

Word section for cells w/c 3rd August

Good news for the city
2 Kings 6.24 - 7.20

1. The City is in a state (6.24-31)

It's a struggle to survive (v25), People are giving up what should be sacred (v28), The government doesn't know how to help (v27). Our cities are like this. London is like this.

2. The Church keeps on dispensing hope (6.32-7.2)

Elisha was un-panicked (v32), Elisha exerted influence (v32), Elisha prophesied change (7.1), Elisha was unpopular. Elisha shows the church our prophetic role to the city.

God loves the city, God has put the church in the city to exert influence and bring hope, God hasn't given up on the city and neither should you.

3. The Lepers (7.3-8)

Some risks are worth taking (v5) They didn't just say "maybe" they did something about it. They discovered a great victory has taken place. This is the great discovery; that Satan, the enemy has been defeated and that Jesus has won a great victory! (Col 2.15, Heb 2.14-15). They feast on the spoils of conquest. The lepers enter tent after tent and enjoy the spoils of victory. In the same way, when we discover the victory of Jesus, there is tent after tent for us to explore and enjoy.

4. This is a day of good news! (7.9-11).

While we are feasting, the city is starving. We tell the fact of what has happened. We are not trying to convince people what God could do, but what God has done. If we tell, they will live. If we don't, they will die. They suddenly realise their responsibility for the city.

5. Two responses (v13-20)

"Let's find out what has happened." v13 or The Officer v19-20. Cynicism leads to death.

Questions for Personal Application

1. "God loves the city and we should too." Discuss!
2. What challenges are you finding with living in the city? How can we pray?
3. Are you ever tempted to move away from the city? Why does this matter?
4. How can we live in the city but be an example to the city?
5. Jesus has defeated Satan! How has this truth helped you this week?
6. How can we as a cell group feel our responsibility for our area?
7. Are you a cynical person?