

“Dwelling in God’s Word”
Golden Grove Lutheran Church – August 2021
Thursday evenings 5.30 – 8.00pm.

Week 3 Input Session [30mins]

Focus on the theme “Yes, Lord – I believe” [taking God at his word – activated faith]

What’s the difference between giving assent (agreeing with) and believing a message?

James 2:19; Matthew 4:1-11; James 4:7; Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 1:17-23

“To believe is to hold on to something firmly, with conviction & confidence... the verb always implies personal conviction & trust... NT Greek uses ‘believe *in*’...; (p73,74, “Faith”, *A Theological Word Book of the Bible*, Ed.: A.Richardson)

James 2:17 faith by itself, if not accompanied by action, is dead.

Mark 9:14-32 “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief” Mark 9:24 NIV

How would you describe “unbelief”?

How do we deal with it?

In what way is that different to doubt?

2 Kings 5:1-16 Naaman healed of Leprosy.

How does this story demonstrate the wrestling of faith? – chat in 2’s or 3’s?

What does God ask of us? - John 6:28-29; Galatians 5:24-26

Traps and tests – react (flesh) or respond (in faith)

Romans 1:1-6. What is meant by ‘the obedience that comes from faith’? [NIV]

Taking God at his word – recap...

How can we help each other in these things?

Week 3: Small Group Discussion time: [45 minutes]

- 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 15:9-17 (vv1-8 gives the context)

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

- Activation Exercise for homework
- Closing Group Time with prayer of expectation of receiving good things!

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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! ☺

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