

**ChristChurch Life Group Discussion - 23/03/08**  
**Rhys Scott – “Cultivating” your relationship with God**

Jesus died and rose to redeem a people for God. This body of people, the church, are one body, yet each has a personal and individual relationship with God.

**Read: Eph 1:3-14**

1. God made man to enjoy a living and real relationship with Him. When you hear the words “relationship with God” what do you think of?
2. Jesus introduced the idea that God was a personal relational God when He taught us to pray: “Our Father...” and Paul tells us God has adopted us into His family. In what way is God a Father to us?
3. Developing a relationship with God is dependant on us having time in private with Him on a regular basis. Have a read of Matt 6:6. God promises to hear and reward us when we go into our room and shut the door. How can we help and encourage one another to have faith that God will hear and reward us, and so spur one another on to be diligent in this?
4. The Holy Spirit is available to all believers (not just those among us who might appear to be “more spiritual”!) Joel 2:28-29 makes this very clear! What is your experience of the Holy Spirit? How does he help us to engage and commune with God?
5. Paul teaches that the Spirit helps us in prayer. Tongues is a spiritual gift given to edify us (1 Cor 14:2-10) and to help us pray (Rom 8:26-27). What is your experience of the gift of tongues, if you speak in tongues?

There may be an opportunity to pray for one another to be strengthened in their relationships with God, and particularly those who feel far off from God.