

might talk with him, that together you might share life in a wonderful open and honest, loving relationship.

Last week, we celebrated 'Pentecost' where God comes to live out the reality of this relationship. God is with us, with you, in person, so you can talk with him, listen to him, walk in the cool of the evening, enjoying life together with him.

Today I'd encourage you to, not talk about God, but to talk with him. To enter a living conversation with him. Being open, expecting to hear back from God. Today I'd encourage you to talk with your Abba, Father, God inviting him into your

everyday life. I'd encourage you to talk with your brother, Jesus, about all those wonderful down to earth hopes and dreams you have. And ask him what his are; expecting to hear. Today I'd encourage you to invite the Spirit to be real in your life as you together walk into that wonderful adventure of life, sharing it together in all its ups and downs.

Please don't talk about God, talk with him, that is his passion.

Christ Church Lutheran

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Jesus' disciples multiplying disciples

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TRINITY



So what have you learnt about living life from the Trinity? Father, Jesus, Spirit don't want to be theories I simply talk about, they want to be realities that shape the way I live, that shape who I am. They want to give me my identity, my purpose for life, the ultimate joy for living.

So what have you learned about living life with the Trinity; Father, Jesus, Spirit?

Last week I was reminded that the goal isn't to talk about God, but to talk with God, to listen to God, to act with God, to live with God. That's why we prayed and asked God to bring to our minds questions. Questions for him to answer, to walk with us into and discover him there.

I don't want to simply be talking about God. I want to be living with God; walking and talking with God in every aspect of life. What about you?

I could talk about God being 'Trinity'. I could get into a debate with those who disagree, and we could go several rounds, debating, seeing who might win the fight.

But guess who loses?

If all I'm doing is talking about God and not talking with him, I lose.

I lose because God isn't there to be discussed but to be in conversation with, to share life with. I think that is the reason God created

you, so you might share life with him.

Abba, Father, created you, not to talk about you with the angels, not to debate with the angels your existence. Abba, Father, created you so that he might share his life with you, share himself with you, personally, in a relationship of love and affection. Father is after the reality.

That's why he sent the Son, Jesus. Jesus opens the door for this to be a reality. In Jesus we do have a relationship of love and affection with Father. In Jesus we are recreated Father's loved children, in whom he delights.

Outside of Jesus it is all a blur, a confusing

mess of ideas and competing insecurities. Outside of Jesus I think you'll notice that God becomes something we talk about, debate about, not someone we experience. Experience through a shared life.

Outside of Jesus we tend to box God into a corner. I remember reading a debate on whether God had feelings or not; and there were passionate people on both sides of the debate. I just don't recall anyone asking God; 'God, do you have feelings?'

If God is a reality and not a theory, what could he do with that question? If God is a loving Father, wanting a relationship of love and affection with his children, what could he do with our question?

Answer it!

Answer it by an experience; by a dream or a vision; to make the answer real.

What did Jesus promise to send to his disciples? Why did he tell them to wait before they went out to proclaim his kingdom?

The Holy Spirit made his presence known through an experience.

Jesus directed his disciples to wait, till he sent the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the trinity. The Holy Spirit isn't a power. The Holy Spirit is a powerful person, a powerful reality.

And the Holy Spirit made his presence known through an experience; there was wind and fire. There was the Kingdom of Jesus being declared in the languages of the world, so all could

hear in their own language. What a powerful experience.

Jesus didn't send a text book on how to debate with other people that there is a god.

The people on that day got to experience the reality of God's presence; his wind, his fire, his message. They encountered God, they experienced his presence, in the person of the Holy Spirit.

Why did God create you? So that you could live in the reality of his loving presence. Actually that sounds like heaven to me; living in the reality of Father's loving presence; experiencing his embrace as we together embark on the exciting adventure of life.

Father wants you to know his love for you, to experience it, to live it, to be in a

conversational relationship, where you hear his voice sharing with him from the heart; open and honest, totally vulnerable to each other.

Sadly, outside of Jesus, God becomes something we debate, talk about, or create in our image and lose the reality of who he is.

Thankfully Jesus is a living reality. Jesus does sit at Father's right hand, ruling in power and authority. Jesus is a living reality and has sent the Spirit, in person, to be with us, to live with him.

Jesus has opened the door into this living, vibrant, conversational relationship of love and affection; not by talking about it. Jesus came and lived out the reality of giving his life for us. Jesus didn't talk about loving you, he did it, he does it. Jesus

didn't talk about giving his life to set us free from sin, death and the devil, he did it. Jesus entered our reality, our very real brother, and willingly went to the cross so that we might join him in knowing Father personally.

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life so I could talk about God the Father in glowing terms. That would be a total waste of time.

Somehow I don't think God the Father really needs me to waffle on about him. I think he's far more interested in having a real down to earth conversation with me. What do you think; God needs, your wonderful pose, or is keen to be in an open and honest relationship with you?

Why did he send Jesus? Why was Jesus born, and still is, your very down to earth brother? Why did Jesus give his life on the cross if it wasn't that we might enter into the reality of a relationship of love and affection, living out in our down to earth lives, daily talking, listening, following Jesus, as he does with Dad.

A relationship that is lived out in the person of the Spirit. The Spirit isn't some power we get so we can do a few cool things to impress people. The Spirit is God, in person, with us now, because his goal has always been to share his very real life with us; person to person.

Good News, God doesn't sit in heaven talking about you. God isn't in heaven talking glowingly about you. God came down to earth, in person, that he might talk with you, that you