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Introduction

Why Is the Lamad Educational Model Necessary?

Lamad is a Hebrew word in the Old Testament which is translated “to teach” and “to learn.” It is used 86 times, and it represents a style of teaching that is significantly different from Western teaching.

“While Greek uses two different words for ‘to learn’...and ‘to teach’..., each having its own content, goal, and methods, Hebrew uses the same root for both words because all learning and teaching are ultimately to be found in the fear of the Lord (Deut. 4:10; 14:23; 17:19; 31:12-13). To learn this is to come to terms with the will and law of God...anyone who knows anything has learned it from [the Lord], the source of all truth.” (*Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*. Copyright (c) 1980 by The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. All rights reserved. Used by permission.)

Lamad learning involves the heart as well as the head, both being informed by the Holy Spirit, resulting not in mere intellectual knowledge but in revelation knowledge. It involves an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ “in whom are hid-

den all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Col.2:3). It receives information from God not only through inspired thoughts but also through dreams, visions, prophecy and other gifts of the Spirit.

Western education, on the other hand, relies upon mere human reasoning (rationalism). Because they reason without God and exalt self-effort, they end up with a mixture of distortion and darkness. (See Rom.1:18-25) But, it is not only unbelievers who attempt to find knowledge through mere human reasoning. Too much of our Bible and theological education in the West utilizes the same principles and methods as those who do not know God.

Let us explore what is at the heart of “Lamad Learning,” biblically speaking, and how it has different goals, different processes and different results from Western “Christian” education. The following testimonies describe the effects of these two educational processes on individuals whose hearts were hungering after God.

Testimony of Frank Gaydos, one who did not experience lamad courses

Frank describes the effect that his salvation experience and his Bible school education had on his life. How many times have you heard his story repeated in others' lives?

"I felt different, as if everything was new, and I had a strange perception of light in my inner being that I could not explain. It was as if Jesus was a real part of me now, as if in one moment's time I somehow came to know the Lord intimately. Within the next few days I noticed many changes. All compelling desires for women had somehow vanished, I stopped cursing immediately as if my mouth had somehow been cleansed, and I felt peace, a lot of peace. I had a new love for people and the church, and a great desire to read the Bible.

"In those days Jesus was not a theology, a psychology, a philosophy of life, or a doctrine. He was a real Person Whose life I felt inside of my own body. I also had a new desire to tell people about Jesus and I was especially attracted to the healing message in the Bible. I wanted to learn all I could about divine healing so I could lay hands on people and see them healed like Jesus. After all, that is what Jesus said we should be doing.

"I chose to go to Bible school and study to be a minister. After a year of Bible school things had changed. I didn't have the same feeling of Jesus inside of me that I did at first. I didn't have any peace or love. Reading the Bible had become a chore to get good grades instead of a pleasure. All of my sins had returned but even worse this time. After two years of Bible school I was utterly miserable, but I was full of the theological, psychological, philosophical, and doctrinal knowledge of God. The very education that I thought would increase my experience with God totally took it away and left me a miserable human being. This I could not figure out. I left Bible school and married my fiancée.

"Even though I was receiving dreams and visions, I had no desire at all to enter into the world of dreams and visions. To me this world was unim-

portant. I was still of the mindset that I could find God through knowledge. My wife and I were both disappointed in the Bible school. Something was wrong there but we couldn't put our finger on it so we decided to go to an accredited Bible College. We thought that Bible College would surely have the answers since they were accredited. So off we went to New York and attended an accredited Bible College.

"After a year of that, my wife and I returned home to Pennsylvania and I went into business. The Bible College was a disappointment; it was exactly the same as the earlier Bible school. I didn't want more theology about God. I didn't want more doctrine about God. I didn't want more philosophy about God or psychology. I wanted to know God. I wanted to experience His presence and power as I had in the beginning when I first received the Holy Spirit.

"I became successful as a businessman and continued my search for the truth. I asked the Holy Spirit to be my Teacher because I couldn't find what I was looking for in the educational system."

