

Saturday 6 September 2008

At the beginning of the meeting, Ruth shared again about the return of the ark of God's presence to Nottingham. She said that a few months ago she had felt a great sense of anticipation but nothing had seemed to come of it. Then the Lord explained it to her in terms of childbirth, and said it had been a contraction, i.e., the beginning of a process but not the complete process. We are now in a crucial time, a dangerous time, and must not try to push on ahead too fast. We need to move in the timing of God.

We recapped on Revelation chapters 4 and 5:

- The door is standing open for us to go through
- It's in Heaven, God's not coming down to us; we're going to Him
- The trumpet – there's an urgency in God's voice. He's posed, waiting for us
- Revelation – 'I will show you what will happen'
- Response – 'instantly I was in the Spirit'
- Weeping – a sense of grief over the world
- Command to stop weeping – the Lamb is here!
- Then John worshipped, and from worship things started to happen

Conclusion: as we worship, something will happen to change the world around us.

The rest of the meeting was a time for us all to respond to this teaching. We rose up in worship and waited on the Lord. Two images ran parallel through the meeting as a parable of what was happening: the image of childbirth and also that of a tidal wave approaching. Many people had words, scriptures or pictures and filled five pages of the black 'words' book. When the leaders reflected on these after the meeting, they felt there was a lot of wisdom and insight in all the words written down. They prayed into them and some of the ideas expressed will no doubt come out in future meetings as we move on in the Lord's timing. Please feel free to take a look at the black book if you wish.

There were also two prophecies given in song during the meeting. They are summarised below.

"Stir yourselves up, open you eyes, open your minds.
Sing the song, 'there's no-one like you.'
Shake off your weariness, shake off your heaviness; cause the sun to rise.
Stir the gift in you, shake open your minds.
Open wide your eyes, behold the Lamb!
This is our God! There is no-one like you!"

"There's a sound of many waters (x4)
Waters of life. (x4)
There's a sound of rushing waters (x4)
Waters of life. (x4)
Hear the sound!"