

Saturday 3 May 2008

The first meeting at Bluecoat School was characterised by the word 'more'. We had more space, more people, more trumpet blasts (one welcoming the Lord to the meeting, and a second one welcoming him to the city), more joy, more praise, and more evidence of the Holy Spirit moving powerfully among us.

Towards the end of our time at St Mary's, there had been several prophetic words about moving on to a new place, both spiritually and geographically. The Lord had told us not to be afraid, because he would be with us as we moved into a place we hadn't been to before. He exhorted us to bow down before him as we moved out, and challenged us to leave hindrances and limitations behind, to close the door on them and not go back. He urged us to step out of our restrictions and look up. He promised a time of new birth for our city in the days ahead.

Sometimes prophecies take a long time to be realised, but at the May meeting it seemed that, in response to our obedience over the past months, the Lord was saying 'yes' and 'amen' to the promises he had made. During the initial worship time people all over the room were seeing rivers flowing, bursts of creation, anointing being poured out, fire blazing up. The pictures on fire confirmed a prophecy that had been given previously about stepping boldly through a door into a room full of fire.

Ruth encouraged us by saying, "stop saying it's coming, because it's come! The glory has already come! The King has come!" She referred to her previous teaching on Elisha, and said, "everyone's going to leave here carrying fire." Those who had not previously received anointing with oil were invited to do so.

The meeting was very busy because so many things were happening at once. People were rededicating themselves to the Lord by touching the flame, being prayed over for healing or filling, receiving and sharing prophetic words, or being taken over completely by the power of the Holy Spirit. We were reminded that we were not only receiving for ourselves, but also for the people of our city, and for the church. In order for the church to receive what God was pouring out, we felt that we needed a time of repentance. A group gathered at the front and repented on behalf of the whole church of sins such as pride, division and jealousy.

At various points during the meeting people had shared about birth. There had been a picture of a young eagle being born, flying out of the nest, and beginning to soar, and the word, 'a new season is being birthed.' Towards the end of the meeting the word was given, 'the head is crowned, Jesus is crowned.'

A picture was also shared of a VIP car, used for a special journey, and the exhortation that we must be clean and holy, because we are going to be used to carry Jesus, our VIP, on a special journey in the coming days.

We prayed for the Nottingham prayer walk, for Leicester and for London. A word was given concerning London. "It is no coincidence that the world's time is aligned through London, because God will use the Capital to bring his will and timing into alignment, and this will affect the whole world."

We left the meeting full of praise and expectation for what God will do next.