Testimonies of those who did experience lamad courses

Leslie Bresee: "These courses are great and just the kind of thing I want to spend my time and money on! A big difference is the surprising amount of time that I need to get the work done. The work is of such a different nature than the typical college course. Those assignments largely consist of reading, highlighting, and memorizing for tests. Your courses slow me down, for they require deeper knowing, some repentance, and some time to absorb what I am learning. It is more of a devotional learning."

Ken Day: "I wanted to send you a note of thanks for your God-given vision and university. I started my seminary education through distance education at a traditional University. Even though it was regionally accredited and had good courses, it never seemed to excite me or change anything about me. However, one day I stumbled upon your university through the Internet. As I read your materials I knew it was for me.

“I am now enrolled and near completion of my M.Min. degree. The Lamad method of delight-centered education has changed the way I feel about learning. I always knew that God wanted to communicate with me and I certainly wanted to communicate with Him. As I am becoming closer to God and hearing His voice more clearly, I seem to enjoy life more and have greater faith. Yet, I have learned that those from traditional churches reject the Spirit-filled life of a believer. When I learned this I was hurt, however, as I read about Jesus’ life I realized I was in good company. The traditional church rejected Him for some of the same reasons.

“Thank God for your University and the vision He has given you. I intend to complete my PhD with your university and follow my heart as the Spirit leads. I know God has exciting plans for me and it is an honor to be part of this God-given vision. I recommend your University highly. I pray daily that God will increase your student enrollment and your university becomes world renowned in Christian education.”

Vanessa Tinsley: “I am truly inspired by your university. God has done such an accelerated work in my life since I began with you. I am currently taking *Counseled by God* and I just can’t get enough of it. It is so beautifully and practically written. I am also taking the course on *Dream Interpretation*. I never realized how filled the Bible is with dream and vision. All the years of reading and studying and I just missed it. I am only on lesson three and I have already learned so much about myself and become open in a whole new way to the voice of God. I never thought I could ask for Him to speak to me that way. Hallelujah! Thank you for what you have done in putting this all together. I am amazed at how much you and your wife have accomplished in putting all this curriculum together. God bless you with new inspiration and revelation.”

Amy Ivey: “I wanted to take a moment and THANK YOU for allowing God to use you in such an important and meaningful way. I have recently enrolled with your university through a local church and am three weeks into Communion With God as a self-study. WOW!!! Your class

is so incredible -- I have developed a hunger for God and for learning that I have lacked the first 32 years of my life. I am so excited to finally start to receive a clearer picture of what my purpose is in this life and it is so incredible!!!”

Jim Willis: “We ran the course for the whole year last year and were blessed out of our socks. There was hardly a night that the Holy Spirit Himself didn’t come and minister to us. Many of the group, we included, have put into our lives many of the biblical principles that you taught. Thank you for being obedient in putting the series down; it continues to bless us so much.” Australia

Conchita: “I am so blessed with every course I take. I shared *Gifted to Succeed and Achieving Your Potential* while in Bolivia. The Lord’s laborers were really blessed with the teachings. I left information for them to contact you directly for further information.”

Cindy: “Greetings from Taiwan. I have just completed the course *Counseled by God* and I have to say that it has been one of the most life-changing things I have ever done. The principles in the course touched me and ministered to me very deeply. On one of the tapes, one of the gentlemen from Australia was giving a testimony and he said, ‘We don’t ask Jesus to help us do something, we ask Him to do it.’ Then you repeated that statement just after him. That revelation has changed my life. It is amazing the things the Lord is doing now as I realize it’s Him doing it through me. I’m just the vessel. Thank you so much for the teaching and I am looking forward to the next course.” Taiwan

Julius Laggah: “I enrolled in your university with the desire to quickly run through the courses and have my master’s degree. But as I began to read the courses, all of a sudden my approach to the whole curriculum changed. I began to take my time to study and prayerfully allow God to change my life through them. I never knew how shallow I was spiritually and how insensitive I was to the Holy Spirit until I began studying these courses. I give God all the glory for this opportunity.” Sierra Leone

Section One

A Bible Meditation on Lamad Learning

The Old Testament verses below contain the Hebrew word “lamad” in them (normally translated “to teach” or “to learn”). The New Testament verses are excellent summaries of lamad instruction in practice. (Obviously since lamad is a Hebrew word, it does not appear in the Greek New Testament.)

