

Monthly service for the Paris Region "A Remarkable Life "

Les Ulis, France, 6. October 2013



The monthly service for the Paris region, with the goal of creating a good service for member's friends and guests, was held on Sunday 6 October in the rented hall near the French HQ.

Our music group, *High 5*, is in the midst of transforming itself. One band member has moved to another French city for her studies and another will leave France in January. The band added several musicians and singers and is becoming better than ever! They opened the service with three songs.

Jean-François Moulinet then presented his sermon on the theme, "A Remarkable Life". Month by month he has been covering the basic points of a life of faith; prayer, study, Sunday service attendance and, last Sunday, he insisted on the importance of living

what we believe through service and living for others.

He gave us three ways in which we can apply this: helping others (service), supporting others (listening and spiritual support) and giving things to others (sacrificing). To help us in finding ways to reach out to others, Jean-François told us we need to discover three things about anyone, their interests, their needs and their wounds. When we manage to discover these things about anyone, we will understand how to give them what they need.

To illustrate his message he showed us a video of a song by a Christian singer, Josh Wilson, named 'I Refuse'. The city of Nashville, Tennessee, where Josh Wilson lives, was hit by heavy flooding in 2010





leaving many people homeless. Josh Wilson found himself praying that something could be done for these people and realized he was praying about it

but doing nothing which is hypocritical. He then wrote a song saying that he refuses to do nothing when he knows that others are in need;

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q6md9teDFMU> ; <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6B1Lv8k5pEc> .

An important lesson for all of us that prayer is not enough. It must be followed up with action.

After the sermon we invited Mrs. Lim, WFWP director for South-East Asia, and the wife of Dr. Lek from Thailand to introduce themselves and say a few words. We also invited Kenneth and Sonia Read to come up and introduce themselves. They have recently moved from UK to Paris for Kenneth's work and we are very happy to have them as part of our community.

We took time toward the end of the service for everyone to fill in an evaluation form and this service was much appreciated with a score of **84,7/100**, a higher score than the service usually gets.

After the conclusion of the service everyone enjoyed a moment of fellowship with coffee, tea and cakes.

We could also present the new edition of our DP Black Book that we could reprint with the help of Juraj Ladja, from the Czech Republic.