



Committee Reflection~June

Opening Prayer

Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

You have called us to be spiritual leaders of your body, this church.

Help us to surrender our hearts and minds to you;

To humbly seek your voice;

To boldly do your will;

To compassionately share your love;

To faithfully be your servants;

And to reverently lead your people

Bless all that we do,

So that we can do what you bless.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy*

Jesus' good news about the kingdom can be an effective guide for our lives only if we share his view of the world in which we live. To his eyes this is a God-bathed and God-permeated world. It is a world filled with a glorious reality, where every component is within the range of God's direct knowledge and control – though he obviously permits some of it, for good reasons, to be for a while otherwise than as he wishes. It is a world that is inconceivably beautiful and good because of God and because God is always in it. It is a world in which God is continually at play and over which he constantly rejoices. Until our thoughts of God have found every visible thing and event glorious with his presence, the word of Jesus has not yet fully seized us.

Questions

- ☐ What do you hear in this passage that touches you or leads you to ponder?
- ☐ What does Willard have to say to us about church, and what it means to be leaders in the church?