

## Week 6

### Discussion – 7 April 2002

#### 1. 'Debatable' matters

- Women in leadership
- ★ Sex
- ★ Charismatic gifts
- ★ Baptism
- ★ Divorce
- ★ Submission to authority
- Tithing
- Prosperity/wealth
- Parental responsibilities / headship
- 'All week church' – home, ministry, groups
- Clothes, drinking, smoking, head covering
- Pokemon, Halloween, Harry Potter
  - ★ Nb. Some elements are 'undebatable'

#### 2. Submission to authorities

- Submit to whom?
  - Government, departments, Europe
  - Law, taxes, police, judges
  - Employer
  - Church leaders
  - Family – parents, husband/wife
- Obey God rather than men?
  - Work – unethical conduct (e.g. Enron, Maxwell)
  - 'Attitudes' of laws – education (creation, other religions), abortion, homosexuality

#### 3. 1st and 21st century churches

- Similarities
  - Divisions over non-essentials
  - Opportunity to love
  - Struggling with sin
  - Legalism
  - Different groups
- Differences
  - Geographically dispersed
  - House group more important
  - Miracles not the norm
  - Size
  - Less homogeneous
  - Expectation of Jesus's return
  - First-hand contact with Jesus
- Loving the people?
  - Doing what we can
  - Hard because of size