

Dr. Howe Challenge from last District Assembly

..... You can see Jesus in these, can't you? Do these seem just like Him to you? Questions: —What is Jesus saying to you . . . to your church . . . or to you about your church? What does He want you and me to see? I am confident that He is calling us to see **so clearly** what He sees that we are compelled into action. We simply **must** act because in seeing what **He** sees we experience what **He's** thinking, hearing, feeling, doing, where He's working, and how He wants us to participate with Him.

Unveiled

If we could see the heart of Jesus clearly, we would know how irresistible is

- His gift, of a relationship with Himself
- His invitation to us, to embrace who He is inviting us to become
- His invitation to us, to partner with Him in His mission.

One of the things that shook me to the core was the realization that if I am not seeing clearly Who Jesus really is and what His mission actually is – how many others are experiencing the same? So, the Meeting-with-Jesus exercises are now being multiplied across the district in conjunction with the Master's Plan. How many of us are blind as the **sketch** depicted? How many of us are trying to do church through a veil? The Bible teaches us that on the day Jesus died on the cross the Temple veil was torn from top to bottom, symbolizing the initiation of the priesthood of all believers. Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians wrote, —But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart; **but whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away**|| 2 Co 3:15 – 16. We simply must remove all veils that keep us from seeing Jesus clearly! Scripture is obvious – when we turn to Jesus completely, the veils are taken away! I believe that there are people all around us who really do want to see Jesus! First, you and I must see Him clearly by removing the things that hide Him from us. Then, we will be able to show others how to do the same!

Here are four simple steps that I believe God and HIStory with disciple-making in other world areas and in NWIL say that you and I must take:

- 1. See Jesus personally every day.**
- 2. See Jesus in what He's doing.**
- 3. See as Jesus sees.**
- 4. See that others experience this.**