

## THE TEACHER

The teacher will instruct you, ground you, and stretch you when you decide that you are ready.

### KEY POINTS

- ❖ There is an old saying: “When the student is ready, the teacher will appear.” Teachers come in many forms, but God has appointed some within the church with a special gift.
- ❖ As Ephesians 4:11-13 explains, Christ gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers to equip His people so that the body of Christ might be built up and reach unity and maturity in Him.
- ❖ The gift of teaching grounds the people of God.
- ❖ According to Peter Wagner, the gift of the teacher is “to communicate information that is relevant to the health and ministry of the body and its members in such a way that others will learn.”
- ❖ Teachers and students together shape destiny. In the Kingdom of God, the gift of teaching works in the same way—by equipping and grounding God’s people so they can reach their potential.

### The teacher instructs, and the student receives.

- ❖ The young man in Matthew 19 had a need—he wanted eternal life. Need drives motivation, and a student seeks out a teacher because there is something to learn.
- ❖ Jesus answered with God’s Word: keep the commandments. This echoes Ecclesiastes 12:13 (KJV): “Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind.”
- ❖ Teachers are not perfect, but God still uses them to deliver truth. Even when students do not particularly like a teacher, they can still learn if they are willing.
- ❖ As Luke 6:40 reminds us: “The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.”
- ❖ Students must come ready to learn, and teachers must be prepared to give. James 3:1 warns that those who teach will be judged more strictly. The gift of teaching equips the body, but the student must be willing to receive.

### The teacher grounds the student because the teaching has depth.

- ❖ When Jesus told the man to keep the commandments, the man asked, “Which ones?” (Matt. 19:18). Whether for clarification or self-justification, the question dug deeper.
- ❖ Jesus replied, “You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honour your father and mother, and love your neighbour as yourself” (v.v. 18-19). This grounded the man in truth, because real teaching goes beyond the surface and reaches into the heart.
- ❖ Hebrews 5:12-14 warns believers not to remain on “milk” but to grow into maturity, trained on solid food to distinguish good from evil.

## KEY SCRIPTURE: Matthew 19:16-22

(all scripture in NIV unless otherwise noted)

- ❖ In Matthew 7:24–27, Jesus compared those who obey His words to wise builders who laid a foundation on rock. Depth matters because shallow roots will not last.
- ❖ This is why the church provides opportunities at every stage: small group studies for seekers, discipleship classes for new believers, Sunday school for ongoing growth, and mid-week Bible studies for deeper engagement. Each step grounds believers in truth so they can stand firm.

### The teacher stretches the student to reach their potential.

- ❖ The young man said, “All these I have kept. What do I still lack?” (Matt. 19:20). Deep down he knew that outward obedience was not enough. Jesus stretched him with a challenge: sell possessions, give to the poor, and follow Him (v. 21).
- ❖ Eternal life is spiritual, not material, and the man was invited to treasure heaven above earth. Yet he walked away sad, unwilling to release what he valued most (v. 22).
- ❖ Teachers stretch students by showing them what is possible. Like innovators who take risks because they see great reward, teachers inspire students to go beyond their current limits.
- ❖ The gift of teaching equips believers to recognize their potential in Christ. The teacher instructs, grounds, and stretches, but the student must decide to apply the knowledge and grow.
- ❖ Teachers in the church are given to ground God’s people. They instruct, ground, and stretch when students are ready. The question is, are you ready?
- ❖ Acts 2:38 gives the first step: “Repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”
- ❖ For those gifted to teach, the call is to equip faithfully. For students, the call is to learn deeply and embrace the stretch toward maturity.
- ❖ Let us value the gift of teaching as God builds His people for service, unity, and eternal life.

### DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Ephesians 4:11-13 says teachers are given “to equip His people for works of service.” What does this tell us about the role of teaching in the church?
2. What practices help one move from “milk” (the basics) to “solid food” (maturity) in their walk with God?

### PRAYER TIME

Lord, make me pliable—teachable—and ready to grow in You. Amen.

Start-up: Have you ever asked a hard question and not liked the answer you received? What did you do, and what was your reaction?

## WEEK OF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

### NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week’s message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 🌱 (New idea) 🗨️ (Think about)

! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ➡️ (Must share)

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### PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

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Go deeper with your Life Group family.  
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE  
WORD

**PRAYER FOCUS:** F.S. students and teachers in our schools, colleges and universities.

**24-hour Prayer:** Monday, Wednesday – Friday;

**Daily Devotions:** Tuesday & Thursday @ 6:30 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.;

**Departmental Prayer:** Every Thursday (please check schedule)

**Corporate Prayer:** Every Friday @ 7:00 p.m. (and in person every second Friday @ 9:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.), **Saturday** morning from midnight to 3:00 a.m., and **Sunday** @ 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**Zoom ID:** 898 3191 5909 **Phone Access:** 647-374-4685

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#### **IMPOSSIBLE THINGS CONCERT**

**With Mark Crowder**

Date: September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 7:30 p.m.

Place: Faith Sanctuary

To purchase tickets online, Google "Mark Crowder" and scroll to HOME MARK CROWDER WORSHIP, then click. Go to events, click on that, then find "Faith Sanctuary" to purchase your ticket.

Contact: Pastor Adrian Peel

#### **FAITH CONFERENCE 2025**

Join us for our Faith Annual Conference from Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.

We have a powerful weekend prepared with interactive electives during our Saturday session, and our guest speakers during the conference are Pastor Raymond Woodward and Pastor Doril Green! For more information, please contact Pastor Adrian Peel.

#### **MEN'S HIKING TRIP**

Join us for a men's hiking trip on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The carpool will meet at Faith Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. before heading to the Niagara Glen Nature Center (3050 Niagara Parkway, Niagara Falls). Please note that pay parking is available on site. As a reminder, participants are encouraged to bring their favourite snacks and to dress comfortably. For more details, please contact Bro. James, Bro. Kenneth, or Bro. Bob.

#### **FAITH SANCTUARY WEEKLY SERVICES**

**Sunday Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.**

(Listen via phone: 1-844-268-4848)

**Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.**

(Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)

**Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30 p.m.**

(In person and via Zoom)

**Friday Evening Service @ 8:00 p.m.**

(In person and via Zoom)

**Life Group Meetings – individually scheduled**

(see ushers for information)

## **FAITH FOUNDATIONS**

### **GOD**

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

### **GOD'S WORD**

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

### **GOD'S CREATION**

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

### **HUMANITY'S FALL**

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

### **THE GOSPEL**

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

### **OUR FAITH RESPONSE**

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

### **CHRIST'S RETURN**

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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*"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."*  
*Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV)*

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