

Victory Hour



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Moving from Good to Great Through Kingdom Living

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Introduction

Pastor Davis preached a powerful sermon on Sunday. He said that we must move beyond mediocrity when it comes to ministry. Being good is not good enough, but we must strive to be great and do great things. Jesus said in John 14:12, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do..." As Pastor Davis dealt with the text of the transfiguration of Jesus in Mark 9:2-8, he launched our theme for 2009, Moving from Good to Great. He said this year we will focus on the One Great. We serve one great God (The one and only true and living God); we have one great commandment (to love one another); we have one great commission (to evangelize and make disciples); and we are one great community (We are the salt of the earth). He challenged us by saying if we are going to move from good to great, we must move beyond good worship, for we are called to an elevated atmosphere, an elevated altitude and an elevated attitude. He went on to say that we must move beyond glorious witnessing, for our mountaintop experiences are a place of transformation, a place of testimony and a place of truth. Finally, Pastor Davis told us that we must move on to great works, for God is calling us to a level of exceptional, exemplary and effective service. In other words, everyone once in a while, God will allow us to have some mountaintop experiences to not only transform us, but so that we might do greater works when we come down.

In order for us to move from good to great, we must understand what it means to be a citizen of the kingdom of God. God is not only calling us to be saved and to share the Gospel, but He is calling us to kingdom living. Jesus repeatedly taught about the Kingdom of God and often stated, "The Kingdom of God is at hand" (Matt. 4:17; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 4:43, 8:1, 9:2, 16:16; Acts 1:3, 8:12, 20:25, 28:23). However, the disciples did not understand and frequently questioned Jesus regarding the time of the manifestation of the Kingdom of God through the restoration of Israel (Matt. 24:3; Acts 1:6). The kingdom of God simply did not look like what they had expected. We too, can be guilty of missing the kingdom of God. We too can have preconceived ideas about what the Kingdom of God looks like. In the New Testament, the Pharisees asked Jesus when the Kingdom of God would appear, he told them the Kingdom of God would not necessarily be seen with the eye, but that the Kingdom of God was within them (Luke 17:20-21). In other words, "in the days of Jesus' ministry everyone was looking at Christ's dominion and missed the cross of Calvary" (Jonas Clark, p.181). Today, we might be guilty of focusing on the cross (past) or His return (future) and miss the Kingdom of God (present).

As we prepare to move from good to great, this year our focus during Victory Hour will be Kingdom living. I am convinced that it is only by understanding what it means to be a citizen of the Kingdom of God, that we can walk in our God given authority, see the manifestation of God's power, tear down the forces of the enemy, see God's will done on earth as it is in heaven and become change agents in the world. The following is an outline of what we will study this year. I pray you are ready to see God move in a supernatural way as you experience kingdom living.



- Understanding the Kingdom of God
 - What is it?
 - What does it look like?
 - Jesus Preached it
 - Past / Present / Future
 - Redemption / Restoration / Reconciliation

- Your Citizenship in the Kingdom of God
 - What is it?
 - What does it look like?
 - Understanding your kingship / authority / dominion / priesthood

- Principles of the Kingdom
 - Jesus' Teaching
 - The "Be-attitudes"

- Requirements for Kingdom Living
 - Love
 - Obedience
 - Unity

- Jesus' Kingdom Agenda
 - He modeled the way

- Spiritual Warfare in the Kingdom
 - Overcoming the kingdoms of the world
 - We are kingdom reformers
 - We are light and salt of the earth

- The Manifestation of the Kingdom
 - "Thy Will be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven"
 - Exercising your spiritual authority
 - Through the Word of God
 - Speaking
 - Praying
 - Supernatural / Miracles / Healing / Prosperity

- Activating Your Spiritual Authority
 - Being kingdom minded
 - Knowing your purpose
 - The church – a place of encouraging, equipping & empowering
 - Becoming a kingdom reformer / world change agent