



Why Cells?

• Part 2 6-26th September

What picture, place, piece of music or film inspires you? Why and how does it inspire you?

Welcome

Worship

Find a track or two from a worship CD that speak about the hope of eternal life and a future that we have in Jesus. Listen to them together, encouraging people to share their reactions to the words of the songs, then worship God together in prayer.

This week we will be looking at 1 Thessalonians 1v2-10 in a little more detail. Having considered the characteristics of an effective Christian community, how should being a part of this kind of community change us?

In v 2-3, Paul is thankful for what he sees in the lives of his Christian friends. Verse 3 speaks of

**'work produced by faith...labour prompted by love...
endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.'**

- What might it mean that 'work is produced by faith'? What work? Can you think of an example in your own life?
- How does love change us?
- What effect should our hope in Jesus have on us?
- Paul speaks of lives that are productive, prompted and inspired. Is yours? How might being a part of a cell group develop these?

Cell groups are to be witnessing communities – but often we find that difficult. In v4-10, Paul describes the stepping stones of their own Christian growth starting with the love of God and the gospel (v5) and ending with other people speaking of their transparent faith (v9-10).

- Trace the stepping stones in v4-10.
- How might the same be true of us as we aim to be groups that are outward looking with a passion for 'witness'?

Word

Witness

Please continue to pray for the Alpha course starting on September 29th at Coffea Caban.
Please pray for Dave, that he would communicate the message of Jesus simply and powerfully.
Continue to pray for all those attending the course.