

Impacting Culture and Society

- The culture of God's kingdom is not influenced by the world
- Why do you follow Jesus?
 - Who are we really following?
 - Next big teacher, miracles?
 - Who do we surround ourselves with?
 - What are we allowing to influence us?
 - Who do we look to for our strength or approval?
 - The presence of Jesus fulfills our identity and all of our needs
 - We need to return to our first love
- We can do nothing without Jesus – John 15
 - We need to live and think from the perspective that nothing is possible without him
- The primary mission of the believer is to make disciples – Matt. 28:19-20
- The primary mission of pastors, teachers, etc. is to equip disciples to make more disciples – Eph. 4
- When we don't do our job as the church, society ends up broken
 - The church is not looked to as the answer today
 - We have allowed culture to influence the church instead of the other way around
 - If we are not discipling, or teaching the fullness of the gospel, or teaching about the supernatural ways of God, or embracing the fullness of Holy Spirit, we are not fully and properly equipping believers
 - This causes believers to search somewhere else, settling for a counterfeit which leads THEM into darkness; and society will continue to be broken
 - We need to have a KINGDOM mindset.
 - How much impact could we really have if we really believed in what Jesus said about us
 - If we are the light of the world, we should be eliminating the darkness - Matt. 5:13-14
 - If we are seated with Christ, we need to use our authority – Eph. 2:6
 - If we are his ambassadors, we need to FULLY represent him - 2 Cor. 5:20
 - Jesus said we would do greater things – John 14:12
 - Everyday life can be a practical extension of the kingdom
 - We have opportunities everywhere
 - Work, school, stores, walking down the street
 - We have access to what people need
 - All wisdom and knowledge is hidden in Christ – Col. 2:2-3
 - Our culture as followers of Jesus is important
 - Our world view brings peace, love, hope, all that Jesus represents
- So, how do we make the transition to live from this perspective?
- We need a personal revival
 - Intimacy is the key to personal revival and cultural transformation

- Where do we need to change?
 - Become presence focused
 - The Israelites literally camped around the presence of God
 - Constant pursuit for more of Holy Spirit
 - Choose to live an unoffendable life
 - Be willing to hold other believers accountable – Gal. 6:1, Matt. 18:15
 - Need for spiritual mothers and fathers
 - Equipping the church body to properly represent Jesus is the only thing that will change the world