
GRACE NOTES: *Now Concerning Spiritual People*

A leader needs to attract followers... but if the mobilisation process is to succeed, those followers must become leaders too, finding their own sense of purpose in the shared challenge and spreading the call and vision of the change.

Having just enjoyed a month engaging in a spiritually intelligent, honest conversation about "spiritual people" in our main meetings, we seem to have created an emotionally safe space in which not only can we talk freely but one in which we can see clearly that a new generation of leaders are emerging.

It really is good to talk, and it's powerful to talk to one another as thinking peers who are convinced that we are adding quality to our conversations and insights because of the differences between us and not in spite of them.

The series (which will develop into a study on the letters to the church in Corinth called "The Way and the Ways of Love") was about the relationship between spiritual people and spiritual gifts. It was about how spiritual people exercise spiritual gifts not how spiritual gifts are the gift of only those who are deemed spiritual.

What happened in Corinth (our study focused on 1 Corinthians 12-14) was meant to serve as a cautionary tale to us all about what can happen when we love the gifts but fail to realise that they are love gifts. Think bells and pomegranates... Never lose sight of the lesson from Aaron's priestly garments. (See week 3, 24th July).

In the second of our workshops we posed the question: How much of ourselves do we feel that we are allowed and enabled to contribute? The answer we got back was sobering: we know that we are free to be who we are and bring who we are but yet we (many of us) are holding back.

So, mid-month, instigated by one of our newer members, Kanaway, a working group met with the elders, led by Graham, Whilst I was away travelling, to look at what levers we need to pull to enable everyone to flourish. What needs to happen, structurally to enable us to be free to bring more of ourselves.

One of the conversations, and we will be socializing this with the wider family, was the recognition that whilst we know we are free, we don't know how to be free. That for me was so sobering: that single point among many may well be the place where we need to begin, after all, it is for freedom that Christ has set us free.

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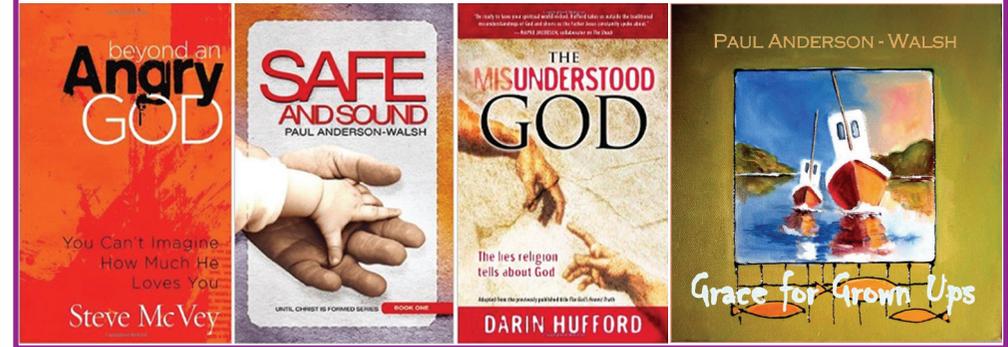
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Welcome to IGC (the International Gospel Church) we hope that you will feel at home whether you're just visiting or you're considering being with us more regularly. Our aim is that IGC will prove to be an inclusive graceful community where you will be enabled not simply to live gracefully, but to live fully by grace.

Meetings are held on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. & Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. B.A.S.K

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Wednesdays: B.A.S.K. & the Prayer Fellowship

A time to flow in the unconditional love and acceptance of God

B.A.S.K. Our Wednesday evening meeting B.A.S.K. has quickly become the go-to meeting for the IGC family. Why not come and be part of a forum for us to come together and simply belong. On Wednesday evening we reflect on the previous Sunday's sermon and discuss both light and heavy-hearted issues in a safe environment. B.A.S.K. is a safe place for safe people to eat together, pray together. Also Prayer Fellowship 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Lower Hall).

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