

Gospel Reading for the Sunday, May 5, 2024: John 15:9-17

Our AGM was held on Sunday, May 5, 2024. Therefore, we had a shortened service. I would like to share some thoughts on this week's gospel reading.

As I ponder this reading, my mind goes to Hebrews 4:12, which says, *"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."*

God's word tells us to love one another. This is a clear commandment from the Lord. Yet, there are times when we desire to be obedient to Him, and abide in Him, but God's word doesn't necessarily give clear direction. For example, we may wonder about things such as:

"Where should I live?"

"Who should I marry?"

"Which career should I pursue?"

The good news for anyone who desires to do God's Will is that if we commit to staying in God's Word, the Bible, it is living and active. Through the Holy Spirit of God's work in our lives, we will be joyfully surprised by how God's Spirit reveals the answers to those questions for us.

I encourage you bring your questions about life, to the Lord. He loves you, and is pleased when you turn to Him. Proverbs 3:5-6, says, *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths"*.