

Dare to Dream to Stand Up to Transform Culture

Quick Overview:

1. What does a biblical culture look like according to Matt. 16:18, Matt. 18:20, Acts 2:42-47?
2. Why is culture so important?
3. Why aren't we relevant and changing the culture around us? What's YOUR biggest obstacle?
4. Is God calling YOU to Dare to Dream to Stand Up to Transform Culture?
5. Think about it/So what? Now what?

1. What does a biblical culture look like according to Matt. 16:18, Matt. 18:20, Acts 2:42-47?

- a) (Matthew 16:18 NLT) Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock **I will build my church** (Ekklesia), and **all the powers of hell will not conquer it.**
 - YOU are Jesus Ekklesia! The person of God, the people of God, not the place of God!
 - God has blessed you to be the vibrant, expansive, 24/7 people movement with unstoppable capacity for growth
 - God has anointed you to set the pace and agenda for society
- b) (Matt. 18:20 NLT) where **two or three gather together** as my followers, **I am there among them.**
 - It's about YOU and 2 (no more) to attract and host the power and presence of Jesus
- c) (Acts 2:42-47 NLT) 42 All the believers **devoted themselves** to the apostles' **teaching**, and to **fellowship**, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to **prayer**. 43 A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed **many miraculous signs and wonders**. 44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. 45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. 46 They **worshipped together** at the Temple each day, met in **homes** for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— 47 all the while **praising God** and **enjoying the goodwill of all the people**. And each day **the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved**.

God is calling you to be risk takers, big thinkers, movers, shakers, momentum makers, history makers, world changers committed to...

- 1) The **Word of God**
- 2) The **Holy Spirit**
 - "Bapto" – the initial immersion that begins the process
 - "Baptizo" – the continuous submersion that is the ongoing process
- 3) **Devoted to each other**
- 4) **Faith** for extraordinary miracles (John 14:12; Acts 19:11)
- 5) **Power** to pull down strongholds (2 Cor. 10:4)

2. Why is culture so important?

- a) Video "Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney PSA" on YouTube https://youtu.be/qVDo95hp_vk
- b) Culture is created every day when groups allow, approve, resist or reject values, ideas and behaviors
- c) It starts with an idea of different promotional rings that starts at the "hot lava core" and moves outwards
- d) It's very important that we understand what culture is and why it's so important in order for us to engage, influence and transform the culture

3. Why aren't we relevant and changing the culture around us? What's YOUR biggest obstacle?

- Could it be that we have **confined to four walls, once a week**, what is meant to operate 24/7 all over...city?
- Could it be that we have **no favor with God and people** because of our **condemning, judgmental, critical, hypocritical, abrasive spirit**?

- Could it be a lack of compassion, we **don't care enough** about the culture and it is, what it is?
- Could it be that insult God with **small thinking and safe living**?

4. God is calling YOU to dare to dream like you can't fail, and stand up to transform culture!

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." — Edmund Burke

- a) It all starts with **personal responsibility** and **transformation**.
- 1) Caring
 - 2) Inspiring
 - 3) Empowering

THINK ABOUT IT:

1. What's your biggest obstacle that's preventing you from being relevant and changing the culture around you?
 - Confined to four walls, once a week**, what is meant to operate 24/7 all over...city
 - No favor with God and people** because of **condemning, judgmental, critical, hypocritical, abrasive spirit**
 - Lack of compassion and **don't care enough** about the culture
 - I insult God with small thinking and safe living**
2. What are you needing in your Spiritual tool box?
 - The Word of God
 - The Holy Spirit
 - "Bapto" – the initial immersion that begins the process
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 - Faith for extraordinary miracles (John 14:12; Acts 19:11)
 - Power to pull down strongholds (2 Cor. 10:4)
 - Video: How One Domino Can Topple A Building <https://youtu.be/y97rBdSYbkg>**
3. **So what? Now what?** What steps will you take this week to stand strong as Jesus Ekklesia in groups of 2 or 3's?
 - a) I commit my life to Jesus

PROPHETIC COMMUNITY:

1. Take 60 seconds to ask God, what does He love about the people in your group
2. Take the remainder of the time to share what God loves about the people in your group
3. Have someone close in prayer