

Saturday 5th January 2008

We began, as always, with the sounding of the trumpets & the call to worship.

Ruth recapped on the journey through 2007, reminding us that the restoration of intimacy, identity & authority remains an integral part of our journey together. We felt God challenge us towards the end of 2007, asking if we are ready for full commitment. 2007 has been a year of transition where God has been dealing with many things in our lives. It has been a time of getting things in place in preparation for 2008 – a year of new beginnings.

We were challenged that it's time to get out of the boat – we can no longer have one leg in the boat & the other in the water. Peter walked on water because he had his eyes on Jesus. As Peter walked on water he was actually performing a miracle but as soon as his focus shifted onto the miracle, he began to sink. The challenge to each of us is to keep our eyes on Jesus & not on the miracles we so long to see.

Ruth also shared from a recent experience of walking in Derbyshire where God had shown her that by pushing through fear & difficulties along the way, the view of the eagle is amazing, unlimited & free from restriction.

Rachel shared about Kingdom living. Reflecting on Psalm 91, she looked at the 'overshadowing' of God. We were challenged to focus on Kingdom truth & not to be distracted by earthly restrictions & limitations. We spent time responding to this challenge, bringing the things that restrict us before God.

So, where do we go from here? As before, worship is the key. We are being called into a greater depth of worship where our eyes are on Jesus, where He is all consuming & where we are brought to a place of no restriction & of breakthrough.