

Building to a Pattern / Maurice Nightingale - LIFE GROUP NOTES -

KEY QUESTIONS

1. Words are powerful. What testimony do you have of words that have wounded you (appropriate for group sharing!) but God has delivered you from this? Do you consider there are words that even today are limiting you?
2. All of us face fears at different times for different reasons. How does God help you overcome fears that you face?
3. Obedience is God's love language. We are rewarded in the next life for our obedience of faith in this life. What is the fruit-bearing mission that God has for you? (Jn 15: 16.)
4. Nehemiah rebuilt the city for the people of God in his day. Jesus said he will build his church for his people today. What are your dreams for a mature church? What part do we each have to play in bringing this about?

** TOP TIPS **

Making the most of your time together

Remember people are indwelt with the spirit - expect them to have something to bring - most just need permission and clarity, and yearn for depth.

- **WELCOME:** Have fun, involve everyone, keep it moving
- **WORSHIP:** Deliberately LEAD people into stepping out - most people appreciate specific guidance and feel released to know how to participate (e.g. let's read a Psalm together and use the words to help us worship, let's listen to this song, let's sing now, let's have a time of prophecy and hearing from God, if you feel you want to start a song please do). Encourage gifts!
- **PRAYER:** Weave into all you do, respond to things as they come up and help people by being specific (e.g. let's all go round and pray shorts prayers thanking God for a particular characteristic
- **WORD:** Some folks would not have been there on Sunday - don't; worry too much about recapping, just dive into questions. Splitting people into pairs/small groups with specific question and a time frame usually brings out the best discussion and involvement of everyone.