

## **November 21<sup>st</sup> 2010 – Becoming Church – Part 1**

### **Introduction:**

There are times when we can't wait to get to church however maybe there are those times when we struggle. We need to be honest with each other otherwise we will just get struggling individuals in a continuing struggling church.

### **What is Church?**

What is Church? What does Church mean to you? We are seeing so many fresh expressions of church emerge (Pub Church, Cafe Church...) and it is making us question what creates church

### **Vision of the 7 Levels**

*See other notes*

### **First Level: Prayer**

*"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tyre?" – Corrie Ten Boom*

*"Anyone can pray in a crisis? But give me someone who will pray earnestly without a crisis and I will show you someone who is ready when one comes" – Bill Johnson*

### **Individual Responsibility: Hannah**

1 Samuel 1:9-17 – Hannah

3 key points to her prayer

- It was specific
- It was honest and heartfelt
- It appealed to God's grace

### **Corporate Responsibility:**

"There has never been a spiritual awakening in any country or locality that did not begin in united prayer"

- Welsh Revival in 1904 birthed in a Prayer Meeting
- Lewis Revival birthed through intercessors, Peggy and Christine Smith.

United Prayer across the city is so key for the outpouring that has been prophesied over this nation!!!

**CHURCH ALIVE**

To encounter God and to invite others into an encounter