



Epiphany

PSALM 25:4-5 THE MESSAGE (MSG)

⁴ SHOW ME HOW YOU WORK, GOD;
SCHOOL ME IN YOUR WAYS.

⁵ TAKE ME BY THE HAND;
LEAD ME DOWN THE PATH OF TRUTH.
YOU ARE MY SAVIOR, AREN'T YOU?

IT IS GOD'S WILL AND DESIRE THAT WE GLORIFY HIM ENJOY HIM AND LOVE HIM NOT AS SEPARATE INDIVIDUALS BUT AS A GREAT COLLECTION, AS A GLORIOUSLY UNIFIED HOUSEHOLD IN WHICH GOD DWELLS. THE HOLY SPIRIT BUILDS THIS BUILDING, THE CHURCH, TO BE A PLACE WHERE GOD LIVES IN LOVE AND FROM WHICH THE LOVE OF GOD GOES OUT TO THE WORLD.

REORIENTATION OF OUR HEARTS:

**JESUS TOOK PEOPLE WHERE THEY
NEEDED TO GO, NOT WHERE THEY
WANTED TO GO.**

1. PREACHING AND TEACHING OF GOD'S WORD.

THAT DAY ABOUT THREE THOUSAND
TOOK HIM AT HIS WORD, WERE
BAPTIZED AND WERE SIGNED UP.
THEY COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO
THE TEACHING OF THE APOSTLES,
THE LIFE TOGETHER, THE COMMON
MEAL, AND THE PRAYERS.

ACTS 2:41-42

PREACHING CLEVER IDEAS, CHURCH
PROGRAMS, POLITICS AND
HEARTWARMING STORIES IS THIN SOUP.
BUT BRINGING THE WORD OF GOD
FAITHFULLY TO PEOPLE WEEK AFTER
WEEK IS A GOURMET FEAST, GOOD TO
TASTE AND GOOD FOR THE SOUL.

+ **DAVID HANSEN**

A WISE MAN CAN LEARN MORE FROM
A FOOLISH QUESTION THAN A FOOL
CAN LEARN FROM A WISE ANSWER.

+ BRUCE LEE

2. LETTING GOD SHOW US HIS WAYS.

JESUS CALLED RABBI-
(TEACHER)

proverbs 1:5 new international version

5 let the wise listen and add to their learning,
and let the discerning get guidance—

prayer: learning to listen in a
culture that only wants to be heard.

GETTING TO KNOW SOMEONE

- HAVE TO SPEND TIME WITH THEM.
- TRY TO UNDERSTAND THEM.
- ENJOY THEIR COMPANY.

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THEY COULDN'T TAKE THEIR EYES OFF THEM—PETER AND JOHN STANDING THERE SO CONFIDENT, SO SURE OF THEMSELVES! THEIR FASCINATION DEEPENED WHEN THEY REALIZED THESE **TWO WERE LAYMEN WITH NO TRAINING IN SCRIPTURE OR FORMAL EDUCATION**. THEY RECOGNIZED THEM AS **COMPANIONS OF JESUS**, BUT WITH THE MAN RIGHT BEFORE THEM, SEEING HIM STANDING THERE SO UPRIGHT—SO HEALED!—WHAT COULD THEY SAY AGAINST THAT?

ACTS 4:13-14

PSALM 34:8-11 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

8 TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD;
BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO TAKES REFUGE IN HIM.

9 FEAR THE LORD, YOU HIS HOLY PEOPLE,
FOR THOSE WHO FEAR HIM **LACK NOTHING**.

10 THE LIONS MAY GROW WEAK AND HUNGRY,
BUT THOSE WHO SEEK THE LORD **LACK NO GOOD THING**.

11 COME, MY CHILDREN, LISTEN TO ME;
I WILL TEACH YOU THE FEAR OF THE LORD.