

Living the Word



An informal forum to explore the weekly lessons and teachings

Come ... and wonder
Come ... and grow
Come ... and follow

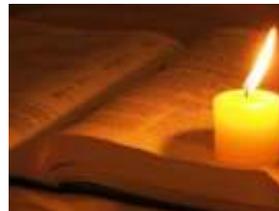
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Living the Word is an informal, small group discussion after service on Sunday. In this “drop in” forum, we discuss the weekly teachings (mainly the Gospel and the Homily). Together we wonder, we question and consider the relevance, challenges and infinite possibilities coming from the teachings.

Living the Word is a place where we come to gather in community to deepen our personal understanding of faith as it relates to our shared and personal realities of day-to-day living.

Living the Word is not about right answers. None of us are experts, and all of us have perspective and experiences that are valued. The atmosphere is always gracious, often playful, and never dull.

We appreciate that every person’s faith journey is



unique, and that we will each have different experiences with **Living the Word**.

- ◆ *It may be a time to wonder . . . about how the pieces all fit together?*
- ◆ *It may be a time to be curious . . . about the details, like the who and the what and the why of the weekly readings ?*
- ◆ *It may be a time to share . . . experiences of living faithfully in today’s world—be it trying, succeeding or being challenged?*
- ◆ *It may be a time to explore . . . your understanding of where God is calling you?*

WHEN AND HOW?

Living the Word is hosted Sundays after the 9:30 am service following our social time at coffee hour. We begin at 10:55 and we meet for about 50 minutes, ending at 11:45am.



We usually meet in a casual, reflective setting in The Upper Room above the Helen Poole Memorial Library Hall. Please contact us if the stairs are a difficulty.

We begin with reading the Gospel to ground us in the day’s teaching. And from there, we share and wonder together, explore our interpretations, ask questions, offer perspectives and finally, end with a time for contemplative silence in which we are invited to consider where God is calling us.

Our lay facilitator team takes turns; they welcome everyone, support the discussion as needed, manage the time, and help wrap up the discussion with silence or prayer.

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RENEWING OF YOUR MIND.
THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO
TEST AND APPROVE WHAT
GOD’S WILL IS —
HIS GOOD, PLEASING AND
PERFECT WILL”
(ROMANS 12:2)**

An invitation to Come and See

Come, those of you who have
much faith and those of you
who would like to
have more ...

Come, those of you who
always come and those of you
who have never been ...

Come, those of you following
Jesus and those of you
trying again ...

WHAT DO PARTICIPANTS SAY ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE OF LIVING THE WORD?

"Living the Word is great because of the depth of understanding it provides on the gospel teachings. I learn from others and see new ways of looking at my life in faith than I would on my own."

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"Living the Word a way of 'getting a grip on the gospel'"

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"Living the Word helps promote or develop or nourish spiritual growth, depending on where you are at, as we take time to discuss, share and learn together"

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"Living the Word is an opportunity for busy people with hectic lives and sometimes conflicting priorities to follow the biblical mandate of personal transformation."

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"Living the Word reminds me of the words of Jack Nicholson in "as Good as it gets" when Jack was talking to his girlfriend (played by Helen Hunt). She asks him in desperation to say something decent to her and he responds 'You make me want to be a better man'. Living the Word makes me want to be a better person."

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"Living the Word encourages individual study because it provides a forum for sharing."

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"Living the Word is a safe place to ask the hard and awkward questions that arise from trying to live a life of faith and as a result of the friendships that arise from our discussions I have a greater sense of belonging to the worshipping community at St Jude's."

The Upper Room

10:55 to 11:45

Everyone is welcome!

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9:30 am	
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Other opportunities for Christian Formation:

- **Woman's Bible Study:** Monday's at 10:30am
- **Men's Fellowship:** Wednesday's 8:00am in the Library, lively discussion on contemporary issues and ideas
- **Bible Study:** Wednesday 7:30pm in the Library, see pew bulletins
- See an introductory video of a LTW session at stjudeschurch.net