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DISCOVERING THE KINGDOM IN EDUCATION – FROM ROAD MAP TO TRAVEL GUIDE

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I, like you, have a dream that God's Kingdom will be expressed in the classrooms of America and beyond. I believe that His Presence, His peace and His strategies are available to us and that we can bring that into our classroom, no matter where we teach. However, I have noticed that even believers who are committed to bringing the Kingdom into their classroom often times struggle to know how to do it, or even what it looks like. We constantly compare ourselves to others and often feel like a failure because we don't measure up. We are looking for the 'perfect formula' to make our classroom or our school one that expresses His Kingdom. Our desire for more has led us on a quest for the perfect road map to Kingdom Education, yet there is no formula or secret recipe to get there.

Educators have a hunger to learn and grow ourselves and to make plans for our student's

Proverbs 16:9 – A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.

growth and education. But as good as all our planning is it can not outweigh hearing from and following the direction of the Lord. We are made for relationship with the King of this Kingdom

and having Him direct our steps is the only way to truly bring His Kingdom into our classrooms on a consistent basis. We can learn from one another, we can share our tips and tools but must never lose sight of the fact that He desires above all else relationship with us. It is in the context of this relationship that He will give us the fresh revelation that we need to continue to bring His Kingdom into our sphere.

It is the difference between visiting a foreign country with a road map and a personal travel guide. If you take a road map with you as you visit a new country you will know how to get from place to place. The map will give you insights on places to visit and where to stay. Your stay will be pleasant and you won't get lost (hopefully). But if you go to that same region with your own personal travel guide, one that you trust implicitly and who knows the area intimately, you will have a different experience. As you travel with your guide you will see things through their eyes. You will get to experience the restaurants and places that the locals know are best. And you will get insight into the real history of the cities you are visiting. You will get to ask questions and learn about the things that are interesting to you.

The Holy Spirit wants to be your travel guide as you bring the Kingdom into your space. He

doesn't want to just thrust a road map into your hand as you go through this journey but He wants to journey with you. The path that you take to get there will be different than any that another traveller has ever taken because you and your class and your environment are different than all who have gone before. You will no doubt see some of

the same landmarks (hallmarks of the Kingdom) as others who are also on this journey, but your journey will be the best if you discover the secrets of the Kingdom with the Holy Spirit rather than looking for the ultimate road map to get you there.

May your journey into discovering more of the Kingdom be marked with adventure, joy and peace.