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BIBLE *Seminar*

THEME:

SOCIETAL REFORM



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Day 1: Taking the Kingdoms back

Introduction

- ☐ Purpose in life: Societal Reform
- ~ Bring change to society
- ~ Building is not the church, people are the church.
- ~21st century church will be different from that of the 20th century. To change this generation you need to shift your mindset and approach to way church has been done.
- ☐ Are we ready to embrace people who are different from us i.e. tattoos on head, transvestites etc?
- ~The church needs to get ready for societal reform.
- ☐ Most of Jesus' time was spent outside of the synagogue. We are not called to remain in the 4 walls of church
- ~You are the salt of the earth, you're called to affect society not the four walls.

Sermon

- ☐ Psalm 115:16 Original plan of God was for Him to rule heaven and man over the earth.
- ☐ Gen 1:26- man created in God's image and likeness- First purpose of man was to have dominion
- ☐ Gen 3- sin entered the earth which
 - a) made man lose communion with God
 - b)made man lose dominion of the earth and devil took the authority
- ~ Luke 4:5-6 : The devil showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the earth in a moment. he had authority: legal right to exercise rule over the kingdoms of the world
- ☐ Jesus didn't only die for you to have salvation and be in the waiting room for heaven. Salvation is the door. Many are in a rush to get to heaven yet our mandate is to rule in every sector of society here on earth
- ☐ It is not enough for you to have salvation. Its time to penetrate the systems of the world.
Joseph- government
Dorcas- fashion designers
Esther- modelling
David- entertainers
Aquila & Priscilla- Business people to break Masonic powers
- ☐ Matthew 28:18- You are not in the domain you are in by accident, you're there to effect societal reform. We have power to recover the kingdoms.

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Kingdoms of influence

i) *Religion & spirituality*- affect culture and way people live.

ii) *Family*- capacity to influence and establish the foundational principles which govern one's life.

~ The devil is hard at work to affect the family unit.

iii) *Education and science*- affects the way you think. The devil is at work to put humanism in the system.

iv) *Arts and entertainment*- influences the trends and styles in society. Have power to affect way you think, conduct yourself, hairstyles, dress etc.

~ The church should get to place of influencing the trends so the world can imitate it and not the other way round.

~ Sing about love, peace etc and influence society. Shift arts and entertainment. Let the power and revelation of the Word be at work in society.

v) *Media and communication*

~ Influences way we think by what we hear. Affects our faith- faith comes by hearing

vi) *Government and Politics*

~ Laws and dictates how the society functions.

~ David, Solomon, Daniel, Joseph, Nehemiah, Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego were all involved in government and politics

- devil has placed people in corridors of power so they can spread corruption and spreading of unrighteousness. We need to win back these systems

vii) *Business*

~ money and finance

Eccle 9:16 Wisdom is better than strength but the wisdom of the poor is despised. Money gives you power to speak

~ when you have money you will be called into places where decisions are made.

~ Money answers all things. When you have it, you can have control in the other kingdoms as well.

⌘ God is raising people who will not just have money but will also have wisdom. People with a heart to give, heart to submit, not corruptible, not full of greed, humble, people for whom money will not be their god but for whom God will be God

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Conclusion

The 7 kingdoms are there for us to function in. We are not all called to function in the kingdom of religion. Many have been fighting to be given an opportunity to stand at the pulpit yet all these other kingdoms need to be penetrated. There are pulpits for you to minister from in these kingdoms.

Day 2: 'Societal Reform'

Yesterday we were on 'Taking back the kingdoms. 'Tonight we are looking more deeply into the theme 'Societal Reform'

Our Mandate is to rule on earth and testify in heaven

Reasons for not being effective in taking the kingdoms and changing the earth

- 1) Salvation is for dominance on earth but religious preachers are saving people for heaven
- 2) Religious preachers have perpetuated that we should sectorize ourselves from the world - Yet God has called us to invade the world not get out of the world. Jesus prayed for us not to be separated from the world yet the world describes us as a sect... we have separated ourselves
- 3) Religious preachers have taught us that the power of God was meant to be used within the 4 walls of the church
 - Acts 1:8 We have been given capacity for our gift so that we can become witnesses and not just witness. The power of God is not for church demonstration but for Kingdom takeover.
 - It is not a great thing for us to be powerful in church but lose our credibility when we leave the 4 walls of the church. We are called to be witnesses out there, not in the church but 'to the end of the earth.

The church is a filling station; receive your revelation and go... when the preacher stops preaching your ministry starts... Go out!!!

The devil is not worried about our church activities as long as we leave him to paralyze the kingdoms; paralyze society.

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While we change people the devil is changing the systems that people are subject to. We can't be out strategized by the devil

We have the power not just to change lives but to change systems. We have been shooting too low; social reform rather than societal reform. The time has come for us to be repositioned to places of influence

Societal reform is different from social work. Societal reform deals with the system, social work deals with an element in the system. Matthew 5:16 Let your light shine before man, not the church, but man

Joseph & Daniel were engaged in societal reform; positioned for influence and people believed in God because of them.

It is when we shift the systems using kingdom principles that we will be able to change society.

Social reform is an opportunity to gain favor to access the places of influence so we can shift the systems.

Day 3: It is time for societal reform

The church has become sympathetic (passive), but in this season God is raising an empathetic (active) church because it's time to change things!

First way to effect societal reform: Raise disciples.

Disciples walk in the principles of God; we are not a group of followers.

Acts 1 speaks of Christians because the people who were the reference were doing what Jesus Christ did.

