

Saturday 1 November 2008

At the October meeting we had prayed over the children of our city, and this morning it was wonderful to welcome lots of new children to Trumpet Call. We felt that there was still more work to do in prayer to see a real change in this area, so we came to the meeting ready to be led further along the road with the Lord.

Ruth, quoting Bill Johnson, said, "We're making a way from earth to heaven so that heaven can invade earth." We began with the trumpet call and a long time of worship as we waited on the Lord. A prophetic song rose out of the worship;

"There's a sound in Heaven, it's the song of the Lamb.
The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the World.
For He is worthy of all praise, of all thanks, of all glory.
He is worthy!"

Mike encouraged us to prepare our hearts. He sensed the wind of God blowing through the room, and said he wanted his sails to be at full stretch to be ready to move with the wind. Ian read the prophecy from Joel about God pouring out his spirit, and both young men and old being touched, and we continued to worship and wait. Interestingly, the wind started to pick up outside too.

We had been worshipping for over an hour, and by this point there are usually several prophetic words or pictures in the book at the back, as the Lord speaks to people who then record and pray into what they receive. Often the contributions reflect the flow of ideas mentioned from the front. However on this particular morning there was still only one word in the book, and it was very different from anything that had been said so far. It was a vision of a 'warrior breakthrough angel' of African origin, and the words 'out of Africa,' signifying a warrior breakthrough cry to be released.

Worship continued, and slowly a different sound started to rise. It was a cry to the Lord, very African in style, as the singer moved with the Spirit and sang, "Glory glory, come Jesus, come Jesus." As we all engaged with the song, the breakthrough came.

Children, young men and fathers came forward, and the women stood back to let the men rise up. The room was filled with the deep, strong rumble of men praying. They prayed for an army of men to stand up to the mark, for the hearts of fathers to be turned to the children, for broken families and fatherless children, and for greater understanding between generations. A young man called for 'the men to stand up and be men of God like Joshua and Moses, for an end to injustice and the coming of the kingdom of God in Nottinghamshire. They prayed specifically over a Council-run meeting happening the following Monday, to help men be better fathers.

During the morning the children expressed their thoughts and prayers using art. They made a Play Doh cross and a prayer tree with leaves that said, "I love you Jesus, God is mighty, etc. They also waved paper hands with words of praise written on them.

We were sent out with a picture of us coming out of the throne-room, robed to carry the presence of Jesus into the world.