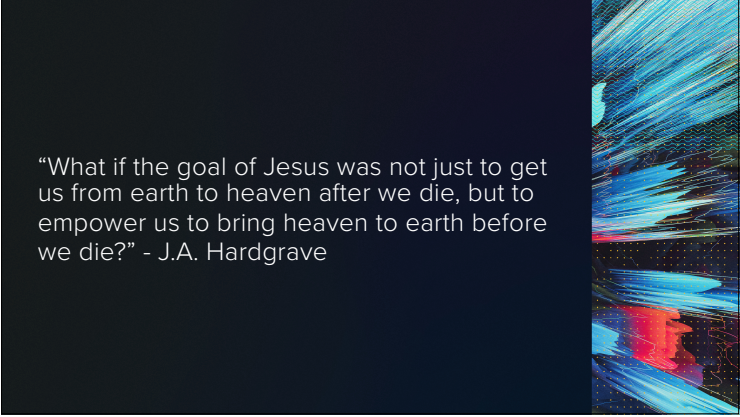


KINGDOM “BASILEIA”

The realm of Jesus expressed through the followers of Jesus.



“What if the goal of Jesus was not just to get us from earth to heaven after we die, but to empower us to bring heaven to earth before we die?” - J.A. Hardgrave



1 CORINTHIANS 4:20

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.



COLOSSIANS 1:13

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves



EPHESIANS 2:2 (CEV)

You followed the ways of this world and obeyed the devil. He rules the world, and his spirit has power over everyone who doesn't obey God.



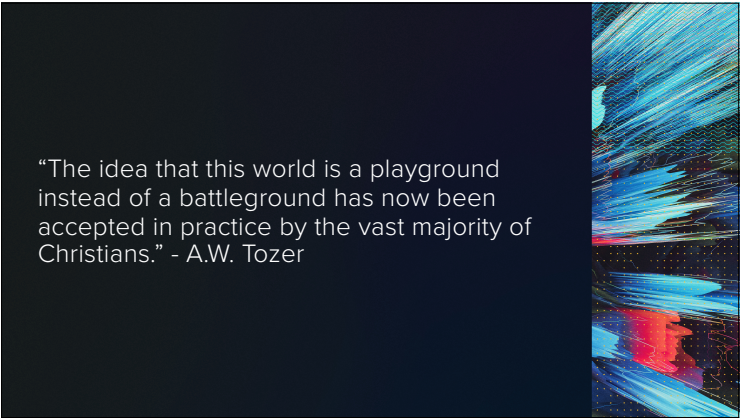
1 JOHN 5:19

We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one.



JOHN 18:36

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."



"The idea that this world is a playground instead of a battleground has now been accepted in practice by the vast majority of Christians." - A.W. Tozer

ROMANS 14:17

For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

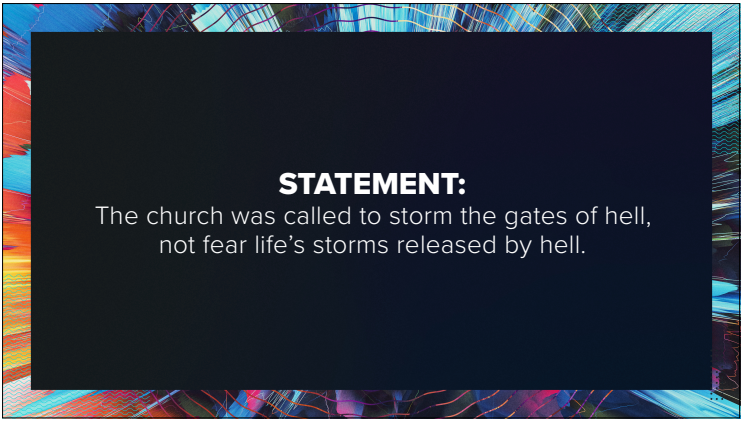
1 PETER 2:11 (VOICE)

Beloved, remember you don't belong in this world. You are resident aliens living in exile, so resist those desires of the flesh that battle against the soul.

JOHN 15:19

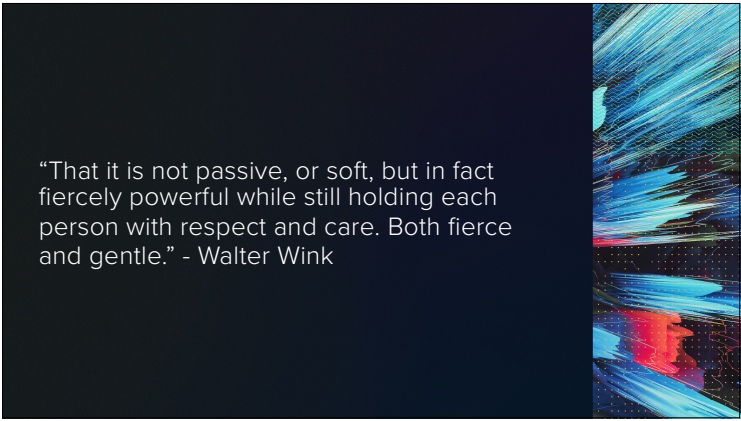
If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.



