

Who would have ever thought that a man who was described as “ignorant, uneducated, common, unlettered, untrained, common, ordinary, illiterate, and an ignoramus and unlearned” (various translations of Acts 4:13) would ever have any future? Yet when Jesus called James, this is the way the world viewed the lowly fisherman. James, along with Peter and John, became part of the “inner circle” of the apostles! Who would have seen that!

Would the world have ever looked on a young man as having any potential when his own family did not see that in him? When God sent His prophet to Bethlehem to sanctify a particular family in which the next king of Israel was to be found, the youngest son was not there when the time came to anoint the new king! His own family had left him at home to tend the sheep. It appears they thought he might be a good shepherd, but that was about all! God said of him, “I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel” (2 Sam. 7:8).

God looks at men far differently from the way the world does when it comes to great leaders. Paul was slow of speech; Peter crumbled and denied Jesus at the most critical time; Amos was a fruit gatherer; Levi was a tax collector. Yet God saw in them far more than the world saw in them.

Now think about yourself and the Leadership Workshop planned for this weekend. Let me urge you to stop seeing yourself through the eyes of the world and see in yourself what God can create there. The beginning step for a great leader for God is a willing heart, dedicated to Him. That kind of heart is up to you. The rest, being molded and shaped into a great leader, is up to Him. Think about this!

Order of Service

Opening Remarks		Leonard Meredith
Song Leader		Tom Barr
<i>Song #17</i>	<i>All People that on Earth Do Dwell</i>	
<i>Song #800</i>	<i>Zion's Call</i>	
Prayer		Jarrett Haydon
<i>Song #359</i>	<i>Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross</i>	
Communion		Luke Haydon Dylan Petrosky
<i>Song #408</i>	<i>Low in the Gravy He Lay</i>	
<i>Song #70</i>	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	
Sermon		Clay Bond
<i>Song #414</i>	<i>Lord, I'm Coming Home</i>	
Offering		
Closing Remarks		Leonard Meredith
<i>Song #523</i>	<i>Our God, He is Alive</i>	
Dismissal Prayer		Ray Parks

Upcoming Events

- Tonight! Holiday Dinner at the Bond's home
- Please check the sign up sheet for Wednesday evening devotionals.

Wednesday Devotional

Dec. 18th Sam Phillips
 Dec. 25th Don Petrosky, Sr.

...Prayer List...

Gaye Kyle, Melvin Wright, Casey Jo Engle, Reta George, Nan Phillips, Mr. & Mrs. Snyder (cancer)
 Remember our college students who are away at school: Jarrett & Luke Haydon
 Shut-Ins: Robbi George

Attendance: Sunday AM: 29 PM: 26 Wednesday: 31 Contribution: \$2738.37