



DREAM: Reformation – Dr. Mark Batterson

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Intro: Dare to be different! Dare to dream again!

“The greatest danger during times of turbulence is not the turbulence. It’s acting with YESTERDAY’S LOGIC.”
—Peter Drucker

The capacity to DREAM and ability to IMAGINE are parts of the IMAGE of God that are hardwired into human soul.

“Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.”
—Acts 13:1

All of us have a gifting we bring to this table called National Community Church, and we are each responsible to steward that gift in this house.

If you filter your Biblical THEOLOGY through your political IDEOLOGY, it’s called IDOLATRY.

Two of NCC’s core convictions:

The church ought to be the most CREATIVE place on the planet.

The church ought to be the most DIVERSE place on the planet.

“While they were WORSHIPPING the Lord and FASTING, the Holy Spirit said, “SET APART for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”
—Acts 13:2

We are CONSECRATED by God’s word and Prayer in addition to fasting and worship!

The Spirit of God cannot FILL YOU if you’re FULL OF YOURSELF.

WORSHIP is one way we ACTIVATE FAITH and ACTIVATE THE GIFT.

WORSHIP is how we go THROUGH and get OUT of hard situations we find ourselves in.

Phase Transitions: a tug of war between two forces as a substance changes states due to a change in temperature and pressure. It is essentially a binding and loosing process.

“Whatever you BIND on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you LOOSE on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

—Mt. 18:18

You have the power to catalyze phase transitions in the spiritual realm through prayer!

Every prayer has to meet a two-fold litmus test: it has to be in the WILL OF GOD and for the GLORY OF GOD.

No one dreams in a vacuum. Your dream is a dream within a dream! And it will also produce the dreams of future generations!

Two areas we are going to DARE to dream into the future as a church:

The Dream Collective – a community of dreamers.

The Dream Fund – a tool to seed dreams (more to come)

We are called to make a difference to the third and fourth generation. We want to be a part of the dream God has given you, and we invite you to be a part of the dream God has given us.

Application: Identify at least one way that the Spirit of God leading you to respond to this message?

Next Steps:

1. Start a Bible Reading Plan
2. Listen to NCC Daily
3. Join us on Upper Zoom on Tu, We, Th at 7:14am. EST