

## **Corporate Prayer Meeting Notes: 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

That we would recognise the great shepherd and respond to His voice. Not our plans or purposes but God's. Lord, you can see the pasture that we should be in, that we would go when we need to and stop when we need to. Lord have mercy upon your flock, and that we would be so conscious of your leading.

**Is 26:3**

***You will keep him in perfect peace,***

***Whose mind is stayed on You,***

***Because he trusts in You.***

We prayed that we would go deeper in relationship and in your word. That God would soften our hearts so that we would see what you see and feel what you feel and speak what you speak.

Put us on display in this year Lord, not hidden under a table but on display glorifying you. People would see what you are like through us. That we would be the body of Jesus Christ in this community. Fill us, empower us and equip us Lord.

Give us your faith Lord, that we might go forwards and shine for you and have the wisdom to speak to this one or that one. Not by might nor by power but by your Spirit.

That this would be a year of restoration and one where that which is lost or broken is found and restored. Lord, give us broken and believing hearts.

To be set free from the draw of the world and the things that have enticed our souls. This is the breaking of idolatry, Lord let the lesser things fall away.

Tino got a picture and some scriptures but was unsure at the time of the interpretation (Please think and pray about this as God may give you the interpretation!):

*"I saw a picture of a dry land with a hot sun. Many people were sitting happily in the shade of trees, drinking cocktails keen to escape the heat of the sun and the brightness of its light. Then there were other people. These were clearly unafraid of the heat and the light. They basked in it and welcomed even hotter and even brighter days. Remarkably, they were not outwardly burned but looked like those who were empowered by the light and who were on fire in their souls and in their hearts with a joy unspeakable and full of glory. Indeed, the day did get hotter and what little shade there was disappeared. This led to the rejoicing of those that were basking in it but in contrast, great fear in those who were trying to hide in the shade. Those that humbled themselves and came under the fierce heat were set ablaze and yet didn't burn just like those who first basked. Those that continued to try to escape the heat and the light grew ever more fearful and became filled with dread as the shade gradually disappeared. They were consumed and became so afraid that they dug even the ground beneath them seeking to be buried by it! But, still the light grew brighter and burned hotter. In all this the invitation from those in the light and the heat was constant and the Spirit of God continued to draw and woo all that had ears to hear and hearts to receive.*

These scriptures came to mind:

**Is 43:1-3**

***But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel:***

***“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.***

***2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.***

***3 For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Saviour!***

***James 4:6***

***But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”***

***Luke 20:18***

***Whoever falls upon the rock will be broken, but on whomsoever the rock falls shall be crushed.***

***1 Peter 2:9-10***

***9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.***

Jackie perceived a glass ceiling. In our society there is a glass ceiling that stops people from wanting to reach out to God. Prayed against that ceiling, that eyes would be opened.

Gill got a picture of a birds eye view of streams and tributaries that were blocked. We prayed that the blockages would be removed and the water would flow freely.