



At the end of Albert Schweitzer's book ***The Quest for the Historical Jesus***, Schweitzer writes these words: *"He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside. He came to those who knew him not. He speaks to us the same word: "Follow me!" and sets us to tasks, which He has chosen to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, he will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts and the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is."*

A Christian's calling is to love God and to serve God. But a servant cannot serve well if the servant doesn't know the job; and the servant cannot determine the direction he is to go without seeking the Master's wisdom. Psalm 25 – the Psalm that will be the focus of Sunday's sermon – has this to say in verses 4-5:

**"Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long."**

If we are to be faithful in our lives, we must seek the Master's will, and work to achieve it. In our working; in our serving; in our fellowship, we will better learn who we are, and we will better learn the characteristics of the Master we serve. Let us pray for our Long-Range Planning efforts...praying not for our gratification or glory, but praying instead that God would be glorified through us.

Grace and Peace,

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