

THE DIVINE MENTOR
Growing Your Faith as You Sit at the Feet of the Savior

Discussion Questions Week #2 (February 3rd – February 9th)

Reading Assignment: Chapters 3, 4, &5 (pages 39 - 81)

NOTE TO LEADER: Don't feel as though you need to ask every question below. Pick one or two discussion questions from each chapter that you believe will be most helpful in facilitating discussion and promoting application for you and your group.

Chapter 3: *The Self-Feeding Program*

- Who do you think is responsible for your spiritual growth?
- Has the church ever let you down in helping you grow spiritually? If so, how?
- Have you delegated your own spiritual feeding program to the church or to someone else? Do you blame others or the church for your lack of spiritual growth?
- What can Crossroads Church do to help you grow in your relationship with God?
- According to Psalm 32:8-9, who should be your spiritual mentor?
- Only about 5% of what you do can you only do yourself. What are you neglecting in your life that only you can do?
- You will become like the people you associate with. Who among your associates do you want to be like? Is there a person in the Bible you would like to be more like? A Bible character whose failure you want to avoid?

Key Thought: The New Age religions talk about spirit guides, but there is only one Spirit Guide for all Christ followers – the Holy Spirit. There is also only one direct source of truth about God – the Bible.

Chapter 4: *A Place of Refreshment*

- Where do most people turn for wisdom and success?
- What do you depend on to help you achieve success in life? Where do you most often turn for wisdom and guidance when you have a problem you can't solve on your own or lack clear direction?
- What does Joshua 1:8-9 promise? What must we do to experience the promises?
- What do you think is the secret to achieving a successful and fruitful life?
- What is God's primary tool for helping you to enjoy a deeply satisfying, productive life? Are you using or neglecting this tool?
- Are you a PHD – Poor, Hungry, and Desperate? With that kind of heart, God does His best work.

Application:

Commit to spending time with God every day this week: reading His Word and learning from the Holy Spirit. Come to the next session prepared to tell your group what you learned.

Chapter 5: One Thing for Martha

- Read Luke 10:41-42. How many things did Jesus say were important? Describe what Jesus said was most important?
- Read Philippians 3:13-14. What is the one thing Paul does? What two activities does Paul do to accomplish the one thing?
- Why did Paderewski, a world-renowned pianist, have to practice scales for three hours a day? If you want to excel consistently at anything how often do you need to practice? If you want to excel at pursuing God's will for you, how often should you seek know His will? Knowing what Jesus said to Martha, what one thing does every Christian need to do daily to follow God?
- What is the longest you have gone without food? How did you feel after: 4 hours, 8 hours, 16 hours, and 1 day? Describe what happened to your degree of mental alertness, emotional stability, and physical strength at each length of time.
- According to this chapter what is the single most important source of spiritual food for a Christian? What do you think happens to you spiritually if you go 1-3 days, a week, or a month without spiritual food?
- Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-5. What spiritual food and drink did the Israelites have as Moses led them out of Egypt? Despite eating and drinking these spiritual foods God was displeased with the Israelites. Why was that?
- Read James 1: 22-25. What two things does James say must be done with God's word? Using verse 25 answer the following questions:
 - Give examples of doing something intently (Hint: describe what you would do if you had misplaced a check for \$1,000).
 - If one were to look intently into the Bible what would be the: frequency, intensity, and goal of the search?