

Nettleham Methodist Church
Cell Material
Week Beginning June 25th 2006
Theme: Understanding Fruitfulness 1

Welcome

What characteristics do you share with your parents?

Word

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not allow yourselves to be burdened again by a yoke of slavery” Gal 5:1

It is clear from this verse that it is possible for Christians to fail to enter into their freedom.

- Discuss how you understand the freedom on offer
- Identify ways in which as Christians we might be bound in slavery.
- You might wish to pray at some point for any specific issues which are identified.

Jesus uses the analogy of growing fruit to illustrate a lot of ideas. He repeatedly states that it is by the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22,23) in our lives that He will be recognised. Math 7:23, Math 13:3-23, John 13:35, John 15:8

- How inevitable is the growth of fruit?
- Should we draw any conclusions from a lack of fruit?
- What lessons are to be learnt from Math 13:24-30?

Jesus explains that the seed in the parable is the message of the kingdom, `the Word`. Suggest different ways to ensure that the seed we are sowing into our lives and others is good seed (2 Tim:14-17).

Worship

Focus on the mercy and grace of God. Through song and/or prayer give thanks to God for Who He is and what He is doing in our lives and those of others around us.

Identify ways in which the fruit of the Spirit is evident in the lives of members of the cell. Praise God for these signs of growing maturity.

Witness

Transformed lives are a witness to the life of Jesus within His people. People watch and note what Christians do and draw conclusions. Is this a pressure or an encouragement?

Pray for specific instances where we need to show some aspect of the fruit of the spirit in order to be effective witnesses to those around us.