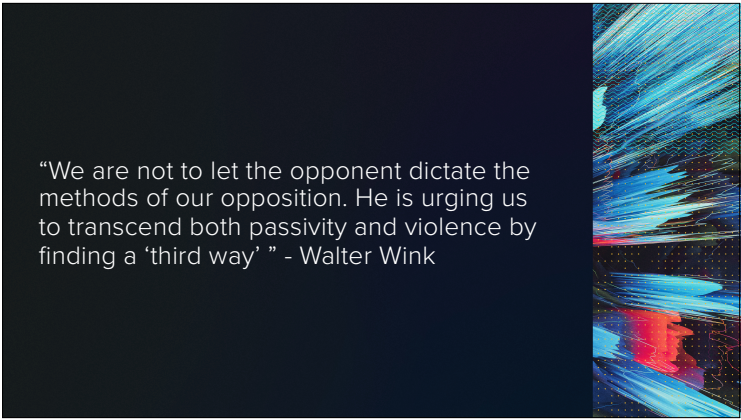


STATEMENT:

The church was called to storm the gates of hell,
not fear life's storms released by hell.

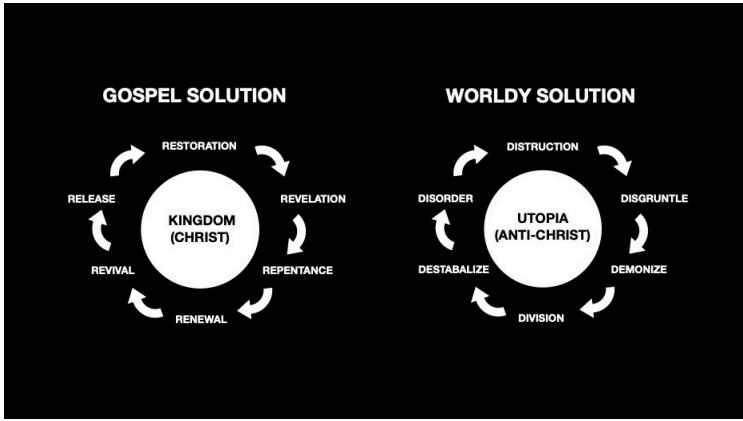


“That it is not passive, or soft, but in fact
fiercely powerful while still holding each
person with respect and care. Both fierce
and gentle.” - Walter Wink



“We are not to let the opponent dictate the
methods of our opposition. He is urging us
to transcend both passivity and violence by
finding a ‘third way’ ” - Walter Wink





IN = PRESENCE, PROXIMITY, AND PURPOSE
OF = PRINCIPLES, PERSPECTIVE, AND POSITION

HEBREWS 12:28
 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken

KINGDOM POWER IN YOUR HAND STARTS FROM KINGDOM POTENTIAL IN YOUR HEART.

MARK 4:15-20

Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away...

MARK 4:15-20

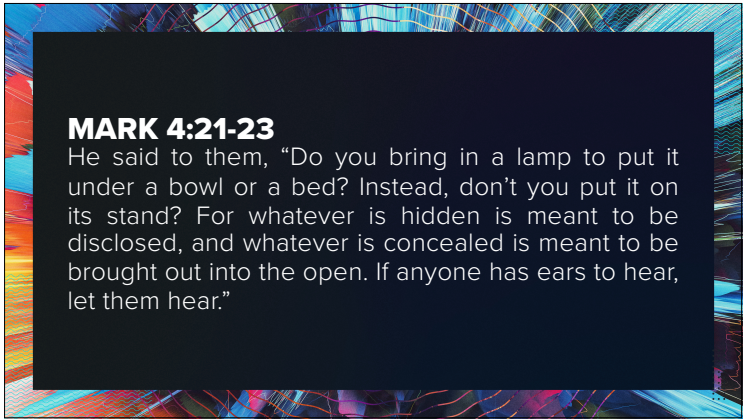
...Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop.

