

What is a Praise Night?

A Praise Night (PN) is an evening of worship and teaching led by the Souled Out Team in your local church or community. The programme will be structured to last 90-120 minutes and will include a message from God's Word. This message will focus on some of the themes that encompass the vision of Souled Out, challenging and inspiring us to live for God with more passion and dedication. As in everything we do, we will strive to achieve a high standard of excellence in all aspects of the Souled Out Praise Night.

What aspects will Souled Out organise?

Souled Out will bring the event programme, together with the Souled Out Band, a speaker, and other logistical teams which may be required (e.g. sound, multimedia, lighting etc.). We will confirm the programme content with you closer to the event but our anticipation is that with the exception of asking someone from your Church to open and close the evening, we will run the whole programme for you!

Regarding a speaker, we have a number of great local connections with Godly men who are fully supportive of Souled Out and are proven and gifted communicators. Once a date is agreed, we would aim to find a speaker from this group but will certainly consult with you before finalising this important point. (If you would like to use your own speaker, please let us know and we will be happy to discuss this.)

Souled Out will ensure that there is adequate PA (sound system) and a basic lighting system in place. If necessary, we will have to charge for the appropriate equipment to be brought in (see below), but as before, we will consult with you in advance.

We will send out an email to our mailing list a couple of weeks in advance of the PN in the hope that this will generate some greater interest in the event being held at your Church.

Above all, our heart is to serve and encourage you and your Church so if there's any particular way we can do this, please let us know.

Souled Out would ask that you help us by organising the following:

Venue – If you are not planning to use your own Church building for the event, we would be happy to come with you and assess other local facilities which you think may be suitable. In any case, once a venue is confirmed for the evening, we would like to view it at least four weeks before the event itself in order to assess the venue requirements and to ensure we bring the right equipment.

Local Advertising – It is absolutely fundamental to the success of the event that as many people as possible are made aware about the PN and are enthusiastically encouraged to come along! We would ask you to consider how best you will promote the event in your local area and particularly in your Church and other local Churches. Please let us know if we can help you by suggesting publicity ideas. If you require any images or graphics for your publicity designer/team, please do get in touch with us.

Stewarding – At Souled Out events, we believe that a friendly welcome is vitally important and we therefore make a big effort to organise an effective stewarding team. Consequently, we would request that you provide a number of stewards to welcome the guests as they arrive. The three main areas which need to be covered are: car parking, venue doors, and main hall. We would suggest 8 people as a minimum number but more may be required depending on the size of venue.

Besides being a welcome point, the stewards would be responsible for handing out sweets as people arrive (a staple feature of Souled Out events!), uplifting the offering during the programme and handing out publicity for future events/initiatives as people leave. Stewards are also the visible contact point for any guest wishing to find out more or who may need help of some kind. We also highly recommend that you have someone on hand who can administer first aid treatment.

To help co-ordinate your stewarding team, we will have one person allocated as "event co-ordinator" for the day of the PN – this should be the Souled Out contact for any questions before or during the event. Because

this will be seen primarily as a Souled Out event, we do ask that any decisions about the event (e.g. “can we give out this leaflet to everyone who comes?”) flow through this event co-ordinator.

Prayer Team – At Souled Out, we feel it’s very important to allow people an opportunity to respond to the message from God’s Word for that evening. So we ask that you have a small team of mature Christians available to pray with any who may respond to the message in that way. These people should be approved by your Pastor/Church leader. Prior to the event, someone from Souled Out will talk through how this will work.

Tea/coffee/eats – One of the main things we are keen to encourage at a Praise Night is time for fellowship. We would ask that refreshments are provided after the event has finished as this is an ideal way to encourage unity through Christian fellowship.

Team/equipment expenses – We certainly don’t want finance to be an obstacle with these events so we have structured it in a way that hopefully makes it possible for your local Church(es). Basically, instead of us charging a flat “fee”, we would only ask that you meet the basic costs of running the event:

- We would ask that you cover any travelling expenses incurred by the Souled Out Team.
- It is not unlikely that there will be costs for PA, lighting or multimedia equipment required. We will endeavour to keep costs as low as possible, and, where feasible, we will try to borrow certain items of equipment (from other Churches etc.) rather than hire it in. We always use Christian sound companies to provide equipment and services at our events so they are generally very sympathetic towards us.
- Finally, we ask that the host Church provides the speaker with a gift (we recommend £100-£150).

In the past, Churches hosting a praise night have engaged in fundraising exercises that have easily covered the above costs.

(If you feel that these expenses are too much, please don’t let that hinder you from running a Praise Night. We want to be very flexible and will be happy to discuss these logistics with you and come to an agreement together.)

Please note that we would like the opportunity to uplift an offering which will go specifically and entirely towards the ongoing ministry costs of Souled Out.

When can you book a Souled Out Praise Night?

A SO PN can take place on a Saturday evening. Please email info@souledout.org.uk for a list of possible dates.

You’d like to go ahead? Great! Here’s what to do next:

Please contact us either by email or by telephone (details below) and let us know the best date(s) for your Church, and who you would like us to liaise with to organise the Praise Night. This should be someone who’s enthusiastic about Souled Out, who will have the time and energy to drive this forward in your Church, in partnership with the Pastor and/or Church Leadership Team.

Then, once everything is confirmed, we can start publicising the date and organising the details as referred to above.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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