Surrey Chapel Fellowship Groups 14th/ 15th January 2015

Watchword Series 2015 - Speaking the Truth Ephesians 4-6

Following on from last Sunday morning's sermon this study looks at the theme of Speaking the truth in Chapters 4-6 of Ephesians. These chapters provide a rich vein of teaching on new life that we find in Christ and provide much practical instruction and how this life should be lived. If possible read all 3 chapters before your fellowship group. This study focuses on three key areas of the christian life:

Worship ch. 5:19-20

"Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs" - Some take this to refer to different types of Psalms. But generally it is understood to refer to the Psalms and contemporary compositions. It does however imply that the Psalms should be used as part of our worship. Scripture should shape our worship.

Discuss and give some examples.

See also Colossians 3:16. These verses tell us that worship involves both the heart and the mind. Does our worship involve both?

Prayer ch. 6:18-20

List the four key points that Paul makes about prayer in verse 18.

1.
2.
3.
4.

Think about and discuss how we measure up to these points in both our private and corporate praying.

When we pray for missionaries what do we pray for? What does Paul pray for in verses 19-20?

Mission ch. 4:20-24

This section reminds the believers of Ephesus how they came to faith and provides us with some useful guidance for our evangelism and mission.

They were taught in accordance with the truth. V.21 What is the truth referred to here?
They were taught of the need to change v.22 [1 Peter 2:1, Romans 6:6]

This allowed them to:
Be made new in the attitude of their minds v.23 [Colossians 3:10, Romans 12:2]
And to put on the new self.v.24 - Because: [Ephesians 2:10]

To what extent do we make use of these principles in our evangelism and mission?