



**A Lent Course  
St Paul's Hammersmith**

7 Tuesday nights: 21<sup>st</sup> February – 4<sup>th</sup> April

1. Recovering the Adventure of the Kingdom: The Baptismal Life and Powerful Authority.
2. Understanding resistance – Strongholds.
3. Overcoming resistance - Power of the Cross and Spiritual Transaction.
4. Breaking Free – Practising Repentance.
5. Inside Track - Recovering the Prophetic.
6. Understanding authority – The Place of Obedience.
7. Moving in Faith – Trusting Absolutely.

**Recovering the Adventure of the Kingdom:  
The Baptismal Life and Powerful Authority**

**Key Text: Paul's letter to the Ephesians.**

**1. The glory of God is a human being fully alive**

'Live full lives, full in the fullness of God.' Eph 3:19 (Msg).

'.....efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.'  
Eph 4:13 (Msg).

Restoring God's original design:-

- Communion (Grow)
- Community Building (Gather)
- Co-creativity (Go)

**2. Enemy occupied Territory**

'This is no afternoon athletic contest that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps; a life and death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels.'  
Eph 6:12 (Msg).

See also Eph 2:1-3 – 'the ruler of the kingdom of the air' and 'the Spirit at work in those who are disobedient.'

**3. The Victory of God and Delegated Authority**

'And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms.' Eph 2:6

Also Luke 9:1-6; Luke 10:1-20; Matt 28:16-20; John 20:21.

**4. Advancing the Kingdom**

'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know....his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength...' Eph 1:18-20.

See Matt 16:18.

**5. The Baptismal Life: Living Free**

'We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.' Romans 6:4.

'So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.' John 8:32.

Read Ephesians.

1. How would you imagine 'real life' for yourself and those around you? What does it look like?
2. What are the resistances to 'real life'?
3. How intentional are you about pursuing life? For example how many decisions did you make last week that were consciously influenced by your faith?
4. How do we experience the power Paul speaks of? What do you do to enjoy this power?
5. When Paul speaks of God doing immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work in us, what do you find yourself beginning to long for.