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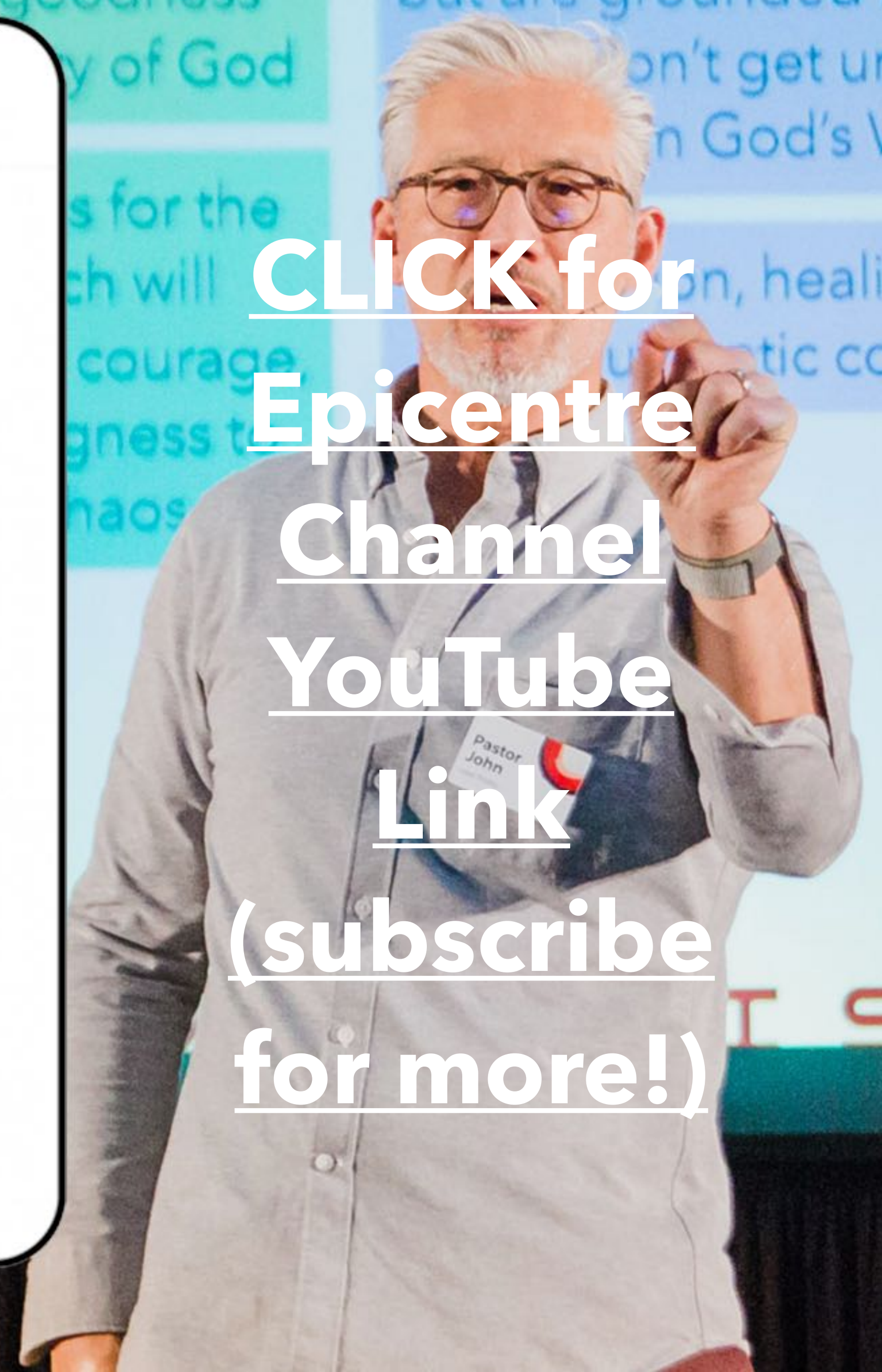
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**Watch Pastor John wish us a
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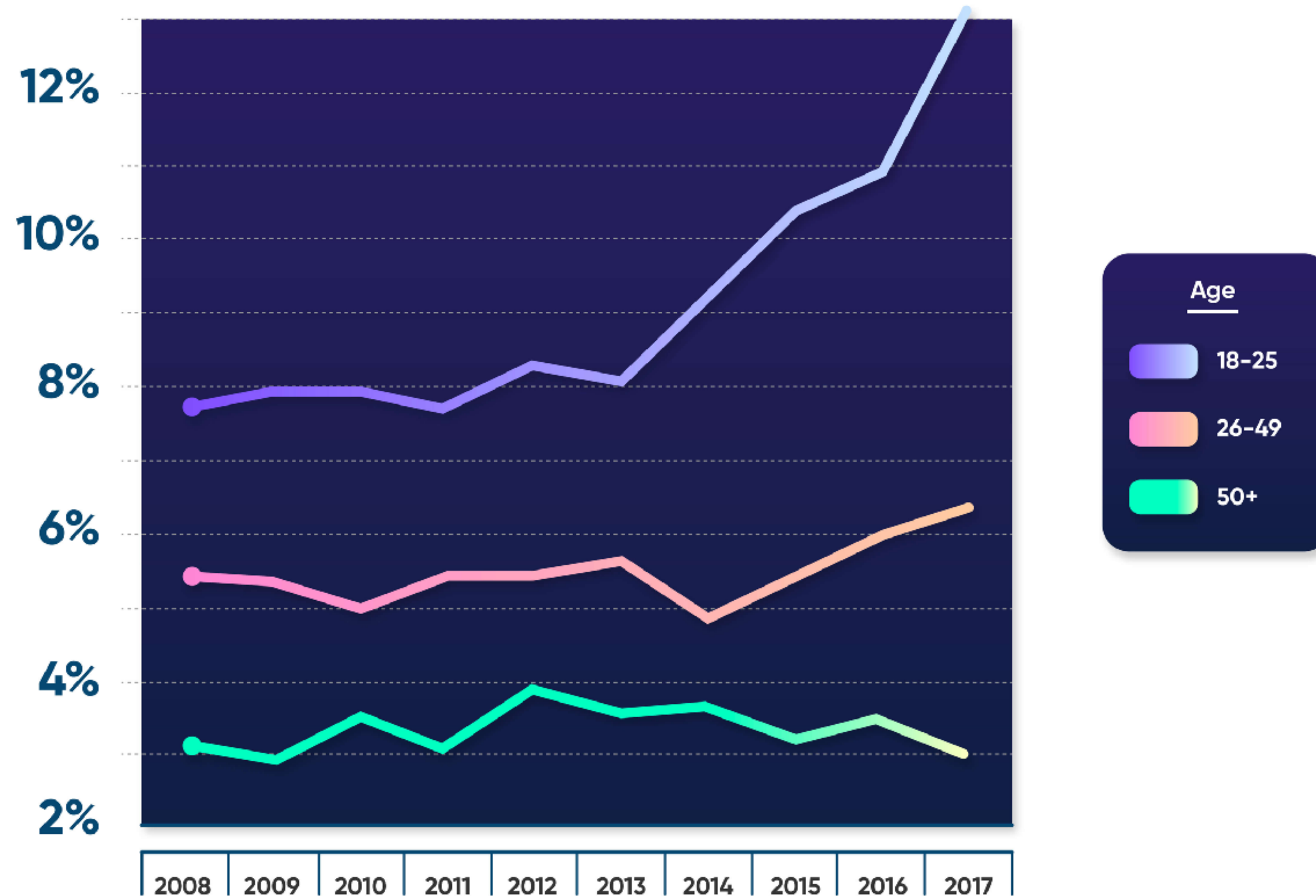
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U.S. Mood Disorder Indicators, 2008-2017

