

“Dwelling in God’s Word”
Golden Grove Lutheran Church – August 2021

Thursday evenings 6.00 – 8.00pm.

Week 4 Input Session [30mins]

Focus on the theme **“Thank you Lord!”** [cultivating an attitude of gratitude - receiving]

If you (like me) are a parent/grandparent, what are some things we need to patiently persist with in training our young children?

Why do we do that? What are we hoping will happen?

Much depends on what we ‘sow’:

*Job 4:8 those who **sow** trouble **reap** it*

*Hosea 8:7 **sow** the wind and **reap** the whirlwind*

*Psalm 126:5 who **sow** in tears will **reap** with songs of joy*

*Hosea 10:12 **sow** righteousness and **reap** the fruit of unfailing love*

A principle of life, built in by the Lord: (- like the ‘law’ of gravity, of thermodynamics, etc)

Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow.

Growth in gratitude

Continuum: thinking ---- habit ---- attitude ---- response : **becomes a state of ‘being’**

Doing -----Being

How can you cultivate your own attitude of gratitude in life? - chat in 2s or 3s

What helps/enables you to receive well?

Have you ever not received well? Why?

We receive by taking God at his word: Really? who me? Absolutely!

Mark 10:15 (trust); John 20:20; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:38

Because you are here, you have received these gifts. Is there room for more growth in exploring and “knowing” these gifts we have received? ...to ask “Lord, increase our capacity to receive from you? Help me grow in trusting you.”

John 14:26

John 8:31-32,36

Philippians 4:6-7

Thanksgiving and praise is a choice we make, using our will. Be intentional!

Psalm 118:24;

Psalm 100:4-5;

Hebrews 4:14-16;

Romans 8:6; TWFT Saturday 21st August 2021 (handout)

A grateful heart is a receptive heart... and a receptive heart is a giving heart...

Week 4

Small Group Discussion time:

- Pray, welcoming the Holy Spirit to speak to each person, give insight, understanding...
- Response to what was presented, eg. how...

“Dwelling in God’s Word” focus: John 16:5-15

- What catches your attention?
- What is God saying?
- What is God saying to you?

- Activation Exercise for homework
- Feedback from previous week? (briefly – one or two – if there’s time)

- Closing Group Time with prayer of expectation of receiving good things!

Activation Exercise: (at home)

Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to which verse/s from this session to mull over in the coming week. Ask him for insight, to bring it alive to you.

(Which verse catches your attention? Go with that one!)

- Write it out in your notebook/journal/iPad notes
- As you write, what questions come to your mind. Note them, and ask Holy Spirit for insight to why, how it outworks, anything he wants to show you, tell you, reveal to you.

Partnership!

- Do whatever helps you process your thoughts: - writing, drawing/sketches, etc.
- Write out your prayer in regard to what you have learned – **Conversation!**
- **Listen for** and note down anything he brings to your awareness.
- Try to do this more in-depth consideration of that verse at least once this week, but ponder the verse as you walk, do dishes, cook, yard work, drive, or whatever.

This will help you “take notice” and be intentional. You will be pleasantly surprised at what you discover! 😊