

Sunday 5th October – Breaking Through – Week 2 – The walls between us

Welcome

When was the last time you felt like an outsider or different from others?
How did it feel and what did it make you do?

Word

This week we are looking at the walls between us and how to bring them down ...

- What types of walls can exist between people? Why do we build these walls?
Spend some time exploring this, maybe use a large sheet of paper and make it interactive.

Read Eph. 2 v.11-22

- What strikes you from this passage?
- What don't you understand? Can others shed some light for you?
- What are the implications of this to us as followers of Jesus?

Pick up the two points Leon made Sunday ...

1. 'When people damage you, work it out ...'
 - Why is this so important?
 - What can happen if we don't do this in a Biblical way?
 - What can happen if we do?
2. 'When people are different from you, reach out ...'
 - How can we do this more within church?
 - How can we do this more out in our world?

Prayer

Each week we are having a prayer focus as part this “breaking through” season ...

- Prayer topic ... Breakthrough at Zion
- Key verse ... Matthew 6 v. 10
“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”
- Supporting information ... The primary purpose of the Third Place is break through – seeing more of God’s kingdom, here in Halesowen. That was the purpose of the people that founded Zion and here we are, 35 years later, still seeking more of His kingdom.
- Prayer activity one ... Invite people in turn to speak out acknowledgements of specific things happening in the life of Zion where there is growth and reason to celebrate, for example, in the last 18 months five Alpha courses have run with 83 guests. Also, in the last 18 months the numbers coming to the Friday night your event has doubled.
- Prayer activity two ... Invite people to pray for one area of Zion where they are involved (or want to be) and want to see breakthrough.
- Debrief ... After praying invite people to share anything the Holy Spirit impressed upon them.