

Ruth Patterson gave a truly awe-inspiring, energetic and highly charged and emotionally motivating talk on Friday afternoon. This talk was based on the Pentecostal spirit and the charismatic movement. She talked about the thirst among people from all walks of life having a thirst for the good news and to meet with the right relationships! Ruth has worked in restoration ministries and the root of their goals is a philosophy of Jesus being thirsty and he went to a Samaritan town to a Samaritan well and a Samaritan woman. Jesus could have taken the less dangerous route through a town that didn't have as many hostile religious groups. However Jesus faced this Samaritan town head on because it would have taken longer to quench his thirst on his journey. Ruth talked about being beloved by Jesus and that we are beloved also by Jesus. For those people of faith, those who dare to believe will gain access to a deeper love. We have places to go and we must go right now to be able to pick up the challenges that Jesus gives each and every one of us. For two examples were the battle of the Somme and the battles over parades. Ruth concluded her talk by asking all of us present to consider three questions that will define who we are, where we are going and what our challenges will be. The three questions are:

What do you want?

Who do you say that I am?

Do you want to be healed?