

Feedback Night Follow-up
Tuesday, February 9, 2010

We had two locations praying on this night. Seeking God's feedback for our churches. Here are the things we were "hearing".

Lambkin Home:

It seemed that the majority of our night focused on God's character - reminding us of the things God wants to be for us in this season. Calling us to seek him for these things:

The first to share spoke of God as our **redeemer**. There was the sense of this quality being needed among many people in right now. The sharer was led to **Psalm 103** which begins and ends with praise, and the middle is filled with recollections of how God had redeemed David from the pit. Jolie remarked that just that day she had written up a post for our house from Psalm 103!

Next came thoughts about God's **faithfulness**. Even if we question this, he will continue to remain faithful to us and our churches. **Psalm 89** was key to this person as they shared; a grand picture of God's enduring faithfulness, mixed with our perceived sense of that faithfulness failing.

Grace was the next of God's character traits highlighted. **2 Cor 12:19** was read reminding us that God's grace is sufficient as his power is made perfect in our weakness.

This was followed by a discussion around God's **Beauty**. **Ezekiel 16** was shared, and there was the sense that while God was adorned with beauty, that he was also adorning us with beauty. The person shared with real conviction that God was really doing this in us - making us a really beautiful people.

This person then shared about a vision they had as we prayed. She recounted how when we began our churches, we all had a sense of our "baby" place before God. She said that as she prayed, the picture this time shifted to us as toddlers. We were taking those first jilting steps toward our father, and as we were doing so our faces were beaming with typical joy. Yet, as she looked at the father, his face was also filled with joy - fixed on our first steps. There was the strong sense that we were to be filled with delight as we begin to take these first steps as a church - knowing that our joy is matched by his.

Next a person shared about how they really felt called to intercession in these days - for people and for our churches. That we really needed to be calling and asking of God to move in power. This person also shared how **John 9** and the story of the "Man born blind" was much on his heart as he prayed. He was not sure what the story meant for us, but felt a need to press into more over the next few days.

Finally, one person shared these words they felt were from God:

Know me! Don't judge me!

Pass everything you think about me through the filter of Jesus' life. He exactly represented me. Did he heal? I want you to heal as well. Was he compassionate? He expressed my tender heart. He was motivated by love and activated my faith. Nothing could withstand his power except unbelief. So it is today. So it is for you today. When you know me like Jesus knew me, you will work the works he did. When you know me as he knows me now, you will do the greater things he spoke of that Jon recorded. It will not be work it will be easy. As easy as the dawn lights the world. As freely flowing as the river pours along. As easy as the bird sings.

Porter Home:

Those praying at the Porter home stuck closer to the prayer guide. Here are the things they reported, after praying through the various "listening questions."

1. What of God's character-traits does he want to highlight for you tonight? Ask him? Why is this important for our churches?

*Wisdom - Because HE will lead us (he is wise, he knows where to go...), we can trust him.

*Patience - As we wait on God for direction.

2. Is there a passage of scripture that he wants to lay on your heart? Something that might be significant for us in this season of our life together? What is that passage? Why is it important? Ask him.

*Hebrews 3:7-19 Warning against unbelief. God is going to do something - so don't harbor unbelief!!

*John 16:33 ...many trials but take heart because I have overcome. The battle is won- spread the news!!

*Matthew 6:33 Seek first his kingdom and righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well.

*Phil 3:5 and all of Phil 3 ...No matter what our background(how church-ed or not we may be), we must all consider all a loss for the sake of Christ.

3. Dreamers and picture see'ers: is there a picture over us? A dream of the Lord for us? How does the Lord see us? Ask him to show you.

*Picture of over cast skies but they are bright like the sun is about to burn through. There is blue sky and sun just beyond about to be revealed.

*Picture of a map of Vancouver there are gold nuggets on the spots where the simple churches are. The nuggets are melting and veins of gold are spreading over the city.

*Picture of a face of an eagle. Soaring we will be/we are...

4. What about the proposal to our churches? What is the Lord saying to you about seeking him in this season? What about creative initiatives? Anything he wants to encourage you with? Anything he wants to direct you toward?

*He wants us getting messy into people's lives. This particularly on an individual level.

*Picture of a crime scene, I was sure my mind was wandering. I called Jesus and he was in the scene. A lady had just run off crying. Jesus said I want you to love the hurting, those who are in pain.

*Jesus is loving our prayers- people will come to him through it.

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6. What burden is on your heart tonight? Is it from God? What does he want you to do with it? Is it for the rest to know?

Pain- breaking the cycle of pain in people's lives- a call to be in their lives...

7. Anything else the Lord wants to put on your heart? Ask him, "Spirit, is there anything you want to speak to me about tonight?"

*Revel in my beauty, live joyfully, God is good, God is love!

*I want you to boast in me (the Lord Jesus)

*Press on, Persevere