Questions are given about each verse. Rather than just writing down a few thoughts from your mind, I recommend you connect with your heart by doing some journaling. You may write your answers

to the questions in the blank space after each verse or, if you are receiving more from the Lord than will fit in the space, record on separate paper or on your computer the answers the Lord gives you. These could be a couple of weeks of daily journaling exercises as part of your morning devotions. This would be extremely powerful and life-changing for you. Please do it. (All Scriptures are from the New American Standard Updated.)

The following short article provides instruction on how to do two-way journaling.

You Can Hear God's Voice!

The age in which we live is so married to rationalism and cognitive, analytical thought that we almost mock when we hear of one actually claiming to be able to hear the voice of God. However, we do not scoff, for several reasons. First, men and women throughout the Bible heard God's voice. Also, there are some highly effective and reputable men and women of God alive today who demonstrate that they hear God's voice. Finally, there is a deep hunger within us all to commune with God, and hear Him speak within our hearts.

As a born-again, Bible-believing Christian, I struggled unsuccessfully for years to hear God's voice. I prayed, fasted, studied my Bible and listened for a voice within, all to no avail. ***There was no inner voice that I could hear!*** Then God set me aside for a year to study, read, and experiment in the area of learning to hear His voice. During that time, the Lord taught me ***four keys that opened the door to two-way prayer.*** I have discovered that not only do they work for me, but they have worked for many thousands of believers who have been taught to use them, bringing tremendous intimacy to their Christian experience and transforming their very way of living. This will happen to you also as you seek God, utilizing the following four keys. They are all found in Habakkuk 2:1,2. I encourage you to read this passage before going on.

Key #1 – God's voice in our hearts sounds like a flow of spontaneous thoughts. Therefore, when I tune to God, I tune to spontaneity.

The Bible says that the Lord answered me and said... (Hab. 2:2). Habakkuk knew the sound of God's voice. Elijah described it as a still, small voice (I Kings 19:12). I had always listened for an inner ***audible*** voice, and surely God can and does speak that way at times. However, I have found that for most of us, most of the time, ***God's inner voice comes to us as spontaneous thoughts, visions, feelings, or impressions.*** For example, haven't each of us had the experience of driving

down the road and having ***a thought come to us*** to pray for a certain person? We generally acknowledge this to be the voice of God calling us to pray for that individual. My question to you is, "What did God's voice sound like as you drove in your car? Was it an inner, audible voice, or was it a spontaneous thought that lit upon your mind?" Most of you would say that God's voice came to you as a spontaneous thought.

So I thought to myself, "Maybe when I listen for God's voice, I should be listening for a flow of spontaneous thoughts. Maybe spirit-level communication is received as spontaneous thoughts, impressions, feelings, and visions." Through experimentation and feedback from thousands of others, I am now convinced that this is so.

The Bible confirms this in many ways. The definition of *paga*, the Hebrew word for intercession, is "a chance encounter or an accidental intersecting." When God lays people on our hearts for intercession, He does it through *paga*, a chance-encounter thought, accidentally intersecting our thought processes. Therefore, when I tune to God, I tune to chance-encounter thoughts or spontaneous thoughts. When I am poised quietly before God in prayer, I have found that the flow of spontaneous thoughts that comes is quite definitely from God.

Key #2 – I must learn to still my own thoughts and emotions, so that I can sense God's flow of thoughts and emotions within me.

Habakkuk said, "I will stand on my guard post and station myself on the rampart..." (Hab. 2:1). Habakkuk knew that in order to hear God's quiet, inner, spontaneous thoughts, he had to first go to a quiet place and still his own thoughts and emotions. Psalm 46:10 encourages us to be still, and know that He is God. There is a deep inner knowing (spontaneous flow) in our spirits that each of us can experience when we quiet our flesh and our minds.

I have found several simple ways to quiet myself so that I can more readily pick up God's spontaneous flow. Loving God through a quiet worship song is a most effective means for me (note II Kings 3:15). It is as I become still (thoughts, will, and emotions) and am poised before God that the divine flow is realized. Therefore, after I worship quietly and then become still, I open myself for that spontaneous flow. If thoughts come to me of things I have forgotten to do, I write them down and then dismiss them. If thoughts of guilt or unworthiness come to my mind, I repent thoroughly, receive the washing of the blood of the Lamb, and put on His robe of righteousness, seeing myself spotless before the presence of God (Isa. 61:10; Col. 1:22).

