



Pictured Above: (Left) A chalk handprint of a person who most likely came to the area to climb. (Right) One of the prominent features of the Flat Irons rock formations near Boulder, Colorado where many hike and rock climb.

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----- **STEVEN JAEGER**

Another month on the calendar is in the books and there is plenty to be thankful for! One of the most memorable highlights was getting to spend the Thanksgiving Holiday with some of the members of the Bear Valley congregation who joyfully opened both their homes and their hearts to those who are new to town. As has become a tradition for those in the U.S. we enjoyed a great home-cooked meal with all the fixings. And even better than our Thanksgiving tradition is the fellowship that resulted because of our common bond shared in Christ Jesus. Every new relationship opened with others because of His name is a heartwarming reminder of the lasting imprint God fills our lives with.

And speaking of imprints, what a breathtakingly beautiful scenic landscape we are surrounded by here in the Denver area. So far, I have had the opportunity to go on four hiking adventures and each one has been an amazing experience of some of the wonderful, natural prominences of God's creation. My most recent trip was to the Flat Irons terrain near Boulder, Colorado on a sunny Saturday morning with a cool breeze of fresh mountain air. You may not be able to see it in the picture above, but believe it or not, there are a few people atop the highest point of the rocky terrain who were experienced enough to climb it! Much like His Word, the beauty of His creation truly does leave its imprint on the heart, mind, and soul.



The Classroom

Ft. The Teachings

----- **S. JAEGER**

Classes this quarter have been busy! With two weeks less time on the calendar than last quarter, the race has felt faster than ever. And no less important to keep running! While some moments have felt more overwhelming than others, each day has been filled with exciting challenges that are making the most of the precious time we have here.

From learning about the importance and practicality of the diligent study methods of exegesis from Denny Petrillo to diving deep into the Gospel account of Jesus from Mark's perspective with Michael Hite, this quarter has been nothing short of the excellent experience many have come to know and appreciate about the Bear Valley Preacher's Program.

Denny has been teaching us about how we can approach the Scripture in a way that lets God speak for Himself showing how that opens our minds to the recesses of the spiritual principles found in the text as it has never before been experienced. Coupling his class with Michael's over the Gospel of Mark has proven itself to be an amazing learning experience. Mark's gospel shows us the importance and benefit of choosing to lay the crown of self-preservation at the foot of Jesus' cross which in turn opens our hearts and lives to be a part of God's Kingdom under Christ's rule by the authority given Him by God.

Learning how to let God's Word speak for itself from both Denny and Michael has truly brought an appreciation for the message in the Gospel of Mark that has been healing, to say the least.

We have also been finishing up our study of the book of Acts which details the events of the early church, apostles, and the many disciples, both Jews and Greeks, with Wayne Burger. Wayne's humility before God and his ability to share that in the class through how he teaches the text truly brings to life the events recorded in the book that makes you eager to be a part of the church Jesus has established.

And learning Greek from Ken Dawdy and preaching from Wayne Jones has been amazing! The combination of these two classes in the same quarter greatly compliments the importance of understanding God's Word as it is and sharing it with others in a way that allows God to captivate the hearts He created.