



Building Wholehearted Disciples of Jesus



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### Imagine Colorado Springs as God meant it to be:

- Imagine a city where the very feeling in the atmosphere is righteousness, peace and joy.
- Imagine a city where people celebrate life, think creatively and dream imaginatively.
- Imagine a city where every life—whether unborn, born with defects, or born out of wedlock—is valued and celebrated.
- Imagine a place where you would feel safe on any city street at night.
- Imagine a city with doctors, hospitals and clinics that have the conviction that every life is protected and fought for—whether born or unborn.
- Imagine a city where there is hope in the schools because the kids are excited about their future and desire to dream dreams of changing the world.
- Imagine a place where there is prosperity throughout every sphere of influence—whether it's media, government, healthcare, education, business, military, church or family—people love what they do and cannot wait to bring the Kingdom of God into their God-calling.
- Imagine Colorado Springs being a model city to the rest of the nation.
- Imagine a city where the community comes together to work together on issues and problems with the goal of prosperity for all people regardless of race, ethnicity or socio-economic background.
- Imagine the Colorado Springs starting to look a lot like Zechariah's vision.

## **We Desperately Need a Kingdom of God Revolution in our Nation... but our nation is right here!**

- In Colorado Springs!
- We Need a Kingdom of God Revolution in the Rockies!
- Beginning right here in our church!

### **Matthew 4**

- I believe Jesus came not just as a Preacher, not just as a Reformer, but a Revolutionary.
- We don't need just a revival, we need a revolution.
- Jesus gave us the pattern for such a revolution.
- Jesus came preaching the Kingdom of God—A Kingdom of God Revolution started with Jesus.

### **Matthew 4:17**

***17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."***

**What does such a Kingdom Revolution look like? Jesus is our Model of a Kingdom Pattern.**

### **Person of Jesus (Matthew 4:17-19a)**

#### **1. Jesus first proclamation: PERSON.**

##### **Matthew 4:17-19a**

***17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." 18 And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."***

- Jesus began his ministry proclaiming a Kingdom has come! The Kingdom of God has come.
  - Definition: The Kingdom of God is the Reign and Rule of Christ over a domain. He is the King over His Kingdom. Jesus came to announced that He is the King over all of life. Jesus came to restore what was stolen in the Garden by Satan.
  - The first Adam made a disastrous mistake and the Second Adam, Jesus came to correct the mistakes of Adam—to unseat Satan on this earth, seek and save the lost, and restore righteousness, peace and joy upon the earth.
  - Jesus came to “destroy the works of Satan.”
  - Thesis statement of Jesus: the Kingdom of God has come.
  - Jesus taught more on the Kingdom of God than any other one topic—over 100 times.
  - Jesus taught us to pray, “Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”
  - Jesus taught us to “Seek First the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and everything else we need will be added unto us.”
  
- Everything begins with Christ! Turn your heart and your life to Jesus
  - His presence,
  - His power,
  - His peace.
  
- Learning to walk out in the presence of God.
  
- In our lives first, then our marriages and families.

- At The Road, we are praying and believing God for a Kingdom of God revolution among our kids.
- “Every Child, Every Week, Encountering Christ”

In prayer at EHC with some pastors, I believe God gave me a strategic plan, a Kingdom Revolution blueprint for our city. God said to me we must not be satisfied with just a revival in our city. God wants to build a Kingdom of God revolution through a move of His Spirit that begins with revival that leads to reformation.

## **Jesus gave us the Pattern for a Kingdom Revolution**

### **Repentance + Revival + Reformation + Church = Revolution**

Repentance=the starting point, the place we lead our church that ushers in the kingdom of God. This begins in your marriage, family and our leadership team: it takes courage to repent. If you are holding onto ANY animosity toward someone you are quenching the Holy Spirit!

Revival=visitations of God wherein the Holy Spirit quickens or accelerates His work in a particular locale. (Acts 2)

- As I see it revival is short-lived by its very nature. It stimulates, lights the spark as it were.

Reformation=actual reform that impacts every facet of society—education, government, media, sports and church, etc.

Revolution = A dramatic and wide-reaching change in the way something works or is organized or in people's ideas about it. A single orbit of one object around another or about an axis or center.

