



# 5 Upper Room Surprises

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## WHY THE UPPER ROOM IS THE CENTERPIECE OF CIVILIZATION

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1. **God always shows up.**

When you start seeking God in prayer and gathering others with you, you may face times of insecurity, wondering, "What do I do if God doesn't show up?" The amazing thing is, God always does show up!

*"Anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He is a rewarder of those who earnestly seek Him."* Hebrews 11:6

*"You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart."* Jeremiah 29:13

*"Come near to God and He will come near to you."* James 4:8

*"No one whose hope is in the Lord will ever be put to shame."* Psalm 25:2

2. **God never comes in exactly the same way.**

God is a creative God and He has unlimited capacity to manifest Himself in any variety of ways. We have learned it is best not to seek particular manifestations, but to seek God's manifest presence. We do not seek an experience with God, we seek an encounter.

3. **The upper room is where the gifts are activated.**

*"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."* Acts 2:4 (See 1 Corinthians 12:7-10)

4. **God activates our receptors.** (All of them!)

5. **God's manifest presence is not just for believers, but also for unbelievers.**

*"But if an unbeliever who someone who does not understand while everyone is prophesying, he will be convinced by all that he is a sinner and will be judged by all, and the secrets of his heart will be laid bare. So he will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, 'God is really among you!'"* 1 Corinthians 14:24-25

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