

St. Paul's Dorking Small Groups. June 26thth 2005

God's Gifts - the gifts in practice

The gift of prophecy



Word: Key points from Sunday's sermon

1. God operates, creates and relates by speaking- Gen 1,3 ; John 1

In the Beginning – God spoke – Creation of Earth and of mankind

Garden of Eden – God talked – walked with mankind on this Earth

Jesus the Logos (Word) – God came – rescue mankind, give a New Kingdom

2. We are to exercise His will on Earth Gen ; Psalm 8; Matt. 6:10

We are to rule over God's creation

We are to oversee God's work on earth

We are to bring in God's Kingdom on Earth

How are we to do this?

1. God's Prophetic Word~ Prophetic Leaders

Leaders endowed with a spirit of prophecy Numbers 11:25

Judges prophesied

Kings prophesied – King David

2. God's Prophetic Word ~ the Prophets (Samuel, Nathan, Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, Amos, Hosea, Jeremiah etc etc.)

By His Voice - listen to Him Isaiah 55:2-3

By His Command – obey Him Isaiah 55 :11

By Revelation of His will – trusting Him Isaiah 42 :9

3. God's Prophetic Word~ Prophetic people

Moses' desire for a prophetic people – Numbers 11:29

God's desire for all to prophesy – Psalm 105:14-15

Jesus' teaching watchmen/women – watchman=prophet.. role : to open the gate for the Shepherd- John 10:1-3 which is what John the Baptist did.

4. Spirit and Prophecy Joel 2 : 28-29; I Corinthians 14

- Prophecy is vital and accompanies the outpouring of the Holy Spirit
- Prophecy is a gift all may use although prophetic ministry is a calling for a few
- Prophecy is intelligible : words, pictures, dreams, visions, scripture, metaphor,
- Prophecy is to encourage comfort and build up the body, pray for each other, expect to hear from each other.
- Prophecy is an instrument of warning..e.g.Times Square Church NY warned of something big about to happen just before 9/11..
- **Prophecy in our church**
- Listen, Weigh, Pray and intercede, Wait, Act, Listen.



Witness: Questions to discuss

1.Read Acts 9:1-22 : How instrumental is prophecy in the account of Paul's conversion?

2. Read Acts 10: 1-47: How instrumental is prophecy in the early church's acceptance of Gentiles?

3.Read Acts 15:1-35, 16: 6-10: What marks of prophecy can you find in these accounts?

4. Spend some time in threes or fours, to wait and to listen together and ask the Lord to give you words/pictures/scriptures to encourage and strengthen each other. Sit in silence for two minutes, and then share with each other what has come to mind. See where there are links between what you share, how what you say reflects scripture, and keep of record of what is said to test in time.

