

#### MINISTRIES

Reconnecting men with their giftedness...and the church with her world

#### Our Mission:

To set the sons of Adam free from the stupor the kingdom of man and religion seeks to hold them in by opening their eyes to the real, literal kingdom of heaven on earth Jesus came to bring — a kingdom that now dwells in them through the Holy Spirit.

## Something's wrong here

Why, according to all the polls, could fewer than 10% of men in our pews who profess Christ, by their own admission, call themselves disciples?

Wasn't the Great Commission to "make disciples who observe all He commanded?"

# We believe it comes down to a choice of kingdoms

Two kingdoms are at play on earth:

- The kingdom of man and religion whose master is the enemy.
- The kingdom of heaven on earth whose master is Jesus Christ.

These kingdoms are diametrically opposed and we cannot inhabit both.

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The kingdom of man has been here since the fall of Adam and Eve.

The kingdom of heaven on earth came with the 9 most important words Jesus ever spoke – the words that introduced Him to this world and the ones He first preached:

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

## Two kingdoms – Two systems

The enemy desires to control us – both spiritually and physically. Therefore, he must institute a religion that allows him to deceive us spiritually.

The one modern Christendom has chosen is not a lot different than the one Jesus confronted when He came to earth.

We call our modern version resurrected temple worship.

#### Two kingdoms – Two systems

Temple worship caused Jesus' misstion to be "the lost children of God's House."

He ignored the system and its leaders, took 12 typical men and did something new.

He taught them through both His words and His example in a community environment.

That was His kingdom solution and it made disciples of formerly lost sheep.

#### Two kingdoms – Two gospels

Religion preaches the gospel of salvation:

- Pray a sinner's prayer.
- Attend temple events, seminars and other meetings that create an event-driven mindset where we can compartmentalize faith from our real lives.
- Accumulate knowledge in your temple through professionals who are responsible for your growth.
- Seek to lead others through that same prayer because it's all about "saving souls."
- Don't worry over the sacrifices necessary to make disciples because grace covers all.
- Through temple involvement, survive this evil world, then you can die and go be with Jesus.

## Two kingdoms – Two gospels

What has this gospel of salvation yielded?

- Fewer than 10% of those in the pews being true disciples.
- Just as before, "lost sheep in God's House."
- Divorce and substance abuse instances that rival those recorded by the world.
- Materialism not unlike the world.
- Cries of hypocrisy and greed leveled at us from the very ones we seek to reach.

## Two kingdoms – Two gospels

That gospel v. Jesus' gospel of the kingdom:

- Evangelism "in deed and truth v. words and tongues" (1 John 3:18).
- A lifestyle-driven mindset v. an event-driven mindset. "We don't go to church, we are it!"
- Focus on the Great Commission v. conversion.
- Mentor/apprentice relationships v. teacher/ student relationships.
- Faith lived in the marketplace v. temples.
- An understanding Jesus is here, abiding in us. We can know and experience Him every day!

#### Pursuing the Kingdom

The kingdom is only given to those who pursue it:

- It is that pearl of great price a man sells all he has to purchase, and so is to be diligently sought out.
- It begins with acceptance by faith it exists right here, right now and can be experienced fully.
- Critical is a life of obedience to God through prayer, His Word, fellowship, and presenting our bodies as living sacrifices.
- The battle for it is fought in our minds. We need to seek total transformation and renewal, rejecting all the kingdom of man has to offer and seeking that "something new" God is always doing.

#### The fruit of the Kingdom

Isaiah prophesied to us a Son would be given and there would be no end to His government [kingdom] of peace. Peace is the fruit of the kingdom.

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to You. Not as the [kingdom of the] world gives, do I give to you" (John 14:27).

- The world has nothing but fear and chaos to offer.
- Those who worry and fret over the world's systems, governments, politics and financial systems don't understand it.
- Those who allow the world to steal their peace in any way don't understand it.

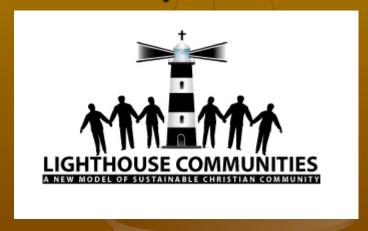
#### The language of the Kingdom

- God speaks to us through His written Word and His spoken [Rhema] Word.
- God's Word, since the beginning, has come through revelation.
- He continues to give that. He did not merely write a bestseller and then retire.
- He is intimately involved in leading His kingdom citizens through the voice of His Holy Spirit.
- They have as a foundation the written Word but they seek His Rhema Word daily to guide them.
- We need to constantly seek His revelation to us, to guide us and others into the future.

#### His Kingdom Community

As He did before when He came to earth, we believe God is now bringing down our temples and reviving true Christian community! What might that look like?

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Welcome, O Awakened Christian Man!

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