



ROADTRIP

THE JOURNEY IS HALF THE EXPERIENCE!

A Roadtrip to *Forging Tomorrow's Men 2009* will make the Promise Keepers experience even more powerful. Particularly as it will move men from casual acquaintances to forming enduring friendships.

HERE'S WHY

- By **travelling** to the Event together as a Group, your men will develop enduring friendships with other men in your church.
- By **attending** together as a team, your men will get to share the journey of this life-changing Event, standing shoulder to shoulder to meet future challenges.
- By **eating** together, your men will have time to dig deeper into the content of the sessions they have just heard and work through the truths that apply to their lives.
- By **staying** together, your men will be able to carry on the Event experience through discussion, prayer and ministry.

Roadtrips are one of the most important aspects of the Event experience. *Many men from provincial centres who have been travelling as a Group to Promise Keepers Events for years have told us they would not miss it!* No matter how close you live to the Event venue, the Roadtrip experience can still be effective.

HERE'S HOW

Travel Together

- **Meet as a Group and travel together.** Hire a bus or van, even if you live in the same city as the Event. Remember - the journey is half the experience. The bigger the vehicle you hire, the bigger the vision for attending will be for your men! Consider joining with another church to maximise your vehicle options.
- **Go to an out of town Event.** If travelling across town seems too short, plan to take your Group to an Event in a different city. Four guys from north of Auckland went to the Wellington Event one year simply because they had a nice V8 car and wanted the trip, and every year a large group of men from an Auckland church drive to the Tauranga Event. Some men even attend two Events so they can have the experience of a Roadtrip.
- **Be creative.** If you choose to travel in convoy you could include unusual vehicles such as classic or sports cars, vans, army trucks, or whatever. One year a Group custom-made Event theme flags and drove in convoy, flags flying! Whether long or short, make the trip as interesting as possible by planning special tasks and stops along the way.
- **Include a food stop.** Even if you've only got to travel across town, make sure you leave early enough to enjoy some food on the way. This will build a sense of camaraderie and Group identity.
- **Travel home together.** This will help your men relive the Event and have the key points reinforced before arriving home to tell their family and friends about the weekend.

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Attend Together

- **Sit together at the Event.** You and your men are on a spiritual journey together - experience the impact of the Event together. Arrange for someone from your Group to get there early and reserve seating. Your men then need to arrive on time, as once the Event starts, seating can no longer be reserved.
- **Wear the team colours.** Get shirts or hats made for your men, wear local rugby jerseys, do whatever it takes to stand out from the crowd and have some fun.

Eat Together

- **Bring a BBQ to the Event.** Join the crowds of men who are now doing a carpark fry-up for lunch and dinner (at North Island Events). Or at the very least, head to the same place at mealtimes. This will mean that you and your leaders can hear what's happening for each man and provide extra encouragement and ministry as needed.

Stay Together

- **Overnight together a local motel or hall.** Many men go home on the first night excited about what they have experienced, but don't get the chance to really talk with anyone about it before returning. An overnight stay gives space for this to happen, along with opportunity for prayer and ministry. Even if the Promise Keepers Event is in your city, plan to book a motel, rent a camp, or stay in a local church hall. A couple of years ago a Cook Island church 3 minutes from the Auckland venue stayed in a local motel – and had a blast!
- **Have fun.** Make the most of your time together if you do have an overnight stay. Eat supper together, watch a sporting event on TV (particularly one we win!). Do something!

***Check out the Promise Keepers website Group Info page
www.promisekeepers.org.nz
for more ideas and practical suggestions for Event Roadtrips.***

FUNDRAISING

We encourage you to forge friendships by raising funds together for men to be able to experience and participate in the Event Roadtrip. We recognise that sometimes the added cost of a Roadtrip can be difficult, but these fundraising events can often be great Men's Ministry events in their own right.

You could –

- Set up a "Event fund" for men who need assistance with finance
- Plan a local fundraising activity – e.g. selling firewood
- Brainstorm for other funding ideas

***For more ideas about fundraising see the Promise Keepers website Group Info page:
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