Weekly Rhythm
Rhythm of Worship

Sunday 16 February 2014
Engaging with the weekly Lectionary Readings
Comment and Questions

Deuteronomy 30:15-20.
From Moses' final sermon: There are two ways—life and prosperity or death and endless troubles. The way of life requires us to walk in God's ways and not bow down to or serve any other gods.

Questions
1) What lifestyles does this passage present us with?
2) What ways of life present themselves to us today as choices for living?
3) Can you discern the influence of these ways on your lifestyle?
4) How do the words of our Deuteronomy reading challenge your lifestyle?

Psalm 119:1-8
1) Try to describe what a "blessed" (verse 1) (other translation may use a different word for blessed e.g. happy) person is according to this psalm.
2) How can you be blessed?
3) What is hindering you from being blessed?

1 Corinthians 3:1-9.
Despite their spiritual riches, Christians in Corinth were still living by the flesh as cliques forming around preferred leaders. To live by the Spirit is to recognize they are God's field, God's building.

Questions
1) How does Paul suggest we demonstrate our immaturity as Christians?
2) How does he suggest we can demonstrate our maturity?
3) How would we live this out in practical ways?

Matthew 5:21-37.
"You have heard it said… but I tell you." Part I of two weeks of Rules of Relationships. This week: Overcoming sin.

At gbod.org we are reminded that this way of living is not impossible, not hard, barren and bound to failure. We are pointed to the "abundance and joy that comes from living this way. " We are told that "many people actually do live these ways…" and that we can "pursue life and blessing with the help of others who are more than eager to help."

Questions
1) What kinds of lifestyles are described in this passage?
2) How is the Kingdom lifestyle, as describe in this passage, life-giving? (Blessed!)
3) How do you struggle with a "blessed" lifestyle?
4) How can we enter into this Kingdom lifestyle?