

Warrior – May 20, 2018 Pastor Shannon Chapman

The Kingdom of God is the rule and reign of God. We want to be a church that builds His Kingdom through effective ministries today. In this series, we will look at three things that are vital to the effectiveness of building God's Kingdom here and now.

Primary Teaching of Jesus' Ministry

"Kingdom of God"

We have "Rights and Responsibilities" as Kingdom Citizens.

Jesus came to Earth...

Not to just evacuate us to Heaven.

He came to...

Bring Heaven to Earth through us.

Power and Authority

Luke 9:1-2, When Jesus had called the Twelve together, He gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and He sent them out to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

The Gospel is about Proclamation and Demonstration...

Not just words but POWER!

Acts 1:8, But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth.

As Citizens and Ambassadors of the Kingdom....

- 1. We go in Delegated Authority.
- 2. We go in Dynamic Power from the Holy Spirit.
- 3. We go as Jesus did.

Building the Kingdom of God Here and Now

Warrior – fighting the good fight of faith

I Timothy 6:11-12, But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Fan vs. Warrior

Do we embody the spirit of a "fan" in God's Kingdom or the spirit of a "warrior" in God's Kingdom?

FANS—don't prepare; they just show up.

WARRIORS—prepare for the battle in advance.

FANS—observe from a distance.

WARRIORS—are on the ground level.

FANS—support when winning.

WARRIORS—persevere through it all.

FANS—speak to the wind.

WARRIORS—listen intently.

City Church Commitment

Ephesians 3:20, Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us.

We will serve and not just watch from the sideline.

We will put our hands to things that really matter.

We will speak with encouraging words.