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He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

- *Ground yourself in the nature and character of God revealed in His Word*
- *Read the bible more than the internet*
- *Read through the Bible in a year*

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Deut 31.6 - Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

John 10.27 - My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

- *Develop and cultivate a listening and talking relationship with your Heavenly Father*
- *Invest in long-term authentic Christian community that helps you keep your bearings*

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Eph 2.10 - For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Matt 5:13-16 - ¹³ "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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- *Get equipped. Attend a service, and serve and go to LifeU: epicentre.org/lifeu*
- *Discipleship School is a great way of investing in your long-term: epicentre.org/dschool*

Isaiah 40.15 - Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket; they are regarded as dust on the scales;
He weighs the islands as though they were fine dust.

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1. *war or fear of war*

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*The birth pangs cause what
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*Kingdom Christians see these
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- Churches with a Kingdom theology are crucial in these times. Let's dig in and plant more!
- Because the cracks of society produce openness to the Gospel, it's crucial that we be more rooted in God's purposes than fear
- Authentic, biblically-rooted Christian community will keep us grounded and prepared for what's ahead but will also become oases of truth and reality for the world that lives in the desert of deception
- Get equipped so we can shine like stars in an increasingly dark world
- Signs, wonders and a prophetic lifestyle are crucial to bring healing, deliverance and the miraculous in a world short of answers. This is what Moses, Esther, Joseph and Daniel did.

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