

Week beginning: 10th Feb 2008

Jesus – The Prophet

Welcome: If you were a modern-day, itinerant prophet – what would you have written on your sandwich board? (Don't make clever excuses – just pick something that you would call out to passers-by!)

Worship: Don't forget to worship in your cell meeting. It is through worship that we draw near to God – *forthtelling His Word and His Will!* (If you have musicians you can sing or listen/sing along with a worship CD or do something even more creative!)

Discuss:

Do you agree that the following 4 points describe a prophet?

1. He/she has encountered God and speaks or acts by Divine Inspiration
2. He/she forthtells the Word of God
3. He/she foretells the Will of God
4. He/she serves as an intermediary between God and humanity

What might you add? What might you take away? How many of these happen in church every Sunday ... and, perhaps in cell every Tuesday/Wednesday?

Word:—‘A prophet is honoured everywhere except in his own hometown and among his own family’. (Matt 13:57)

Teaching Slot: Everywhere else Jesus had been more venerated than at home. There they knew his family; they had seen his humble life; they had been his companions but they were envious of his wisdom - and too proud to be taught by him. As a result Jesus did few miracles in his hometown ‘because of their unbelief’. How does your faith measure up? If you can't see God at work – could it be because of unbelief or pride? Ask God for a mighty work in your life and expect Him to act. *Look with the eyes of faith.* (NLT)

Witness:

Look again at the 4 descriptions of a prophet – do any of them describe anything you have done this week? Share with the cell. Also – do you do these things differently depending upon whether you are a) in church b) at home c) at work/play – why do you think this is the case? Does the above reading from Matt 13:57 help to explain? Discuss.