

Sunday 10th September 2006 The Hope of Glory

- God has always been in the business of making his glory known.
- Burning bush, exodus, Sinai,
- The presence of God makes his people distinct—Exodus 33:15-17.
- Experienced by Moses in the Tabernacle Exodus 40:34-35.
- And Solomon in the Temple—2 Chronicles 5:14
- Ichabod—the glory or presence of the Lord has departed.
- 400 years—presence replaced by religion.
- Then the glory shines around a bunch of shepherds.
- The glory is back in the person of God's Son—John 1:14.
- Rabbi Jesus calls some to be his disciples—to be like him and do what he does.
- God actually believes in us! You go and make more disciples.
- With Christ living in us there is the hope of the glory being seen in our world today.

May you be covered in the dust of your rabbi!

Welcome Worship Word Wind Witness

keep the balance

Mk 1:14-20, Matt 14:22-32, 2 Peter 1:3-10, 1 Cor 1:26-29, John 20:19-23

Some questions to inspire and challenge:

- What has struck you afresh about being called by Jesus?
- Do we think of ourselves as 'disciples'?
- Do we try to follow without dropping our nets? Why do we find it so hard?
- If the disciples followed because they wanted to be like Jesus and do what Jesus did, why do we follow? Might we have other reasons?
- Peter's big challenge was to walk on water as Jesus his rabbi was doing. What is your big challenge?
- In what area of life and faith is Jesus inviting you to get out of the security of the boat?
- What is your response to the realisation that Jesus believes you can be like him?
- What would be the evidence that we are covered in the dust of our rabbi?
- Jesus made disciples. He believes we can too. He tells us to go and make disciples. Might we start by simply inviting someone to Alpha—25th September?