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The Big Story of God ends in “Hopefully Ever After”

Spring Harvest 2008 took Guests on a journey of Hope. The event theme, “**One Hope**”, looked at the subject of eschatology and brought tens of thousands of Guests together, over a multi-week event, to discover the happy ever after of God's creation.

Russell Rook, author of the One Hope Study Guide teaching material used in the Spring Harvest programme, told us “When it came to the big issues, Heaven and Hell, Death and Judgement, The Second Coming and New Creation, as with many of the mysteries of the Christian faith, we discovered that we had more questions than answers. And yet, by asking the questions we discover the kind of hope that lasts for eternity.”

Russell also commented “I lost count of the number of Guests, who stopped me around the Resort and asked, ‘Why are you only telling me this now?’ While saving eschatology ‘till last, Spring Harvesters agreed that One Hope made for a most fitting finale for our three year journey through the Big Story. Above all, we hope and pray that we equipped Christians to live hopefully ever after.”

Spring Harvest 2008 saw the finale of a 3 year teaching programme called The Big Story. Since 2006, Spring Harvest Guests have been on a journey exploring our “Great Big God”, beginning with One God, following in 2007 with One People and culminating in 2008 with One Hope.

Spring Harvest 2009 invites Guests to embark upon the brand new theme of *Apprentice – walking in the way of Christ*. Jesus’ first followers were real apprentices, learning from him through observation, imitation, trial and error and the formation of habits and skills. An apprentice learns from their teacher, not from a textbook alone, but through getting it wrong, misunderstanding, debate and, of course, success.

Booking lines, **0870 190 0192**, will open for Minehead on 11 June 2008 and for Skegness on 18 June 2008 at 8.00am. For a more information, visit www.springharvest.org or call Customer Services on 01825 769000.

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