



# Pastoral Care & Nurture

Notes from a meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2007

## **Present:**

Beryl, Leah, Pearl, Denzil, Stephen

## **I. Nurture: Funerals & Bereavement**

Parts 2 and 3 of the course were followed with the following comments noted:

- Loss is also experienced by parents with estranged children – this may be more difficult to deal with than death, since not knowing where a child is or how to contact them may produce a greater sense of being out of control.
- The loss experienced by someone who has been separated or divorced from a partner is also accompanied by a grieving process.
- Death that is sudden, unexpected or untimely may feel more disturbing and difficult.
- The Lord gives, the Lord takes away... this is not about reward and punishment by God.
- We are not to question God but to pray and learn to trust him. Time proves this to be true.
- Prayer is a help even to non-church people. Perhaps we can actively seek to offer pray for these people – as a comfort and hope.

This course is useful and encouraging but we also need to be aware of Christian responses to the issues raised.

Can we encourage others to join us on this course – next year? another session?

Next meetings: **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October** 10.30am to study section 4: ceremonies and rituals surrounding death.