

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

Week 2

Input Session [30mins] Focus on the theme “Knowing God”

What’s the difference between an acquaintance and a friend?

What can stir your interest to want to get to know someone?

Genesis uses “know” in a few different ways:

Genesis 3:4

Genesis 4:1

The difference between “know about” and “know”

Abram/Abraham grew in “knowing”

Genesis 12 – the call of Abram

Genesis 21 – the birth of Isaac

Genesis 22:12 NIV *“Do not lay a hand on the boy” the angel of the LORD said. “Do not do anything to him. **Now I know that you fear God**, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”*

From where you stand/sit, how do you understand “knowing God”?

John 14:5-11 Jesus the Way to the Father.

Do we know Jesus personally, or just know about him?...

ASK! James 1:5; James 4:2

Be real! God has ‘big shoulders’; he loves our honesty

Hear the honesty in the psalms of David: - for example -

Psalms 13:1-3a,5-6

Psalms 27:9,14

Faith is a gift given to us, to be used. Like a muscle, it grows with exercise!

Hebrews 11:6

Invitation to walk with Jesus, in his victory, as we confront our fears

The enemy uses fear to shut us down!

Jesus has overcome – **1 John 3:8; 1 John 4:4; John 8:31-32,36**

Do you think it is safe to be honest with Jesus? Why/why not?

Week 2: 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 10:11-18 (vv1-10 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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