

May/June 2009

The Newsletter

for the Mens Ministry at
Goldings church.

Mens Ministry Leadership

Contact:

Phil 07950 020551

Jerry 07731 968232

Jim 07958 652260

MAN 2 MAN



Confession time - I love the music of Bob Dylan! Probably one of the most outstanding songwriters of the last 60 years, his lyrics transcend base folk/rock music into the realm of poetry. This multi-award winning artist, jewish by birth and born again to faith in Christ in the late 1970's, now fills even his secular lyrics with testimony to his Lord.

GONNA CHANGE MY WAY OF THINKING

Listening to his album 'Slow Train

Coming' I was struck by the song 'Gonna change my way of thinking'. Some of the lyrics are shown here. This addresses the challenge of who is in charge of our lives and our thinking now - Christ.

This made me turn to Ecclesiastes chapter 12 where Solomon writes: **The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.** *Ecclesiastes 12 v 13-14 (ESV).*

Another scripture that makes me think about the change that comes about in our minds upon receiving Jesus Christ as saviour and Lord is found in Paul's letter to the Romans: **I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.** *Romans 12 v 1-2 (ESV)*

Apple computer used to have an ad campaign that was just two words "Think Different" - It is a good slogan for our christian lives, our minds are renewed by reading God's holy Word, this is so important in view of the fact that that in Revelation the Lord says: **Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.** *Revelation 3 v 3 (ESV)*

***Gonna change my way of thinking,
Make myself a different set of rules.
Gonna put my good foot forward,
And stop being influenced by fools.***

***You can mislead a man,
You can take ahold of his heart with your
eyes.***

***But there's only one authority,
And that's the authority on high.***

***Jesus said, "Be ready,
For you know not the hour in which I come."
He said, "He who is not for Me is against Me,"
Just so you know where He's coming from.***

Bob Dylan - 1979

Are you gonna change your way of thinking?

Jerry & Phil feel really blessed that God has answered our prayers for a fellow leader in the mens ministry. The church has been much blessed by his faithful preaching of God's Word. In his own words below he shares something about himself:

I had a wonderful childhood growing up on a farm in West Virginia. I Served for three years in the US Army, mainly in Europe, which led to me coming to London in 1989. I was born again by the Spirit of God in 1992. In 1998 the Lord laid on my heart what was to become my vocation, to work with youth and sports. Since 1999 I have worked in basketball throughout North East London, the last four years I have been working full-time as a professional Basketball Coach. In 1999 I felt God prompt me to take up a course of study. I completed my GCSE's and A levels in 2000 and in 2005 I received a BA degree in Religious Studies from University of London, King's College. In 1999 I married my beautiful wife Jayne and we have four wonderful children David, Marion, Jamey, and Ruth.



MEET JIM HOGGE

MENS MINISTRY DIARY DATES 2009

- May 16th** **Mens Breakfast** - arrive 8:30 for 9:00am breakfast
- May 30th** **CHURCH AWAY DAY** - Pilgrims Hall, Brentwood. A day for all the church to share the Word of God, to have fellowship and fun together. As Jerry for details
- June 6th** **MAN2MAN Conference** - Jim Hogge & Jerry Sandy preaching, Phil Roberts leading. subject: **"Prepared for Battle"**
- September 5th** **Mens Breakfast** - arrive 8:30 for 9:00am breakfast
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
- September 19th** **MAN2MAN Conference** - details TBA
- November 14th** **Mens Breakfast** - arrive 8:30 for 9:00am breakfast
- December 5th** **MAN2MAN Conference** - details TBA

Join us every Sunday at 11am and 6:30pm, and every fortnight for the Tuesday night 'Godfellas' or Friday night '6/11' Mens Bible Studies (text for details).

Need to pray with someone or to talk over things? feel free to call our Mens Ministry leaders

Phil Roberts



Call or Text
07950 020551

philipvictorroberts@mac.com

Pastor Jerry Sandy



Call or Text
07731 968232

office@goldingschurch.co.uk

Jim Hogge



Call or Text
07958 652260

jameshoggeuk@yahoo.com