elise at all services, and lots of our leaders staying on from year to year, we're sure there will be some familiar faces leading in Term 4 and into next year!

# WILL THE SUNDAY KIDS AND YOUTH PROGRAMMES GET BIGGER?

We don't want a million people at Wombats or Bin Chickens but "yes!" we are hoping and praying that they grow! Did you know that nine families with kids/youth have joined our church this year! So get inviting!

# CAN I CHANGE SERVICES EACH WEEK?

I mean you can if you want to. And some weeks are weird because you;ve got a sports final or a weekend away, so sometimes it's okay to visit another service. But because we want you to be committed to your friends at your service, if you can, just pick a service and stick with it!

# CAN | HELP?

Yes! With our services being a little smaller, we'll need everyone to help a little bit; whether that's putting chairs away, helping with dinner, or simply making friends with newcomers. Thanks for helping!

# WILL CAMPS STAY THE SAME?

Yup, pretty much, with two "tweaks". Firstly, watch out for our new CRU Family Day Camp in July-ish. And Square One is now for Grades 3 to 6!

# WHAT WILL THE FOOD BE?

The food will be simple and tasty like party pies or lasagne. There might even be a bit of dessert! If you're vegetarian or gluten free, we'll have something yummy for you as well! And for the fussy eaters, we're happy to make you a vegemite sandwich!

# IT SEEMS LIKE A LOT IS CHANGING!

Things do change sometimes. But Jesus never changes. He always looks after us. So if you're worried, why not talk to him (by praying). And, if you have any questions, you can always talk to a grown-up you trust!

# THINKING OUT LOUD

WRITING YOUR ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS MIGHT HELP YOU TO WRAP YOUR HEAD AROUND THESE CHANGES

WHAT KIND OF PERSON DO YOU THINK MIGHT LIKE A 4PM SERVICE?

WHAT KIND OF PERSON DO YOU THINK MIGHT LIKE A 10AM SERVICE? WHAT IS ONE WAY YOU CAN HELP AT OUR NEW SERVICES?

WHAT IS A QUESTION YOU HAVE ABOUT OUR NEW SERVICES?

WHO COULD YOU INVITE TO CHURCH?

> WHAT ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT WITH OUR NEW SERVICES?

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO WITH OUR NEW SERVICES?

WHAT ARE YOU PRAYING FOR WITH OUR NEW SERVICES?