

Community Group Notes from Sunday 28th June

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No small groups this week because it's Encounter and Prayer. Why not text your group to remind them to be there and what we are praying for.

We are going to praying into the Church's summer programme which includes sending our Youth Group to join thousands of other teenagers at **Newday**, the children of Bishop's Stortford coming together for **Holiday Bible Week** and the Community Church as a whole going to **Shuttleworth '09!** It is going to be a great evening.

For those who missed Sunday here are the notes of the sermon from our guest speaker Tope Koleoso who leads Jubilee Church, Enfield. He spoke from Joshua 5 & 6 (The Fall of Jericho) under the title "Living by Faith"

Summary of Message

Israel was:

1. A people destined by promise
2. A people delivered by miracles
3. A people sustained by the supernatural

Jericho was tightly shut, fortified and immovable.

We all face Jericho's in our lives which might be daily unresolved difficulties, illness that wont go away, mental issues and doubts, habits or thoughts, fears, guilt.

The intentions of Jericho's in our lives is to keep us **stuck in a rut**.

How do we deal with the Jericho's?

1. Acknowledge God anew
2. Keep walking by faith – again. Jericho is not Canaan. To stay there is to be unfulfilled because we have settled for what we should not settle for.

Things that cause us to do this are faith killers e.g.

- Negativism (we assume the worst)
- Criticism (we are preoccupied with the imperfect)
- Scepticism (we always question but never commit)
- Cynicism (we reject things because we assume a selfish motivation in others)

Faith says whatever he is promised he will do.

3. Obey the last command - again. By faith and patience we overcome.

Group Questions

1. Get the group talking about how this message is relevant to our lives e.g. what are our Jericho's?
2. Which of the faith killers are we most prone to?
3. What has God told us that we need to continue to obey?

This could lead very naturally into a time of praying for each other for breakthrough in the relevant areas

Events Coming Up...

Wednesday 1st July - **Group Leaders & Coaches Meeting** 7:45 @ The Charis Centre

This Sunday...

Peter Vincent will be continuing our journey through the gospel of Mark