

Saturday 5 April 2008

"The Lord is mighty!" On our final morning at St Mary's we began by proclaiming the greatness of God in creation, and his power at work in our lives. We recognised that while we have been preparing the way for him, he has also been preparing us.

After a time of worship we broke into groups and read Job 38 and 39 together, scriptures that speak of God's awesome creative power and our need to surrender rather than question what we think he is doing. This was echoed in our praise, "Lord there is none like you... mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name."

Various words and thoughts were shared about what God is saying to us at this stage of our journey together:

We have got into a place of confinement that we've been in so long, it feels like home. We can't see what's outside; we're so used to living in restricted circumstances that we've lost our vision. David was restricted when he lived in a cave, but he didn't make it home. He used the time to move into the purposes of God. God called Abraham out of the tent so that he could see the stars. God is pulling us out, asking us to look up. "Come out of your cave. Stand outside the tent of your limitations. See the stars, and what I have planned for you, your family and the world."

"Move out from where you are. Step out in faith."

"Don't be afraid. You have limited light, but the light will come. You won't get revelation in a cave. Step out. I will show you the nations of the World. Stop worrying about the things that trouble you. When David came out of the cave he could see the valley. Don't hold back, come out."

The Lord is asking us to trust him, because his strength is great – Job 39:11.

Chuck Pierce was quoted as saying that we should not look to our own understanding. God is moving us to a place beyond natural understanding. He has chosen to work through us. "Don't argue with me. Don't say I can't do it. Who do you think you are to say you can't when I've said you can. I am the 'I am,' the Mighty God."

John 16:23. "In that day you will no longer ask me anything; the Father will give you anything you ask in my name."

Then we called on the name of the Lord, acknowledging that he is already enthroned and that we need to come into line with what he has already done. We called forth praise across Nottingham. Finally Ruth shared her feeling that through our worship we had created a maternity place, and that faith and praise had been birthed in Nottingham today.