

How we Dwell in the Word

- ❖ Listen to the passage read
- ❖ Consider where it 'captures' you, speaks to you and/or what question(s) it raises for you
- ❖ Pair up with your partner and share with each other.
- ❖ Listen as your partner tells you what they heard in the passage. Then report what you heard.
- ❖ Listen well, because your job will be to report to a larger group of 4-6 what **your partner has said**, not what you yourself said. Some people take notes to help them focus and remember.

Psalm 33

¹Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous.
Praise befits the upright.

²Praise the LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

³Sing to him a new song;
play skilfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

⁴For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.

⁵He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

⁶By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

⁷He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;
he put the deeps in storehouses.

⁸Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

⁹For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.

¹⁰The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

¹¹The counsel of the LORD stands for ever,
the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

¹³The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all humankind.

¹⁴From where he sits enthroned he watches
all the inhabitants of the earth—

¹⁵he who fashions the hearts of them all,
and observes all their deeds.

¹⁶A king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

¹⁷The war horse is a vain hope for victory,
and by its great might it cannot save.

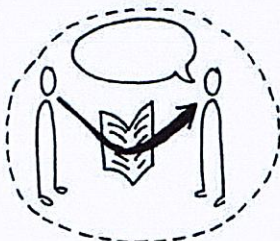
¹⁸Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

¹⁹to deliver their soul from death,
and to keep them alive in famine.

²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and shield.

²¹Our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.

²²Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.



Loving God,
Though our destination is not yet clear,
May we trust in Your graceful promises;
Though we are uncertain of ourselves,
May we be rooted in Your loving regard;
Though our attention is inclined to wander,
May we hear the things You are saying;
Though we often neglect Your influence,
May we be convicted of Your power to change,
In Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

There's a wideness in God's mercy

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

2 For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he would not own.

3 There is plentiful redemption
through the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

4 If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

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