

Life Application Notes

Sending Sunday – 10th September 2017

Speaker: John Groves

Scripture: Numbers 10:1-10

Introduction

This Sunday saw the official launch of Life Church West End. It was a fantastic opportunity for all of us to celebrate this next step in the journey of Life Church, and John Groves spoke to us all prophetically from the Book of Numbers.

To get started, read together Numbers 10:1-10

Two Silver Trumpets

The prophecy that John brought over Life Church centred around the two silver trumpets described in this passage. *What were the three purposes of these trumpets in ancient Israel? (Unity vv. 2-7, Victory v. 9, Celebration v. 10)*

John also talked about how the trumpets can be considered a 'type' of the Gospel. *What does this mean, and why is it the case? What was redemption silver to the Israelites, and what application does this have for Christians today? (Numbers 18:16, Ephesians 1:7)*

After talking about how the image of the trumpets applies to Christians in general, he brought a specific word about Life Church, where the trumpets symbolised two activities that should characterise our church. *Can anybody remember what those two activities were? (Spending time in the Word, Spending time in Prayer)*

You will have times of Direction, Battle, and Celebration when the Word and Prayer will play a key role.

Direction, battle, and celebration. *What do each of these mean in the life of our church? Why are reading the Word and spending time in prayer so important in each case?*

Psalm 81

Psalm 81 also tells us the story of Israel and the trumpets.

Read Psalm 81 together, and spend some time discussing it.

In many ways, this psalm is also a story of direction, battle, and celebration. *Does it give us an even better idea as to why the reading of the Word and spending time in prayer are so important to us?* This psalm makes it clear that these trumpets are part of our relationship with God; our unity not just with our fellow Christians, but with him. Those of you who've been a Christian any length of time will recognise, again, the theme of the redemptive love of a God jealous for his people.

Responding in Prayer and Thankfulness

Having spent some time in the Word this evening, it seems appropriate to end with prayer and thanksgiving. Thank God for all he has done in bringing us to this point; thank him for the opportunities that lie ahead of us as we embark upon the next leg of our journey. Pray for one another that we would all know the love of the Father, rest in the freedom of redemption through his Son, and feel his leading through the Spirit. Pray that we'd each be equipped for the season ahead.

Perhaps end by reading Romans 8:14-17.