



Week beginning  
29th Feb 2010

Welcome

If you had to work in a shop,  
and could choose any shop,  
which would you choose?

## CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC

- What are the things that you delight most in, and live for in this world?

Word  
Worship

C. S. Lewis once wrote these famous words.

If there lurks in most modern minds the notion that to desire our own good and earnestly to hope for the enjoyment of it is a bad thing, I submit that this... is no part of the Christian Faith. Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that the Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling around with drink and sex and ambition [and shopping and stuff] when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who want to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.

- What do you make of the idea that hoping to find joy in shopping means we are far too easily pleased?

So often our standards are so low in comparison to Gods. Psalm 19 is a song of rejoicing, delighting in knowing the glorious God. Read through Psalm 19 together

- From v1-6, what does creation show us about God?
- From v7-11, what is knowing God, and his word (law) compared too? Why?
- How does the Psalmist suggest these things impact people like you and me (see also v12-14)?
- If you were to rewrite v10 in your own words, what replacements for Gold and Honey might you use?
- Does knowing God really add that richness, and joy to your heart. Pray for each other, that he would.

Witness Pray for an impact with upcoming events seeking to take the Gospel of Jesus to the people of Sunderland. Pray for 'Random Acts of Kindness', 4 more evangelistic talks from Mothers day to Easter as well as ongoing opportunities amongst the international students and youth groups. Continue to pray for those going in to NDRC on Thursday afternoons