- PATH** = Satan (*hard heart*)
- ROCKY** = Persecution (*fickle heart*)
- THORNY** = Worries / Wants (*halfway heart*)
- GOOD** = Crop (*hungry heart*)

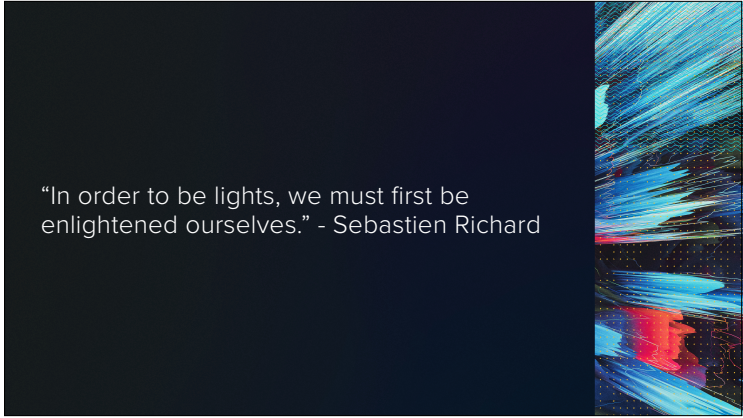
There is a difference between **what** you believe and **how** you believe.



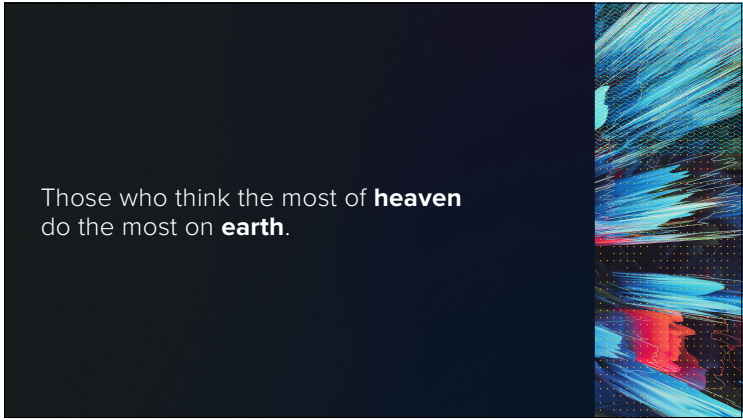
**KINGDOM FOLLOWERS
SPEND MORE TIME
REVEALING THAN
CONCEALING.**



MARK 4:21-23
He said to them, "Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand? For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear."



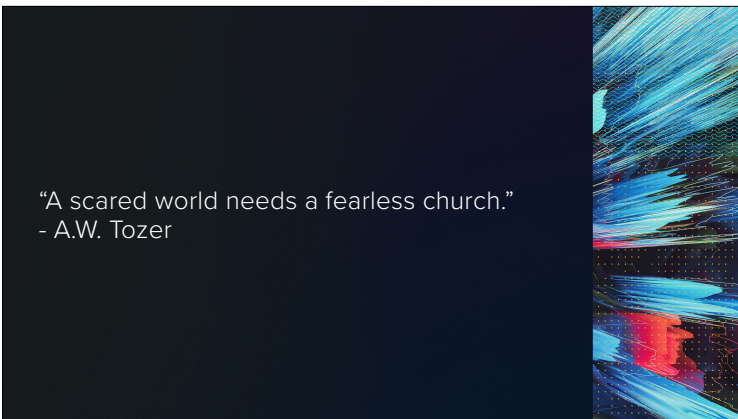
"In order to be lights, we must first be enlightened ourselves." - Sebastien Richard



Those who think the most of **heaven** do the most on **earth**.









EPHESIANS 1:23 (MSG)

The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.

**A BRILLIANT CHURCH
GATHERS AROUND PURPOSE
AND PRESENCE MORE THAN
POLITICS AND PREFERENCE.**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS PART ONE

What lessons of the way of Jesus are difficult for you to HEAR? Read Mark 4:9-11.

What kinds of things do you find worthy of celebrating? What would it look like to celebrate the way of Jesus?

Practicing power requires us aligning with God's agenda rather than expecting God to join ours. His kingdom cannot be stopped! Are you seeing powerful change as a result of aligning with His plans, or are you doing more 'talking'?

Are you being intentional about finding and following gospel solutions, or do you get pulled into worldly solutions? (See chart)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS PART TWO

Read the quote by A.W. Tozer. In what ways do you see the world as a playground? How would your life look differently if you saw the world as a battleground? How have you seen the church transcend both passivity and violence by finding a third way?

Read Mark 4:15-20. We may be receiving pieces of God's Word in different ways. Is there anything in God's word that is falling on a heart in you? A fickle heart? A halfway heart? A hungry heart?

Who can you carry the love and truth of Jesus to this week?
