

## Leaders Meeting with Ps Mark Kelsey

Wednesday 14th July, 7pm, Main Auditorium of Oxford Falls Campus. All Connect Leaders, Assistants, Involved team leaders and members and anyone interested in becoming a leader welcome!

### Discipleship Tip: Praying

"Teach people to pray and 80% of your pastoring will be done for you." – Kong Hee

If we teach people how to pray and how to read their bible, many of their issues will be resolved by the Holy Spirit and revelation. God will give them an answer or a strategy.

## Connect Group Notes 4 July 2010

### Fountains & Boundaries – Ps Phil Pringle

**John 4:14 (NKJV). "But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."**

When we receive Christ into our lives as Lord and Saviour we drink Him into our spirit. Our spirit is made alive and the water can become in us a fountain. We drink in truth and by the spirit we can know truth and grow in the knowledge of Him and all things.

We are body, mind, soul and spirit. But only the spirit is the God conscious part of us. We know God with our spirit and through and by the spirit we can bring body, mind and soul into subjection to Christ and experience our best life. The water of Christ gets into our spirit and flows like a river and fountain and affects the whole life. Our full potential and creativity is locked up in our spirit, and the water releases it, bringing inspiration.

**John 7:37-38** – When we come to Jesus and drink, out of our hearts will flow rivers of living water. We can't help but be life giving spirits, drawing people to Christ. But the devil will try and plug up the fountain in you and stop the river's flow. In the Old Testament the enemies of God's people would target their drinking wells by blocking them up to weaken them and destroy them. It can be likened to the devil's ploys:

1. Filled them with stones – We can let our hearts be hardened. Stony attitudes, callous cynical hearts. **Acts 28:27**. Dull hearts, closed eyes and ears hard of hearing make it hard to see God, hear God, follow God, obey God.
2. Filled them with dirt – Sin and it's residues are like dirt, mud and rubbish, getting on us and in us as we go about our daily lives. **2 Cor 7:1**.
3. Filled them with dead animals – When we spend time with ungodly people and our spirit makes exchanges with their unwashed dead spirits, we can be poisoned and made filthy.

We have to wash off the dirt and filth and cleanse ourselves. It has to be done continually or it will compound and worsen and corrupt. **Gal 6:7-8**. We need a clear connection with the life of God:

1. By the blood of Jesus - We can confess our sins, receive forgiveness and be cleansed of all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:9**.
2. By the Word – **Eph 5:26** – By the washing of the Word. Read it. Bathe in it.
3. By fellowship – The body of believers being fitted together as the body of Christ supplies each other with life and nourishment and protection.
4. By Worship – Our spirit meets with His Spirit and there is exchange and change

We have to set up personal boundaries for ourselves. **Prov 25:28**. They are a wall of defence. We are responsible to make the right choices and not go where we are likely to be hurt, tempted, deceived. **Prov 1:10**. 'if sinners entice you, do not consent.' The way to life is narrow. **Matt 7:13-14**. Make straight paths for yourself. **Heb 12:13**.

What we do now is not just for us but the generations to come – we are leaving a legacy for our children and children's children. The courage we fight for today is creating an inheritance. Not just buildings but spiritual legacy – generations of faithfulness and Godliness. We are laying a foundation of integrity and commitment of Christ like living for the people that are coming and this city is going to be changed because of that.

## TALK ABOUT

- **Are you experiencing this water fountain springing up in your life ? Daily ?**
- **Are there areas where you always seem to get grimy and need to pray constantly ?**

REPORTING <http://myc3church.net/cgi-bin/exform.pl>

Ps Phil Pringle's Blog <http://philpringle.wordpress.com/>

### Welcome Lunch

The next Welcome Lunch is coming up on Sunday July 11th at 11:00am, in the Glasshouse at the Oxford Falls Campus. If you're new or would like to know more about C3 Church, come along, meet our Pastors and enjoy a delicious complimentary lunch. To RSVP or for more questions, go to the Concierge Desk in the foyer or email [welcomelunch@myc3church.net](mailto:welcomelunch@myc3church.net)