As I fix my gaze upon Jesus (Heb. 12:2), becoming quiet in His presence, and sharing with Him what is on my heart, I find that two-way dialogue begins to flow. Spontaneous thoughts flow from the throne of God to me, and I find that I am actually conversing with the King of Kings.

It is very important that you become still and properly focused if you are going to receive the pure word of God. If you are not still, you will simply be receiving your own thoughts. If you are not properly focused on Jesus, you will receive an impure flow, because the intuitive flow comes out of that upon which you have fixed your eyes. Therefore, if you fix your eyes upon Jesus, the intuitive flow comes from Jesus. If you fix your gaze upon some desire of your heart, the intuitive flow comes out of that desire of your heart. To have a pure flow you must first of all become still, and secondly, you must carefully fix your eyes upon Jesus. Again I will say, quietly worshiping the King, and then receiving out of the stillness that follows quite easily accomplish this.

Key #3 – As I pray, I fix the eyes of my heart upon Jesus, seeing in the Spirit the dreams and visions of Almighty God.

We have already alluded to this principle in the previous paragraphs; however, we need to develop it a bit further. Habakkuk said, "I will keep watch to see," and God said, "Record the vision" (Hab. 2:

1,2). It is very interesting that Habakkuk was going to actually start looking for vision as he prayed. He was going to open the eyes of his heart, and look into the spirit world to see what God wanted to show him. This is an intriguing idea.

I had never thought of opening the eyes of my heart and looking for vision. However, the more I thought of it, the more I realized this was exactly what God intends for me to do. He gave me eyes in my heart. They are to be used to see in the spirit world the vision and movement of Almighty God. I believe there is an active spirit world functioning all around me. This world is full of angels, demons, the Holy Spirit, the omnipresent God, and His omnipresent Son, Jesus. There is no reason for me not to see it, other than my rational culture, which tells me not to believe it is even there and provides no instruction on how to become open to seeing this spirit world.

The most obvious prerequisite to seeing is that we need to look. Daniel was seeing a vision in his mind and he said, "I was looking...I kept looking...I kept looking" (Dan. 7:2,9,13). Now as I pray, I look for Jesus present with me, and I watch Him as He speaks to me, doing and saying the things that are on His heart. Many Christians will find that if they will only look, they will see. Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us (Matt. 1:23). It is as simple as that. You will see a spontaneous inner vision in a manner similar to receiving spontaneous inner thoughts. You can see Christ present with you in a comfortable setting, because ***Christ is present with you in a comfortable setting.*** Actually, you will probably discover that inner vision comes so easily you will have a tendency to reject it, thinking that it is just you. (Doubt is Satan's most effective weapon against the Church.) However, if you will persist in recording these visions, your doubt will soon be overcome by faith as you recognize that the content of them could only be birthed in Almighty God.

God continually revealed Himself to His covenant people using dream and vision. He did so from Genesis to Revelation and said that, since the Holy Spirit was poured out in Acts 2, we should expect

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to receive a continuing flow of dreams and visions (Acts 2:1-4,17). Jesus, our perfect Example, demonstrated this ability of living out of ongoing contact with Almighty God. He said that He did nothing on His own initiative, but only that which He **saw the Father doing, and heard the Father saying** (Jn. 5:19,20,30). **What an incredible way to live!**

Is it actually possible for us to live out of the divine initiative as Jesus did? A major purpose of Jesus' death and resurrection was that the veil be torn from top to bottom, giving us access into the immediate presence of God, and we are commanded to draw near (Lk. 23:45; Heb. 10:19-22). Therefore, even though what I am describing seems a bit unusual to a rational twentieth-century culture, it is demonstrated and described as being a central biblical teaching and experience. It is time to restore to the Church all that belongs to the Church.

Because of their intensely rational nature and existence in an overly rational culture, some will need more assistance and understanding of these truths before they can move into them. They will find this help in the book **Communion With God** by the same authors.

Key #4 – Journaling, the writing out of our prayers and God's answers, provides a great new freedom in hearing God's voice.

