

Saturday 3rd November 2007

“For he is the living God and he endures for ever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end. He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth.” Daniel 6:26-27.

The October meeting had ended on a high note of declaration. We had progressed from reaching out to touch Jesus the living word, through confessing areas of deadness in our lives, to a place of proclaiming resurrection life over our city and county. Today we were challenged to start where we left off last time, in a place of joy and trust in our risen Lord.

As the sound of the trumpets faded, an answering sound of worship grew, and people began singing in tongues with upturned faces focused only on the Lord. This went on for some time, during which there was a strong sense of awe and love. Then adoration gave way to declaration as we rallied to the drum-beat and sang ‘the Lord is marching out in splendour.’ We continued to declare our trust in God for ourselves and our county, singing ‘you are alpha and omega’, softly at first but rising like a column of praise piercing the cloud of sin and sadness hanging over the city.

There were several testimonies and words of encouragement leading into a time of ministry and dealing with personal issues. The words were:

- Of God helping us let go of the past and rise up to the next level.
- Of soaring like eagles in praise.
- Of Ezekiel marking off the river 1000 cubits at a time, and God wanting us to move on with him and mark off another 1000 cubits today.
- Of sin blocking worship and the need to get rid of it.
- Isaiah 42:10-13, the Lord will triumph over his enemies.
- Ezekiel 47, the river (life) flows into and changes the sea (death.)
- Isaiah 43:4-7, god will bring back the children from the ends of the earth.
- Matthew 3:10, the axe is at the root of the trees.
- Ephesians 3:20, his power at work in us.
- We are the people we have been waiting for!

A young prayer warrior shared from the life of another young prayer warrior, Daniel. Because Daniel prayed for his city, king Nebuchadnezzar confessed God’s power and declared that it is God alone who rescues and saves, who performs wonders in heaven and on earth. We need to be like Daniel, to humble ourselves and not give up praying for our city until his angels break through and his power is praised at the highest levels. We all joined together in the declaration at the top of the page.

This meeting was unusual in the way it was led. Ruth was not able to be with us. This was a shame, but at least it kept us from lapsing into passivity and leaving her to do all the work! Also, the worship leaders changed over during the worship, and they did it so graciously that we didn’t notice the switch until we opened our eyes for the testimonies. No one person was ‘in charge’ today; the Lord was leading us to where he wanted us to be, a united body giving glory to him alone.