

GCC Cell Study Notes

Sunday 11th June, 2014

Services: 9am & 11am

Speaker: Ps Jayne Calkin

Topic: Are we there yet?

Many of us are waiting for God to do something in our lives. We wait for answers to prayers for such practical issues as healing, finances, a spouse, baby, or job. At times the waiting wears us down.

Abraham is an example of a person who waited for 25 years for the son God had promised him and his wife Sarah (Gen.18). But Abraham became impatient and acted on a suggestion from his wife to short-cut the waiting time.

Question 1: What was the recommended short-cut?

Question 2: What were the ramifications of the short-cut for them and later for the world?

Question 3: Cell members share experiences of waiting on God for His action on their circumstances.

Ps Jayne used the metaphor of pregnancy to illustrate several points.

1. Be pro-active rather than passive during your waiting period. Expectant mothers take care of their nutrition, attend ante-natal classes, etc.
God expects us to work with what He has currently given us.

Question 4. Cell members provide examples of how to be pro-active during waiting times.

2. Perseverance. We need maintain our efforts and faith during times of adversity.

Draw near to Him and He will draw near to us.

Question 5. Review Romans 5:3-4. Draw practical lessons for cell members waiting for God to act in answer to prayer.

3. Pain: Child-birth involves considerable pain. In fact many pregnancies, up to 30%, have a negative outcome. Many experiences we have as Christians are painful, and even working out the answers to prayer can involve discomfort and stress

Review Heb.13:5.

Review Ps.37:5-7

Question 6. Cell leaders share personal experiences of pain before an answer to prayer is finally fulfilled

4. The renewal of creation. Christians are promising a restoration of the original creation when all waiting and pain is over. There is a glorious future ahead.

Review Rom.8:18-25.

Question 7: Share THREE wonderful implications of the unbroken relationship with God that awaits us in the future.

Question 8: Share names of people on your prayer list who need a spiritual relationship with God through faith in Jesus.

(Notes provided by Ps John K)