The church is not supposed to be a high maintenance centre handing out miracles but a perfecting centre for societal reform.

The reason we are jealous and competitive is because we do not yet know who we are.

Disciples know their spiritual identity; know what makes you an extraordinary work of God- Everyone has a level of greatness.

We cannot choose our spiritual identity, we can only discover it. Ask God (Jer 1:5)

School/education can't define you, it can only refine you. Know your identity. God knows who you are; ask Him.

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Don't go to school to seek an identity; go to school after God has showed you your identity.

God is raising disciples who are able to translate Kingdom principles into their secular context

Christian professionals are Christian 24/7. (Daniel 1:8) A minister first; your sphere is your pulpit- this is where you seek transformation.

Get to know the issues in the sphere of your influence & then minister. .. people should know who you are by the results you effect

Christian Professionals are Kingdom minded... the mandate of the kingdom takes priority in your life

The Spirit of God is vexed by people who come to receive for themselves & not for the Kingdom

If we don't step up as disciples who are seeking for the Kingdom; seeking to be positioned for transformation, the devil is raising counterfeits

Prayer

"Lord, send me; I want to be a true disciple"

Day 4: Keys for societal reform

Introduction

- ☐ 20 year vision speaks about stability. You know about specific methodology to be taken to reach a set destination. Fosters trust and security.
- ☐ In this season we need strategists in the church. 1 Cor 3:10 master builder has a vision.
- ☐ We need to lead in any system i.e. technology. Jesus would use the latest technology of today.

How to have societal reform

Sermon: Keys for societal reform

Revelation 11:15

Ephesians 4:10-12

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John 20:21

A] Raise disciples with a divine mandate of impacting the different kingdoms

~ Many saints are present in church but lost in the world.

It is not enough to look for messages which will make you feel good...messages need to make you be good.

~Psalm 119 revelation of the Word enlightens

Be able to enter a system but not have the system enter you.

B] To change the generation you need to know it

~ understand the way this millennial generation operates;

a) Hero focused

- people to identify with. This generation wants people to look up to.

~ Attracted to outward appearance. Before you can touch someones heart you touch their eyes.

b) Homosexual movement is affecting the look of our society

~ we need to have a church ready to embrace the people, not the sin. Know what's going on and how to approach them.

c) Hyper-sexualised

~ in arts and entertainment, fashion, retail etc.

~ young people get exposed to many things and if as the Church we don't speak, the devil will lead them astray.

d) Digital age

~ technological and informational age

- Social networks revolutionising the way people interact.

~ No Christian has an excuse to be ignorant in this generation- there is plenty of information available on the internet. If you want about brain surgery or any subject matter you can just google it.

~ Globalisation of the market. Way business is done has changed.

~ We need to know how we can harness technology and position ourselves to impact the many souls in the world.

*Be a disciple that understands their generation

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C] Know the system

☒ You shouldn't just work in the system. Work, study and know it.

Know who the influential people are... why are they great?, know strategies and methodologies.

~ The Holy Spirit goes with you but He doesn't do things for you. To transform the system you need to know it.

- Daniel was 10 times better than others in the system in which he operated.

D] Enter the system

☒ If you're not present in the system you can't affect it.

~ Luke 10:3 by nature lambs don't gravitate around wolves. God knows normally we shouldn't be there- His purpose is for us to enter into systems and change them.

- Though the system is polluted, it doesn't change our call to penetrate and change it.

~ Mark 16:15- go in all the world. The mandate is out of the four walls.

☒ The church is a place for us to come in and receive revelation so we can go out.

~ The mindset and approach to coming to church should be- I'm coming in church to get equipped to go out.

~ The plan is for the church to go into the world, not for the church to wait for the world to come to it. (The harvest is plenty but the labourers in the field are few- step out into the systems [field] and harvest)

☒ Luke 15:1-2 Pharisees were shocked that Jesus received sinners and ate with them

~ How can you expect to change a world you're not connected to.

- You're called to be a witness and not to do witnessing. Jesus entered the system and so too must you.

~ People loved Him so much that they sought Him to listen to Him.

☒ Matthew 28:19

~ Nation- people with same culture, not just about where you were born. If you're working in a system you're called to make disciples of the people there- that's your nation.

~ Start where you are, if you're faithful in small things you will be faithful over much.

~ Affecting the system by virtue of who you are: be a witness.

E] Become influential

☒ Through the anointing/power to solve

~ 1 Chronicles 12:23 (NIV)

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- Understood the times (knowing the generation)
- Knew what Israel should do (know solutions)
- We need to understand this generation and give solutions in this generation.
- ~ We can't have any real impact without solutions. What will make you prolific is your ability to address the issues in the system you are in.
- ~ Ephesians 3:10 there is supernatural manifold wisdom waiting to be tapped into to birth solutions for whichever system you are in
- Anointing to
 - Fix - Restore - Upgrade - Change
- Use the anointing to make a difference and bring a transformation in whichever system.
- ~ Thirst for revelation and understanding so you can be able to impact the system
- When the system is changed the miracle will come.
- ~ Seek first the Kingdom of God and all else will be added to you.
- ~ Solutions will give you an overflow of blessings.
- Be raised to know how to interpret the needs of this generation
 - Daniel, Joseph etc were solution givers.
 - ~ Don't pray for promotion, pray for solutions. When you're a problem solver promotion will come your way.

Conclusion

Spiritual technology

- This is the season for the know-how of the Spirit to transform and shift things to be imparted to the church- Spiritual technology.
- ~ A place of Understanding things to bring change.
- As change happens, societal reformation will set in and people in the systems will come to Christ- the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of God.

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