

CELL NOTES 3/9/07

ICE BREAKER

What place did your parents have to drag you to, because you were scared – dentist, a particular relative's, the circus, school, somewhere else?

THEME

Total Commitment

Reading; Acts 21 : 7 – 16

SERMON OUTLINE

- 1) Examples of hard things people have had to do.
- 2) Commitment of an athlete training for their race or match.
- 3) Paul faced difficulties. He knew that when he got to Rome he was going to be attacked badly. This was reinforced by the prophecy from Agabus. How would you have felt? What would you have done?
- 4) Following Jesus is about commitment, and going against the flow.
- 5) Example of Christians in Eritrea. We have it very easy!!
- 6) Jesus calls us to follow Him. It's more than worth it, but not easy :-
 - People will mock
 - You will be discouraged
 - It takes commitment.
 - But when we follow Him, he will use us.
- 7) Commitment needs to be real, as in a marriage, or to a job. But it's commitment to One who loves you and wants to use you.
- 8) Some practical ways in which this can be expressed in the near future are :-
 - Coming on the church weekend
 - Inviting somebody to Blue Moon or Alpha.

QUESTIONS OF APPLICATION

- 1) In your eyes did Paul make the right decision to go to Jerusalem, even though godly people, through the Spirit, urged him not to go?
- 2) What are you committed to? On a scale of 1 – 10 how would you rate your commitment to family, job, an interest, Jesus, the church, something else?
- 3) What feeds or weakens your commitments?
- 4) What is your commitment to the life of the cell? How is it expressed?
- 5) How might the group encourage one another in healthy commitments?