

Word Notes Sunday 11/05/14
Ben Harley- Just Jump! Stepping Out for God

Summary (read this bit out to remind cell members what was said on Sunday)

Key Texts: Deut 32:11

When God leads you to the edge of difficulty it's time to jump, to trust Him fully – He'll either catch you or teach you to fly. Like the eagle "stirring up" her nest, there comes a time when you just have to try or need a not-so-gentle push.

This may sound daft but sometimes the biggest barrier to us serving where God wants us to serve is our own hesitancy. We've probably all heard the old adage that faith is spelt R-I-S-K but guess what – it is repeated because so many have found it to be true.

Application (this is the bit where cell members get to participate. Lead discussions around these points)

Ask one or two to share **brief** stories of needing to "step out" – maybe with faith in God, perhaps faith in their training or preparation for a task or maybe just taking a risk to achieve something. How did it feel beforehand, what was it like afterwards?

Read Deut 32:9-12. Use the cross-references in your Bible (eg NIV) to understand how God is like the eagle. Discuss what you find, in particular what comforts you and what scares you?

What about you – are you naturally a risk-taker or risk-averse? How do you deal with challenge?

What is the Lord challenging you with right now and what will it take for you to "step out"?

Read Phil 4:12 & 13. In light of this scripture should we pray for the Lord to strengthen us or simply be more faithful that He will?

Prayer time – rather than have others pray for you, why not instead confess areas where you've been hesitant and re-commit to trusting in the Lord.

Witness (this is the bit where the cell talks and prays about how to share the Good News)

Make plans for your cell's contribution to the Fun Day. Leafleting and Prayer walk on Studlands Wed evening 28th May and we need your help!