God told Habakkuk to record the vision and inscribe it on tablets...(Hab. 2:2). It had never crossed my mind to write out my prayers and God's answers as Habakkuk did at God's command. If you begin to search Scripture for this idea, you will find hundreds of chapters demonstrating it (Psalms, many of the prophets, Revelation). Why then hadn't I ever thought of it?

I called the process "journaling," and I began experimenting with it. I discovered it to be a fabulous facilitator to clearly discerning God's inner, spontaneous flow, because as I journaled ***I was able to write in faith for long periods of time***, simply believing it was God. I did not have to test it as I was receiving it (which jams one's receiver), because I knew that when the flow was over ***I could go back and test and examine it carefully***, making sure that it lined up with Scripture.

You will be amazed when you attempt journaling. Doubt may hinder you at first, but throw it off, reminding yourself that it is a biblical concept, and that God is present, speaking to His children. Don't take yourself too seriously. When you do, you become tense and get in the way of the Holy Spirit's movement. It is when we cease ***our labors*** and enter His rest that God is free to flow (Heb. 4:10). Therefore, put a smile on your face, sit back comfortably, get out your pen and paper, and turn your attention toward God in praise and worship, seeking His face. As you write out your question to God and become still, fixing your gaze on Jesus, Who is present with you, you will suddenly have a very good thought in response to your question. Don't doubt it, simply write it down. Later, as you read your journaling, you, too, will be blessed to discover that you are indeed dialoguing with God.

Some final notes: No one should attempt this without having first read through at least the New Testament (preferably, the entire Bible), nor should one attempt this unless he is submitted to solid, spiritual leadership. All major directional moves that come through journaling should be submitted before being acted upon.

For a complete teaching on this topic, order the ***Communion With God Study Guide*** at www.CWGministries.org or call 716-652-6990. Email: cwg@cwgministries.org.

WHAT ARE TEACHERS TO MAKE LEARNERS HEAR? WHAT ARE LEARNERS TO LEARN? WHAT IS THE RESULT IF THEY LEARN THIS?

“Remember the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when the LORD said to me, ‘Assemble the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words so they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.’” (Deut. 4:10)

WHO COMMANDS THE TEACHER TO TEACH? WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THIS TEACHING?

“The LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that you might perform them in the land where you are going over to possess it.” (Deut. 4:14)

ONCE YOU HEAR INSTRUCTION, WHAT TWO THINGS ARE YOU TO DO?

“Then Moses summoned all Israel and said to them: ‘Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the ordinances which I am speaking today in your hearing, that you may learn them and observe them carefully.’” (Deut. 5:1)

WHAT ARE WE TO LEARN?

“You shall eat in the presence of the LORD your God, at the place where He chooses to establish His name, the tithe of your grain, your new wine, your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and your flock, so that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always.” (Deut. 14:23)

WE ARE KINGS AND PRIESTS UNTO THE MOST HIGH GOD. WHAT THREE THINGS IS A KING TO DO? IF HE DOES THESE THINGS, WHAT WILL HE LEARN? WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE THAT HE HAS LEARNED THIS? WHAT EFFECT WILL THIS HAVE ON HIS HEART? WHAT EFFECT WILL THIS HAVE ON HOW LONG HE STAYS IN POWER? REMEMBER, WE ARE ALL KINGS!

“Now it shall come about when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests. It shall be with him and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, by carefully observing all the words of this law and these statutes, that his heart may not be lifted up above his countrymen and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left, so that he and his sons may continue long in his kingdom in the midst of Israel.” (Deut. 17:18-20)

WHAT FIVE KEY WORDS ARE TO BE PART OF THE LEARNING PROCESS?

“Assemble the people, the men and the women and children and the alien who is in your town, so that they may hear and learn and fear the LORD your God, and be careful to observe all the words of this law.” (Deut. 31:12)

WHOM DON'T WE TEACH?

“Can anyone teach God knowledge, In that He judges those on high?” (Job 21:22)

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WHO TEACHES US? WHO LEADS US TO TRUTH?

“Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me: for Thou art the God of my salvation; on Thee do I wait all the day.” (Ps. 25:5)

WHAT HEART ATTITUDE IS REQUIRED TO LEARN FROM GOD?

