# Living Word: Jesus Christ – Revealed in the Bible

John 1: 1- 14 & John 20: 30 - 31



## 'Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ'



#### Value 1:

The Bible is God's living word and is our ultimate authority.



# 1. Our relationship with the book









Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his

John 20: 30 - 31

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3: 16



<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is **alive and active**. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 4: 12



### Jesus Christ is our ultimate authority... as revealed in scripture.

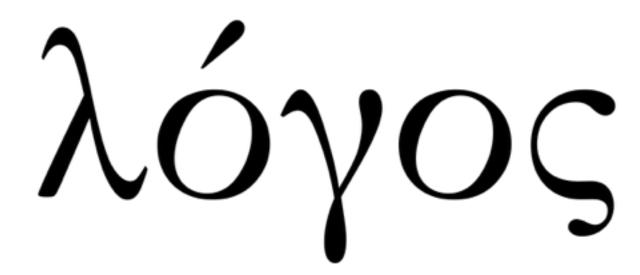


# 2. Our relationship with the Word



#### 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God...'





'Logos' - word, expression of thought, reason.



#### 'God is Christlike and in Him there is no unChristlikeness at all' Michael Ramsay



'He is the image of the invisible God...For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things.'

(Col 1: 15, 19 - 20)





'Rhema' - spoken/written word, utterance.



- He speaks through His creation (Psalm 19:1),
- through ancient prophets (Hosea 12:10; Hebrews 1:1),
- through the Holy Spirit (John 16:13; Acts 16:6),
- through Scripture (Hebrews 4:12),
- and through the Person of His Son, Jesus Christ, at the pinnacle. (John 14:9)

# So what?!





- Practical challenge: when you read your bible this week be especially aware of this question: what is this teaching me to do so that I can be like Jesus?
- Discipleship challenge: are you reading the Bible at all? Get help if you're stuck.
- Spiritual challenge: is the Bible leading you to intimacy with Jesus? Is he the focus and centre of your life?



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