

CELL NOTES 21/1/08

ICE BREAKER

How were you encouraged to deal with stress as you were growing up? “Forget about it”, “Pray about it”, “Sleep on it”? What do you do now?

THEME

On A Vision for Our Lives

Reading Psalm 23

SERMON SUMMARY

1. Our revelation of God’s vision for our lives will be based more on a special awareness of God brought about through close relationship with God. This closeness means we can align ourselves with His purpose for our lives.
2. Although the vision God has for our lives maybe small, it is part of God’s vision for His Kingdom. God can use anyone, anywhere regardless of their past, regardless of their plans for their future.
3. What is stopping us from being part of God’s vision? If we are to move closer to God we must look, we must “lift my eyes” to turn away from the things that distract us and blur our vision. If we eagerly seek and look we must eagerly listen as well. It is not until we see what God sees, that we will truly have vision. That is when our vision will stop and God’s vision will start.
4. What should our vision for our lives be about? “We are simply God’s servants” – 1 Corinthians 3, 5. “We have different gifts” – Romans 12, 6. Jesus said....My grace is sufficient for you – 2 Corinthians 12, 9.
5. How can we serve? Jesus said “I sent them into the world” – John 17, 18. Jesus said “Go into all the world and preach” – Mark 16.15. “We are the message” – 1 Thessalonians 1:8.
6. Whatever it is He does have a vision for our lives and we will be judged on it. Jesus said...You can tell what they are by what they do – Matthew 7.16.
7. “I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord...then you will call upon me and come and pray to me and I will listen to you. You will seek me, and find me when you seek me with all your heart” (Jeremiah 29.11-13).

QUESTIONS OF APPLICATION

Read the passage

1. Have we ever had a vision for our lives that was out of alignment of God’s vision for our lives? Why?
2. Have we ever had a vision for our lives that was God’s vision for our lives? What did you learn?
3. How can we help ourselves and others to find God’s vision for our lives?
4. How effective have we been in fulfilling God’s vision for our lives and hence God’s vision for His world?