“He leads the humble in justice, And He teaches the humble His way.” (Ps. 25:9)

WHAT ARE WE TO TEACH?

“Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.” (Ps. 34:11)

WHO IS OUR TEACHER?

“O God, You have taught me from my youth, And I still declare Your wondrous deeds.” (Ps. 71:17)

WHO IS OUR TEACHER?

“He who chastens the nations, will He not rebuke, Even He who teaches man knowledge?” (Ps. 94:10)

WHO IS OUR TEACHER?

“Blessed are You, O LORD; Teach me Your statutes.” (Ps. 119:12)

WHO IS OUR TEACHER?

“I have told of my ways, and You have answered me; Teach me Your statutes.” (Ps. 119:26)

WHO IS OUR TEACHER?

“The earth is full of Your lovingkindness, O LORD; Teach me Your statutes.” (Ps. 119:64)

WHO IS OUR TEACHER?

“Teach me good discernment and knowledge, For I believe in Your commandments.” (Ps. 119:66)

WHO IS OUR TEACHER?

“Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.” (Ps. 143:10)

WHAT CAN GOD TEACH US TO DO?

“Blessed be the LORD, my rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle.” (Ps. 144:1)

WHAT CAN HAPPEN TO A LEARNER’S HEART? IF THIS HAPPENS, THEN HOW DOES HE LEARN?

“Then the Lord said, ‘Because this people draw near with their words And honor Me with their lip service, But they remove their hearts far from Me, And their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote....’” (Isa. 29:13)

WHO IS OUR TEACHER? WHAT DOES HE TEACH US? WOULD YOU CONSIDER THIS TOPIC TO BE PRACTICAL AND ABOUT REAL LIFE ISSUES? COULD WE OFFER THIS KIND OF TEACHING IN OUR CHURCHES?

“Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, ‘I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, Who leads you in the way you should go.’” (Isa. 48:17)

IN THE CHURCH AGE, WHAT IS GOING TO BE DIFFERENT ABOUT KNOWING GOD?

“They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, “Know the LORD,” for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,’ declares the LORD, ‘for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.” (Jer. 31:34)

WHO IS TO BE OUR TEACHER? IF WE HEAR THE VOICE OF THE FATHER, HOW WILL WE RESPOND TO JESUS?

“All your sons will be taught of the LORD.” (Isa. 54:13)

“It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught of God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.” (Jn. 6:45-46)

WHAT DID JESUS TEACH AND PREACH? WHAT ACCOMPANIED THIS TEACHING? IS THIS THE EXAMPLE WE ARE TO FOLLOW?

“Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.” (Matt. 4:23)

“Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.” (Matt. 9:35)

“They were all amazed, so that they debated among themselves, saying, ‘What is this? A new teaching with authority! He

commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.” (Mk. 1:27)

“When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue; and the many listeners were astonished, saying, ‘Where did this man get these things, and what is this wisdom given to Him, and such miracles as these performed by His hands?’” (Mk. 6:2)

WHAT MADE JESUS’ TEACHING DIFFERENT FROM THE SCRIBES? WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE MADE JESUS’ TEACHING THIS WAY? (CONSIDER JOHN 7:16.)

“When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.” (Matt. 7:28-29)

WHAT IS THE WRONG TYPE OF TEACHING?

“But in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.” (Matt. 15:9)

WHAT MOTIVATED JESUS’ MINISTRY? IS THAT TO BE THE MOTIVATION OF OUR TEACHING MINISTRY?

“When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.” (Mk. 6:34)

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WHO TEACHES US WHAT TO SAY?

“For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”
(Lk. 12:12)

WHAT WAS THE AUTHENTICATION OF JESUS’ TEACHING MINISTRY? SHOULD THAT BE THE VALIDATION OF OUR TEACHING MINISTRY?

“This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, ‘Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.’” (Jn. 3:2)

WHAT IS THE WRONG TYPE OF *LEARNING*?

“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.” (Jn. 5:39-40)

FROM WHERE DID JESUS GET HIS TEACHINGS? IS THAT TO BE THE SAME FOR US?

