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For most if not all of us, we have attended school and over this time, we have had a number of teachers, who have attempted to teach us in a number of different subjects. We understand the role of the teacher in the educational sector and the purpose for having teachers.

The question I want to pose to us all is, who is our teacher when it comes to spiritual kingdom matters?

This question and the answer to this question, are the key fundamentals to our fellowship or spiritual oneness with the Father and our true transformation into the image of the Son.

Who is the one who is teaching us all there is to know of God, who we are in God, and all His kingdom mysteries and truths?

I want to start by looking at what the prophet Isaiah declared in Isaiah 55:8-9.

Isaiah 55:8-9 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Q. What do we observe about the verses above? Discuss this as a group.

It is clear that God's thoughts and God's ways are not ours. He even goes to great lengths to illustrate this, by comparing the gap that exists between heaven and earth, as the gap that exists between God's thoughts and ways and ours.

Man is primarily not to be the teacher of man, as this passage relates to all of mankind.

This is why Jesus Himself said that we are not to be called Rabbi (teacher) for One is already our Teacher (Matthew 23:8). Jesus is addressing the Pharisees here, or the religious spirit, which establishes itself as teacher and exalts itself to a position over the people.

As soon as we put man in the place of God as our primary teacher, we have already started on the slippery slope of spiritual death.

Q. Why is this the case? Discuss this as a group

John the Baptist said he came to testify about the Light, not to teach about the Light, but to testify about the Light.

John 1:6-8 A man came, one sent from God, and his name was John. He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light.

Q. Are there differences between testifying and teaching about Christ and if so what are they?

Over the next 5 weeks we are going to unpack the kingdom pattern of "Who is our Teacher?" and what this all

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means for us as children of God. We will look at the scriptures and see what they say in relation to who is to be our teacher and how we come into the revealed knowledge of God. A knowledge that is not acquired through man, flesh and blood, but directly by the agency of the Spirit.