

Saturday 2nd February 2008

Ruth began by exhorting us to prepare the way for the Lord, quoting Psalm 24, Matt 3 & Isaiah 62. She said that sickness, disease & fear are the enemy, and that the Bible tells us to 'drive out the enemy' – he is illegal!

Worship started from a place of recognition that we are the Lord's, and after the trumpets we pressed in to declare 'worthy is the Lamb'. A word was given: "there is darkness around the mountain, and we must push through". Psalm 74 was also quoted; "foes roar in the place where you meet with me". As we push through in praise there's a battle on. The enemy sets up false banners and we need to pull them down in worship. The trumpets sounded again, and everyone lined up to march behind the cross, shouting & praising the Lord as we marched around the room.

A picture was given of an army lining up for battle. If one soldier is not ready, this creates a break in the line. "We are all called to be here; it's part of our individual journey, and we are part of the journey of Trumpet call". Also, "We need to dig deep into our spirits and say, 'I don't want to go back the same as I came'".

Worship continued and we were encouraged to come with confidence for God to deal with the things he needs to. We were reminded that we are in the threshing floor, treading out the new wine. Praise and declaration gave way to a time of quiet worship and receiving from the Lord.

We proclaimed the Kingship of the Lord and a blessing over Lincoln, Leicester, Derby, Nottingham, Birmingham & London. Then, while some people remained in prayer inside, a group went outside to declare that 'Jesus is King and this is his city', to speak life and healing into the hospital, and to claim the roundabout and road into the city, that only that which is of the Lord may enter.

Having received from the Lord, we were encouraged to step through the door, close it behind us & not let it be opened again. "Everything he is is yours; receive it". The meeting ended with the song we sang at the beginning; 'I know who I am, I am yours'.