♦SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, February 16, 2014

"SEEING WHAT GOD WANTS ME TO SEE"

(John 14:26)

Have you ever had trouble understanding and applying the Bible? Does it seem like its meaning is somehow closed off to you? Today we will look at the principle of illumination. We will explore how God's word can come to life for us.

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"He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth" (John 14:17, NLT).

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better" (Ephesians 1:17, NIV).

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1. I must begin a <u>relationship</u> with Jesus Christ.

"The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:14, ESV).

"In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God" (2 Corinthians 4:4, ESV).

"I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3, ESV).

2. I must ask God in faith to open my eyes.

"Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law" (Psalm 119:18, NIV).

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7, ESV).

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you" (Psalm 32:8, ESV).

3. I must come with a humble attitude.

"He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way" (Psalm 25:9, ESV).

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take" (Proverbs 3:5-6, NLT).

4. I must cleanse my heart of sin and conflict.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8, ESV).

"But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going" (1 John 2:11, ESV).

5. I commit in advance to do what God says.

"Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end..." (Psalm 119:33, ESV).

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