

# Delight in the Lord - Study 5

## The Word

As we go through this study today I would like us to think about how we relate to the Word, how we experience the Word and how we live in the Word. Not so much how we understand or analyse the Word. Let's let The Teacher bring us to a place of understanding as we walk with Him through life.

## God and His People - A Journey to Intimacy

- In the beginning God walked with humankind.
- But then sin
- Humankind forgot God and no longer knew God's ways or even who He is.
- Genesis 6:6 "So the Lord was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart."
- God started again, wiped the planet clean by sending a great flood.
- Then the land replenished but still man turned from God and did not know Him.
- Then God choose the Israelite nation and gave them His Word.
- The old testament is God introducing Himself to mankind again.
  - This is who I am
  - This is my ways
  - This is how I think
- God sent the Word - living, alive, active
  - When Jesus came in human form the word had become law that separated people from God.
  - He called those who taught it children of the devil
  - Jesus was not accept by His own

## In The Beginning

1 John 1:1-5

- Logos (the Word, Jesus) has to be experienced.
- Logos is life itself. We saw, we touched we ate together, we experienced.
- He proclaims these truths so that we can have fellowship with each other. Not so we can just understand but so that we can walk together and have fellowship, love, relationship. So we can have joy.
- How does this bring us into fellowship with one another?
- How does the Word come alive within you and change you and the way you live your everyday life?

## The Word became human and blessed us!

John 1:14-18

- Jesus, the Word, made His home among us.
- Whilst among us the creator of all things washed our feet.
- We receive one gracious blessing after another. Do you know Him and His blessing?
- Jesus reveals God to us
- How can you delight in someone you do not know?

## The Word makes things clear and makes a way.

Hebrews 4:12-16

- God's Word exposes us but then he is our high priest who understands our weakness and intercedes for us.
- We can be open and honest before our Father.
- God gives us mercy and then His grace to enable us to do the work He has asked us to do.
- Do you get stuck in the place of having your life exposed or do you walk into the mercy and grace of God to live in His blessing?

## The Word is understood through the Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:12-16

- To walk with the Holy Spirit is intimate, loving and caring
- We have the mind of Christ. We can understand God's way of thinking.
- Has God really invited us in that closely to Himself? Has he really become one with us?
- We are on a journey to learn what it means to become one with God. This would be worth some discussion!

## You can experience Him without fully understanding Him.

Ephesians 3:16-21

- Like a young child enjoys the blessing of a loving family we can also enjoy God and enjoy being at home with Him.
- We can experience that which we do not fully understand and live in it nonetheless.

What is your experience of the Word?

How is He working Himself out in your everyday life?

Are you allowing the Word to be living and active in you?