

Dream

IT'S TIME TO DREAM AGAIN

Dream: Field Seven

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Scripture: Acts 17:24-32

Series Overview:

Quit living as if the purpose of life is to arrive safely at death. It's time to DREAM again! We're believing God for nothing less than Revival, Reformation, and Renaissance in our nation, in our generation. The capacity to dream is part of the image of God, and the supernatural byproduct of a Spirit-filled life. Show me the size of your dream, and I'll show you the size of your God. It's time to dream big, pray hard, and think long!

Series Discussion Questions:

What are some dreams the Lord has been stirring in your heart?

Message Overview:

God is raising up a REMNANT—a creative minority, a company of prophets—that operates with an Issachar anointing. They understand the times—supernatural insight. And they bring supernatural solutions to the table—supernatural foresight. God is raising up this DREAM COLLECTIVE to usher in a new season of REVIVAL in the church, REFORMATION in the kingdom, and RENAISSANCE in culture.

Message-Specific Discussion Questions:

How do we know right from wrong? How do we gain spiritual eyes and ears?

Life & Leadership principle: Always think ecosystem

- Reflect on Philippians 4:8
- Everything is connected to everything else
- What percentage of our words, thoughts and actions are a regurgitation of culture?
- What percentage of our words, thoughts and actions come from a revelation of God's Word & God's Spirit?
- The anointing of God makes the difference between my best and God's best

"If it falls to your lot to be a street sweeper, sweep streets like Michelangelo painted pictures, sweep streets like Beethoven composed music, sweep streets like Shakespeare wrote poetry. Sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will have to pause and say: 'Here lived a great street sweeper who swept his job well.'"

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The need for discernment

- Read 1 Chronicles 12:32
- Reflect on James 1:5
- Read Acts 17:24-28
- Paul speaks the truth in love. He understands the culture he is in and connects them to truth.
- How can we slow down to see the “dots” that need connecting?

You are the ONLY BIBLE some people will ever read, and the ONLY CHURCH some people will ever attend.
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How does God see me?

- Read 2 Kings 19:14
- The king takes the words that are spoken about him and puts it before God
- False humility is believing I am anything less than how God sees me.
- There are times to “take off our shoes” as an act of humility to God, and times to “shake off the dust.”
- Are there areas in our lives where we need to ask for freedom from the opinions of others?

“Don’t let an arrow of criticism pierce your heart unless it first passes through the filter of Scripture.”

A.W. Tozer

Don’t box God in (or you box Him out)

- Read Acts 17:32-34
- Zechariah 4:10. Do not despise the day of small beginnings.
- Read Numbers 11. The story of Eldad and Medad
- It is not about us. God can work in great ways when our name doesn’t need to be lifted.
- Who can you pour into this week that is in your life?

“Do not seek opportunity. Seek God and opportunity will seek you”

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Prayer: *“Lord help me to dream in new ways without fear of failure or disappointment. Let my thoughts be filled with your thoughts and help me be constantly aware of how you love me. Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to you”*

Practical Application

- Make a Bible reading plan a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan). Prayerfully ask for God to give you discernment through hearing God’s Word.
- Spend quiet time writing down what God may be showing you about the focus He has given you. What is your “word of the year” or “verse of the year”? Slow down. Put it in prayer. Put it in His hands.
- Start the day with positive encouragement, in a prayerful virtual gathering by joining the [Upper Zoom](#) each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:14am. **Register at ncc.re/UpperZoom**