

# “Dwelling in God’s Word”

## Golden Grove Lutheran Church – August 2021

Thursday evenings 5.30 – 8.00pm.

**Need:** bible, notebook/journal, pen/s; expectation of receiving good things  
(Matt 7:7-12; Luke 11:9-12: Ask, Seek, Knock)

### Week 1

#### Input Session [30mins]

#### Focus on the theme “Dwelling in God’s Word”

**Solid food** is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil. Hebrews 5:14 (vv11-14 : Warning against falling away)

God’s Word: Scriptures, Bible.

- **Written – Logos**
- **Rhema:** breath, breathed.  
Genesis 2:7 *the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. [NIV]*  
2 Tim 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed

The **logos** is the general word of God that communicates his ability to do something or his general will on a matter while a **rhema** is the word the Holy Spirit quickens to a specific person for a specific situation. [from **Bill Hammon**, Prophets and Personal Prophecy, God’s prophetic Voice Today], quoted by **Omotayo B Adeoye, (Hadassah)** [a Nigerian, in the USA] – a very helpful article.  
<https://www.biblestudynote.com/blog/what-is-the-difference-between-logos-and-rhema/>

**Word:** Genesis 1:1 **spoken**, action followed. Triune God at work.  
Colossians 1:15-17 all things created by/for him, holding it together  
**Person** – John 1:1-4; Hebrews 1:1-2; John 1:14

**Sword:** Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12

**Spirit reveals:** Ephesians 1:17; John 14:26; Zechariah 4:6

#### **Works through us – 1 Corinthians 14:1,3**

Personal, a “now” word of encouragement, bringing God’s dynamic life into our situation

#### **Examples (see slide)**

It’s all about **relationship**: John 14:23 “... will come to them and make our home with them...”

**Dwell:** what picture does this word present?

### **Week 1: 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 14:15-27**

- 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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