

Notes for the word section week beginning Sunday 9th November

Words of Knowledge

Summary:

A Word of Knowledge is 'a word inspired by God and spoken by an individual'.

Everyday we need more of the Holy Spirit in our life... to reveal the supernatural and natural mysteries.

A word of knowledge can come in several different ways with different results:

- a) Matthew 9:1-7 – Jesus knew their thoughts
- b) 2Kings 6:8-23 - to warn and provide safety
- c) Acts 5:1-6 - to expose sin
- d) John 4:45-54 - to provide healing
- e) Luke 19 - to reveal peoples names

We must fight for the prophetic. As a learner driver with our 'L' plates on we must continually do what our instructor tells us.

There are several ways to receive a word:

- i) *See a word*... literally above someone's head...e.g. asthma
- ii) *Inner knowing*...a very strong conviction in your inner Noah!
- iii) *A pain*... to feel a pain in a part of your body
- iv) *Spontaneous utterance*... just say it, often when counselling
- v) *See a picture*... e.g. of a heart or kidney

We listen to many voices throughout the day and we must get used to hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit.

Good to pray... if God please add to what I already have, if not God then please take it away. The word of knowledge should bring glory for Jesus.

Remember:

Don't feel you have to have everything before you start to say anything

Don't add to what you have – just give what you've got

Timing is so important...when to give and how much to say

A word of knowledge can come during the week or in a meeting. We need to be those who take time to ask.

Don't worry if nothing happens – it is up to the people to respond. We need to write down the facts and pray for people and give them a follow up phone call.

This gift can be used with non-Christian – just be careful how much you share and how you say it e.g. Tony shared about own suicide attempt when young rather than bringing a word saying I believe you are suicidal!

Let's pray!

Application:

Please select from the following, encourage all to honestly take part and leave room to pray for one another at the end.

1. Was there anything shared that you found really helpful or anything really confusing?
2. What did God say to you and what are you going to do as a result?
3. In what ways do you hear God speak to you? In what ways would you like God to speak to you?
4. List all the reasons as a cell why you think God would not want to speak to you; list all the reasons why you think God would want to speak to you. Which list do you believe?
5. Some people share about a time when they have had a word of knowledge and how it went.
6. Timing is so important. How do you get the right balance between nervously stepping out in faith and yet also patiently waiting until it is the right time?
7. It is possible to be wrong. In what ways do you show humility and also faith when bringing a word of knowledge?