SESSION 1: "KINGDOM, CHURCH & MARKETPLACE"
INTRODUCTION: JOHN 18: 36, 37

Why Did Jesus Come?

- **John 18: 33**: "*Are you the king of the Jews?*"

- **John 18: 36** – *"My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."*

- **John 18: 37** - *"You are right in saying that I am a king. In fact, for this reason* (KJV *for this cause*), *I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."*

- **1Samuel 8: 6 – 9** - "*And the Lord told him (Samuel): "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you that they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king…Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will do."*

THE KINGDOM AND THE CHURCH

What Is The Church?

The word "*church*" is the Greek word "*ekklesia*" which literally means "*an assembly*" or "*a gathering of people called out for something*".

The word "*ek*" means "*out of*" and "*klesia*" comes from "*kaleo*" which means "*to call out*". So the church means a "*called out*" people.

So what is the Church?

Working Definition: It is a *redemptive community* that God has called out in order to *teach*, *train*, *equip* and *send forth* to bring His Gospel of the Kingdom to the ends of the earth.

What Is The Marketplace?

The word "*marketplace*" is translated from the Greek word "*agora*" which denotes "*an assembly of people*" or "*place where people gather for discourse and debates, commercial and legal transaction and general social interaction*".

- **Acts 16: 19** - "*When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities.*"

- **Matthew 11: 16** - "*To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others.*"

- **Mark 6: 56** - "*And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.*"

- **Acts 17: 17** - "*So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there.*"

- **Luke 11: 43** - "*Woe to you Pharisees, because you love the most important seats in the synagogues and respectful greetings in the marketplaces.*"

- **Luke 20: 46** - "*Beware of the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets.*"

So a marketplace can be defined simply as: "*A place where people interact, transact and engage with others outside of the religious sphere.*"

How Do We View The Marketplace?

How Do The Two Spheres Relate?

The *marketplace* can be seen as a *mission field* and the *local church* as a *redemptive community* and a *spiritual family* that we all belong to.

HOW DO WE SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN RELATION TO THE MARKETPLACE?

Matthew 6: 20 - *"Blessed are you who are poor for yours is the Kingdom of God."*

WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE IN THE MARKETPLACE?

We see a **2-Fold Purpose** for the Marketplace:

A. To Intentionally Live Out Kingdom Values and Bring About Kingdom Culture in the Marketplace (The Function of Salt)

B. To Intentionally Influence Others towards Christ and Share the Gospel with Them (The Function of Light)

HOW DO WE APPLY THIS?

5 TYPES OF CHRISTIANS

1. S_____

2. S_____

3. S_____

4. S_____

5. S_____

WHERE DO WE BEGIN?

4 THINGS that must happen:

1. Embrace Your Calling to Be a Marketplace Minister
2. Enthrone God as the Head of your Workplace
3. Erect a Symbolic Altar in Your Workplace
4. Engage the Lord Jesus Christ in Your Work

CONCLUSION:

Dr Peter Wagner:

- *"For years we have sought after transformation of our cities. We have prayed, held pastor prayer conferences, prayer-walked our cities etc. Still, not one US city has been transformed. Why is that? I feel I finally know the answer to that question. It lies in the fact that the pastors and church leaders do not hold the authority in the cities where the change must originate. Business and government leaders hold that authority. So, until we in the church equip and release the apostles in the workplace, we will never see our cities transformed by Jesus Christ."*

- **Dr. Billy Graham**: *"I believe one of the next great moves of God is going to be through the believers in the marketplace."*

The **Hebrew** word for "*work*" is "*avodah*" which means "*worship*".

So our **work** can be our **worship**! Our **work** is our **witness**!

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