“So Jesus answered them and said, ‘My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.’” (Jn. 7:16)

WHAT IS A REQUIREMENT OF THE LEARNER, WHICH ENABLES HIM TO DISCERN IF A TEACHING IS COMING FROM GOD OR NOT? THUS, FOR TEACHING TO BE EFFECTIVE, WHAT MUST BE PARAMOUNT IN THE LIVES OF OUR STUDENTS?

“If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself.” (Jn. 7:17)

WHO IS OUR TEACHER? DOES BIBLICAL LEARNING COME PRIMARILY THROUGH THE MIND OR BY THE SPIRIT?

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.”
(Jn. 14:26)

What accompanied Jesus’ teaching? Is the same thing to be united with our teaching?
“The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach.” (Acts 1:1)

WHERE ARE THE TWO MENTIONED LOCATIONS FOR ONGOING TEACHING AND PREACHING IN THE CHURCH?

“And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.”
(Acts 5:42)

“How I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house.” (Acts 20:20)

WHERE DO TEACHERS COME FROM?

“And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.” (1 Cor. 2:28)

**WHAT MUST BE THE HEART MOTIVATION
BEHIND ONE'S TEACHING GIFT?**

"What is the outcome then, brethren?
When you assemble, each one has a
psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation,
has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all
things be done for edification."
(1 Cor. 14:26)

**WHAT IS TO BE THE FOCUS OF OUR TEACHING
MINISTRY? WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?**

"We proclaim Him, admonishing every
man and teaching every man with all wis-
dom, so that we may present every man
complete in Christ." (Col. 1:28)

**WHAT IS NOT TO BE THE FOCUS OF OUR
TEACHING MINISTRY? WHERE DOES THIS KIND
OF TEACHING COME FROM?**

"If you have died with Christ to the el-
ementary principles of the world, why, as
if you were living in the world, do you sub-
mit yourself to decrees, such as, 'Do not
handle, do not taste, do not touch!' (which
all refer to things destined to perish with
use) — in accordance with the command-
ments and teachings of men?" (Col. 2:
20-22)

**WHAT IS NOT TO BE PART OF OUR TEACHING?
WHAT IS THE GOAL OF OUR TEACHING?**

"As I urged you upon my departure for
Macedonia, remain on at Ephesus so that
you may instruct certain men not to teach
strange doctrines, nor to pay attention to
myths and endless genealogies, which give
rise to mere speculation rather than fur-
thering the administration of God which
is by faith. But the goal of our instruction
is love from a pure heart and a good con-
science and a sincere faith. For some men,
straying from these things, have turned
aside to fruitless discussion, wanting to be
teachers of the Law, even though they do
not understand either what they are say-
ing or the matters about which they make
confident assertions."
(1 Tim. 1:3-7)

**IS IT ONLY THE DIDACTIC (FORMALIZED
TEACHING) PORTIONS OF SCRIPTURE THAT
WE CAN USE TO TEACH FROM, OR IS IT ALL
OF SCRIPTURE, INCLUDING THE STORIES,
PARABLES, DREAMS AND VISIONS ALSO?**

"All Scripture is inspired by God and prof-
itable for teaching, for reproof, for correc-
tion, for training in righteousness." (2 Tim.
3:16)

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WHAT TEACHES US? HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED THIS? DESCRIBE THE EXPERIENCE.

“As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.”

(1 Jn. 2:27)

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE DISCIPLES' HEARTS WHILE JESUS WAS TEACHING THEM? HAVE YOU EVER EXPERIENCED THIS? WOULD YOU CONSIDER THIS TO BE AN EXAMPLE OF HIS ANOINTING WITHIN TEACHING YOU?

“They said to one another, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?’”

(Lk. 24:32)

Personal Application: Two-way Journaling Response

Prayerfully review the above Bible meditation, and ask God what He wants to say to you concerning what a Lamad Encounter Group should look like and how your teaching style may need to be adjusted in order for it to line up with the biblical concept of “teaching.” Write a journaling summary of what God says. Record your summary and your journaling in another notebook or on your computer.

Remember, for instruction on how to do two-way journaling please refer to the “You Can Hear God’s Voice!” article earlier in this section, or download the free article “Four Keys to Hearing God’s Voice” from www.cwgministries.org/4keys.