



PEOPLE POWER

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1. The church fulfills its mandate when it changes society, not when it is confined to its sanctuary.

We must take the church to the streets, marketplace, community, schools, homes etc. The church must overflow into streets, workplaces, governments and entertainment venues. That is our nature, to grow and take over. The people are the power, and we must use the power we have.

2. This isolation of the church from the world has led to ineffectiveness and failure to carry out the great commission.

It starts when we serve our communities and our nation. Let us raise business people to serve the marketplace – not only to make money. Let us have marriage courses for the needy, depressed and helpless people. Let us counsel unwed mothers and homeless teenagers.

The kingdom is meant to inhabit the entire earth, not just our church sanctuary. We spend our energy, creativity, and precious time promoting our church instead of the kingdom.

3. The Great Commission mandate is to go out and disciple nations.

To complete Great Commission, we must have impact upon nations, not just people in churches. Transforming nations requires bold steps. We can no longer be concerned with just adding numbers to our congregation; we are called to move into every sphere of society.

Ask of Me, and I shall give the nations for Your inheritance; and the uttermost parts of the earth for Your possession.

Psalm 2:8

Imagine that! We are meant to inherit nations. We are called to the world to establish the kingdom. The Great Commission happens outside the church.

4. Ministry is what you do to bring your life and your sphere of influence under kingdom rule.

1 Timothy 3:15 calls the church the pillar and foundation of the truth. It upholds the kingdom being the school, the equipping place, and the place of support for world changers.

5. We are not called to huddle inside the church sanctuary but to restore the kingdom of God to the world.

The Greek word for “church” (ecclesia) means literally “called-out ones. Not called out of the world, but called out into the world. The church is to train us to be Christ like, to embody Jesus and His principles.

6. God holds the church responsible for societies.

It is the most potent organization in the world because it was started – birthed by Jesus and is His bride. No other entity in the world is as important as the church. So the task of the church is here and now to bring the kingdom to Earth.

7. The church is to be the society around them.

The people – we are the power. It is time to take this power outside!