

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

**Discussion Questions Week #7 (March 9<sup>th</sup> - March 15<sup>th</sup>)**

Reading Assignment:

- \_ Chapter 12 (pages 185-198)
- \_ Mark 1-3
- \_ Mark 4-5
- \_ Mark 6-7
- \_ Mark 8-9
- \_ Mark 10-11
- \_ Mark 12-13
- \_ Mark 14-16

Chapter 12: *The University of the Holy Spirit*

- In this chapter, obedience is likened to sonar. How is obedience like sonar?
  
- The author uses the analogy that being obedient to God is like having sonar, which helps people to avoid obstacles, not remove them. Share about a time in your life where being obedient to God helped you avoid an obstacle? Share about a time in your life where being disobedient to God caused you to hit an obstacle? Compare the consequences of the two situations.
  
- Exercising trust and faith generates obedience. The Bible defines faith in Hebrews 11:1 and describes how to exercise trust in Proverbs 3:5-6.
  - Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.
  - Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; [6] in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Pretend you are the commander of a submarine. Your orders are to remain under water while navigating a mine-filled narrows to rescue some escaped hostages. How do faith and trust in the sonar influence your navigation choices?

Here are some helpful leading questions:

- Can you see the mines from inside the submarine?
- Does the existence of the mines change whether or not you can see them?
- What does the sonar provide regarding the mines?
- In order to avoid the mines what must you choose to do about the sonar?
- How do faith and trust influence your choices to respond to the sonar information?

- According to these passages (Romans 10:12, Psalms 145:9, Jeremiah 29:11, and John 10:10b) does God want you to hit the mines of life?

- Is there any other sonar that is more consistently accurate than God's?

- Discuss how each of the following elements contributes to obeying God.

God's word (Psalms 119:11, 34, 105, 133; Luke 6:45) -

Holy Spirit (John 14:17, 16:13; 1 John 4:4-6) -

Humility (Psalms 51:17, 40:8, 95:6-10; James 4:6; Hebrews 3:12-15)-

- Discuss how the story about David's men risking their own lives to get David a drink from the well of Bethlehem (2 Samuel 23:13-17) relates to your obedience to God. How is listening a key element in this story? Rate yourself on a scale of 1-10 on how effectively you listen to God [1-lowest to 10-highest]. What will you do to improve?