



ROADTRIP

THE JOURNEY IS HALF THE EXPERIENCE!

A Roadtrip will create an even more powerful Promise Keepers 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, you can still create an effective Roadtrip experience.

HERE'S WHY

A Roadtrip to a Promise Keepers Event will move men from casual acquaintances to forming enduring friendships because -

- By **travelling** to the Event together as a Group, this allows your men time to get to know each other and to start to build or strengthen 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. They are then able to stand 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 process the aspects of the Event experience that have impacted them - through discussion, prayer and ministry.

HERE'S HOW

Travel Together

- **Meet as a Group and travel together.** Even if you live in the same city as the Event, carpooling or travelling in convoy will help build a team dynamic with your men.

If you have a Group of 7, that's one people-mover (7-seater van). For a Group of 14, that's two people-movers. Alternatively, is a church van available? Or, depending on numbers, maybe you could even hire a bus? Consider joining with another church to maximise your vehicle options. Remember - the journey is half the experience.

- **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, 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.

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. 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 at 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!

Fundraise Together

- **Leave no man behind!** We want to ensure that all men have the opportunity to experience the presence and transforming power of God at a Promise Keepers Event. We don't want to see any man left behind due to the obstacle of finances.
- **Build and strengthen your Men's Ministry** In addition, fundraising activities can be a powerful opportunity to build and strengthen friendships, allowing every man in your church to be part of a band of brothers. The fundraising part of the Event preparation can be the glue that bonds men together so that your church can benefit from the powerful dynamic of men working together as a team.

For fundraising suggestions and ideas, see **Fundraising** resource sheet or visit our website.

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