

MAKING THE MOST OF THE MEN'S CONVENTION WITH YOUR GROUP

South West Men's Convention:

- Great teaching: ✓
- Rousing singing: ✓
- Good company: ✓
- Too much caffeine: ✓



It's easy to enjoy the shot of spiritual adrenaline that the Convention provides. However, fast forward a couple of weeks after the big day and all that encouragement and challenge might be getting a bit...hazy?

We'd like to help groups coming to the Convention to plan to make the most of the day and use it in an ongoing way to fuel your discipleship together. So, here are three suggestions for how you and the group you go with might do that:

BALTIS – before the Convention weekend is over (or before you go!), put a date in the diary when you can go out for a curry, catch up and share with each other: "Here's the one thing that really struck me at the Convention." If you enjoy yourselves, do something radical: stick another date in the diary before you leave.

BOOKS – read a book as a group and you're bound to get more out of it than if you read it on your own. So choose something from the Convention bookstore and get chatting. If you're not sure what to read, listen out for some recommendations on the day. Here are some questions to get conversation flowing about what you read: what questions do you have? what struck you? how has this changed what you believe, think or do?

BUNKHOUSES – if you're the sort of group that's up for some adventure, then book a bunkhouse somewhere fun for a night. Or if that's too much, head out into the hills for a long walk for the day. Some of us can find talking about the gospel with each other quite intense, but there's something about going for a walk, or sitting around a fire at night that lowers our barriers and helps to get gospel conversation flowing.

Whatsapp is a great friend when it comes to organising these sorts of gatherings. So before you leave the Convention, create a group and start making your plans.

Let us know what you get up to by tweeting us at @SWMensConv. Next year we'd love to share some stories and photos of how the teaching at the Convention has rippled through the year ahead.

See you soon!