

My Brother's Keeper

WARM UP

"In July of 2002 [my son Scott] had a brain hemorrhage and in two days was dead. He was 36 years old, 6'4" in height, didn't smoke, drink or take drugs, married with four children and loved life.

After Scott had died a friend of his, Ross, took over what Scott had begun in seeing the men of his church go up to Auckland for the annual Promise Keepers Conference. I made contact with



Ross after Promise Keepers that year to see how it went. He said that he had taken thirty men up and that they had camped at Avondale Baptist.

Ross said that before Scott had died he had gone around all the men individually and asked them to go with him to Promise Keepers. It was then that Ross said that they were going to start Promise Keepers in Tauranga because of the increase in numbers. I like to think that because of Scott's faithfulness to Promise Keepers he played a part in starting the meetings down here." Vic

READ 2 Thessalonians 2:13 to 3:5

QUESTIONS

1. What life principles does Paul teach on the importance of being together?

2. Two hunters are lost. How would Paul advise them about the chances of survival?

BACKGROUND

Paul was aware of his need of others to pray for him. There is something deeply moving in the thought of this giant among men asking for the prayers of the Thessalonians who so well recognised their own weakness.

3. What should we expect from the Men's Small Group we belong to?

4. Why might some men not feel the need for a Men's Small Group?

CONSIDER THIS

"We are so much together, but we are all dying of loneliness."

Dr Albert Schweitzer



IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER

MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

I will pray for my brothers in Christ each day and support them in their needs.

WRAP UP

Write down from one to four what you would like the other men in the group to pray about in terms of your life and then give the list to them. Make a commitment to pray for each other every day.

1. Personally
2. In relationship to God
3. Family
4. Work