

Cell Groups Week of Prayer – September '11.

During this week's cell meetings the focus is on some of the points from David's last message to us in July.

You might like to begin with the Ice-breaker suggestion below;  
Share something which David has said during his time at All Saints which has challenged or encouraged you (or both).

David began his talk with the statement 'Honour and learn from the past, but what matters is the future'.

Read Ephesians 4 v1-16.

I've picked out 3 points of particular significance from David's message for us to focus on.

1<sup>st</sup> point:

Ephesians 4 v1 'I urge you to live your life worthy of the calling you have received'.  
David said that God has a calling on your life, grasp it. God has called you to know him and become like Christ and to be Christ to those around you.

Pray for each other, perhaps in 2's or 3's, asking God to help us grow to be more like Jesus and to reflect him to those around us and to empower us to be witnesses for him.

2<sup>nd</sup> point:

David encouraged us to grow up as Christians spiritually, this is part of God's calling.  
He talked about safeguarding and cherishing habits and practices which help us to do this and spoke about encouraging others to do the same.

He mentioned;

Personal prayer

Closer relationships

Corporate worship

Being slow to anger, quick to forgive, and eager to respond to the Holy Spirit's leading.

You may like to spend a few minutes talking about practical ways we can help each other to do these things.

Pray for each other and for our leaders at All Saints, Liz and Steve, PCC members and those on the Leadership team.

3<sup>rd</sup> point:

David spoke of God's 'Big Idea' being the church, his people put together in churches becoming like Jesus to be channels of his love and grace wherever we are.  
He said we need to be with each other for the long haul, encouraging and helping each other to grow in Christ.

Remember the season tickets given out at that service? We aren't spectators but 'on the team'

You could spend a few minutes talking about how we can all be a part of creating an environment of encouragement in All Saints.

Pray and listen to God asking him if we are playing our role on the team? Is there something he is asking you to do?

To finish you might like to all read out aloud together Romans 15 v5-6 personalising it to turn it into a prayer.....

'May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give us a spirit of unity among ourselves as we follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth we may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ'.