

- a) Structure
- b) Leadership
- c) Function
- d) Blessing

2. Value, Recognize And Release Marketplace Ministers

- Romans 12:6, ESV – (6) *Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them ...*

3. Become More Visible In Our Community

- Matthew 5:16, ESV – (16) *In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

4. Educate Everyone With The 7 Mountain Revelation

- 1 Peter 4:10, ESV – (10) *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.*
- Joshua 14:10-12, GW – (10) [Caleb said] “So look at me. The LORD has kept me alive as he promised. It's been 45 years since Israel wandered in the desert when the LORD made this promise to Moses. So now look at me today. I'm 85 years old. (11) I'm still as fit to go to war now as I was when Moses sent me out. (12) Now give me this mountain region which the LORD spoke of that day. You heard that the people of Anak are still there and that they have large, fortified cities. If the LORD is with me, I can force them out, as he promised.”

5. Have “Mountain Intercessors” Pray For The People On The 7 Mountains

- 1 Timothy 2:1-2, CEV – (1) *First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, (2) for kings and all who are in high positions ...*

SUMMARY

- 1 Corinthians 2:4, NIV – (4) *My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power ...*

PREPARING TO CROSS OVER

Part 2 – 5 Steps To Regain Influence

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EVERY NEW SEASON REQUIRES A CROSSING OVER

- Joshua 1:1-3, GW – (1) *After the death of the LORD'S servant Moses, the LORD said to Moses' assistant Joshua, son of Nun, (2) "My servant Moses is dead. Now you and all these people must cross the Jordan River into the land that I am going to give the people of Israel. (3) I will give you every place on which you set foot, as I promised Moses.*

1. Leaders:

- a) Thinking – From Follower To Leader
- b) Strategy – From Survival To Victory
- c) Methods – From Reactive To Proactive

2. People:

- a) Thinking – From Victims To Victors
- b) Strategy – From Wandering To Occupation
- c) Methods – From Families to Strategic Units (Teams)

THE SEVEN MOUNTAINS

- Religion, family, education, government, arts & entertainment, media, & business

HOW WE LOST INFLUENCE

1. Externally

- a) Fundamentalism Reaction To Liberalism
- b) Holiness Reaction
- c) Escapist Eschatology Reaction
- d) By Default, These Now “Secular Mountains” Influenced Our Children

2. Internally

- a) Allowed the church to be led by pastors, not apostles
- b) Allowed the church to function with a pastoral mandate rather than an apostolic mandate
- c) Allowed the 5-fold equipping ministry to be pushed out of the church

FIVE STEPS TO REGAIN INFLUENCE – 5 MINDSET CHANGES

1. From “Pastoral” To “Apostolic”

a) The Apostolic Leaders

- “Apostle” = One sent by the King to expand the borders of the Kingdom, by colonizing or conquering new territory, and placing them under the subjection of the rule of the King

b) The Apostolic Church

- “Church” = The group set up by the apostle in each city, that was responsible and accountable for the political, moral, financial, economic, physical and spiritual condition of the city

c) The Apostolic 5-Fold Eldership

- “5-Fold Elders” = Those anointed of God to prepare and release the church to take their city

d) Pastoral Clarification

- A pastor’s job is to bring healing to the people, feed the people, and build community among the people
- But it must be done with an apostolic mindset, so that you are whole enough, strong enough, and secure enough to take your mountain

2. From “Build The Church” To “Build The Kingdom”

- The church is located wherever Christians are gathered – “ekklesia” – “the assembly of called out ones”
- The Kingdom is located wherever the King is allowed to rule – “basileia” – “the realm of rule of the King”
- We are called to extend the kingdom rule of God on all seven mountains in my city, including the church mountain
- Mark 16:15, ESV – (15) *And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.*

3. From “Success In The Sanctuary” To “Success In The Territory”

- Success isn’t, “How many people we can get to come into our church building?”
- Success is, “What is the condition of our city, due to our influence?”

- In the 1st century, the understanding of the word “ekklesia” or church, was the council or group set up by the apostle to influence the condition of the city in which they were placed, and that “ekklesia” or church was accountable for the condition of their city

- Genesis 18:24, ESV – (24) *Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it?*

- Proverbs 11:11, ESV – (11) *By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted.*

4. From “Win Converts” To “Make Disciples”

- Canada (2001): 77% claimed to be Christians
- United States (2007): 28.6 percent of Americans declared themselves “evangelicals”, but only 9 % were regular church attenders

- Acts 11:26, GW – (26) *Barnabas and Saul met with the church in Antioch for a whole year and taught a large group of people. The disciples were called Christians for the first time in the city of Antioch.*

- Matthew 28:19, GW – (19) *So wherever you go, make disciples of all nations: Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (20) Teach them to do everything I have commanded you.*

5. From “Equipping People For Church Ministry” To “Equipping People For City Ministry”

- Acts 18:1-3, CEV – (1) *Paul left Athens and went to Corinth, (2) where he met Aquila, a Jewish man from Pontus. Not long before this, Aquila had come from Italy with his wife Priscilla ... Paul went to see Aquila and Priscilla (3) and found out that they were tent makers. Paul was a tent maker too. So he stayed with them, and they worked together.*

SOME PRACTICAL 1ST STEPS TO IMPACTING OUR COMMUNITY

1. Structure And Function Apostolically

- Acts 1:24-2:2, CEV – (24) *Then they all prayed, “Lord, you know what everyone is like! Show us the one you have chosen (25) to be an apostle and to serve in place of Judas ...” (26) ... Matthias was chosen to join the group of the eleven apostles. (1) On the day of Pentecost all the Lord’s followers were together in one place. (2) Suddenly there was a noise from heaven like the sound of a mighty wind! It filled the house where they were meeting.*