

Cell Notes 09/01/11

Ice Breaker; What teams have you been or are you currently a member of? What role did/do you take .

Theme ; Harmony through the Living Word

Reading; John 1; 1-13

Sermon Outline

Harmony with God

1. God is the creator of His own people
2. God entered into a covenant that the people must always acknowledge him as the one and only god to worship and to obey His commandments for their own good. God appointed Abraham as their first “manager/conductor”.
3. The people broke the rules and commandments time and time again .They sinned.
4. Although God continued to love the people, He decided to show Himself in human form in the hope that by actually seeing that person, they could understand what they needed to do to live in harmony with Him. (John 3: 17)
5. Jesus was created pure. He had the authority to forgive sin and did so.(Luke 7:44-50)
6. This is the equation to live in harmony with God:
Repentance + Forgiveness = Salvation (1 John 1 v8/9)
Repentance means saying sorry for what we have done and trying not to repeat it.
Forgiveness from God is free and unconditional.
7. Salvation is intended to enable us in our earthly life.
8. God through Jesus wanted to make it clear that our earthly existence is not the end. (John 3 v16). Eternal life is what Jesus promised, to be in harmony with God when we leave this world. See this promise to the criminal on the cross (Luke 23 : 39-43).
9. Harmony for us
Comparison with the Halle Orchestra
Individual players and many different instruments .When they all follow their parts from the composers score they will produce a harmonious sound intended by the composer.
We in our church are individuals with different talents. Currently there is harmony. Presently we have a “conductor”.

Q: Will we maintain harmony when David retires?

A: Yes provided that we altogether remember always to be in harmony with GOD first.

Questions of Application

- 1) Read the passage. What facts about “the Word” can you find?
- 2) From the image of receiving someone (v12) how would you explain what faith is about? What is the result of this type of faith?
- 3) How does salvation enable you in this life?
- 4) Christians are expected to reflect the light of Christ. We all have different roles to play. In what ways can you/ have you allowed the light of Christ to shine in your life?
- 5) How do you rise to the challenge contained in the hymn Forth in thy name, O Lord I go?

