

Cell Notes

“Drenched..... to Serve”

Sunday 11th July 2010.

Jonathan Hopkins was the preacher and whilst Philippians 2 was read it provided the context for serving rather than a depth study. What Jonathan emphasised was that whilst our being filled with the Holy Spirit results in us being empowered to live the Christian life (often experiencing many spiritual gifts along the way), our lives should also ‘bear fruit’ as a result of being ‘drenched’ in the Holy Spirit. One of the key ways as Christians we should be different to the world is the relationship we have with our leaders; indeed one of the consequences of being ‘drenched’ as a community is demonstrated in the way that the body honours its leaders. Jonathan explored ways that we can serve our elders and referenced some of the ways that we don’t.

At the end of the sermon there was an excellent time of prayer by the body, lifting up the elders and their families.

For discussion:

- 1) A church member said that “What was good about Sunday’s preach was that it wasn’t ‘gushy’ but equally it wasn’t judgemental.” What did you find good or challenging or encouraging (etc) about the sermon on Sunday?
- 2) Consider the passages that were used on Sunday. How do they provoke or challenge us as church members to treat our leaders?
 - Colossians 4:6
 - Colossians 1:9
 - Philippians 2: 14
 - I Tim 5:17
 - II Cor 7: 2 (part i)
 - James 1: 22
 - Hebrews 13:7
 - Hebrews 13:17
- 3) Application: continue to pray for the elders in their week of meeting to plan for next year. Pray also for their wives and families.