**A Kingdom of God Revolution is the ongoing move of God that revolutionizes all of society and sets into place new structures and new strategies that lasts for hundreds of years.**

**The Road, the children: Every Child, Every Week, Encounter God!**

We need a “Vision for a 100-year Revolutionary Kingdom Movement.” A vision and Kingdom strategy that is for the next 100 years that would work toward, plan for, build with a long-term strategic plan for Kingdom of God revolution in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and America.

- Jesus’ Plan A is that it would come through the local church where individuals, families and the community are being disciplined and men, women, and children are accountable to Apostolic leadership.

**Paul writes (Ephesians 3) *from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; <sup>10</sup> to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, <sup>11</sup> according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,***

- Word and Spirit Church: “Word Rooted, Spirit Alive, Culturally Engaged.

### **Pattern (Matthew 4:19-22)**

***<sup>19</sup> Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." <sup>20</sup> They immediately left their nets and followed Him. <sup>21</sup> Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, <sup>22</sup> and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.***

## **2. Jesus gave us a PATTERN.**

- Jesus builds His Revolution with disciples who became leaders.
- It begins with us as “Kingdom Carriers” of the virus.
  - They did not become “Kingdom carriers” of the disease when they just hung out with Jesus for 3 years.
  - They got it by surrendering to the Holy Spirit.

- Jesus told them to “tarry in Jerusalem” until they were “endued with power from on high.”
- This week during Encounter, several people came up to me and share they had gotten filled with power from the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus started with 12 and He changed the world!! The common denominator with every great movement is leadership!
- Building wholehearted worshippers and warriors especially among our young people.
- God is calling us to build a church that will last for 100 years—building revolutionary leaders who can penetrate into all spheres of society.
- Pattern is the Person of Christ revolutionizes their heart, then they get empowered by the Holy Spirit, then they change their world.
  - Acts 1:8 Acts 17:6

### **New Road Mission statement: Empowering People to Change the World**

- This is why we have: OU, War Room, Shine, Morning Fire, WorshipperWarrior Men’s ministry building wholehearted worshippers and warriors.

### **Matt 4:23-24**

***<sup>23</sup> And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. <sup>24</sup> Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.***

### **The PERSON, the PATTERN, and now The POWER**

- Proclamation and Demonstration; Word and Deed
- We need the illumination and the illustration.
  - The Word of God is our illumination.
  - The Works of God are our illustration.
  - The Word and the Works is the Whole Gospel
  - Jesus taught us that when you SEE the Works of Jesus, it makes us LOVE Jesus even more!
  - SHOW AND TELL. Jesus did it every time He hit the road.
  - You see, the Word without the Works is an incomplete Gospel.
- Jesus did an interesting thing: He did not just TALK about the Kingdom, He DID the Kingdom.
  - It was Proclamation with illumination through illustration.
  - It was the Word and Deed.
  - We've reduced the Christian message without the Kingdom to teaching, Word and proclamation.
  - But the world is largely looking for the illustration!
  - Sometimes we talk about the "Good news" but become the "bad news."
  - We read the Bible different now—we see the pattern and the power of the Kingdom.
- It is not complete in this life—it is just the finger of God at work (magicians talking to Pharaoh about the signs and wonders, "this is the finger of God"; Jesus said he cast out demons by the finger of God.)

- It is just Jesus' finger that can cast out demons and heal the sick.
  - Imagine when we get the whole hand?
  - But it is the “already but not yet” we do not get the whole tamale yet.
  - But we still pray “Lord bring Your Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.”
- Lives are being changed—body, soul and spirit. (Jesus Kingdom Revolution Mission is Luke 4:18-20)
  - “Springs Initiative” where we go out and remodel these homes.

**Charles Spurgeon gave a sermon on July 17, 1859,**

“When people hear about what God used to do, one of the things they say is, ‘Oh, that was a very long time ago.’ I thought it was God that did it. Has God changed? Is He not an immutable God, the same yesterday, today, and forever? Does not that furnish an argument to prove that what God has done at one time he can do at another? I think I may push it a little further and say ‘What He has done once is a prophecy of what He intends to do again...whatever God has done...is to be looked upon as a precedent. Let us with earnestness seek that God would restore to us the faith of the men of old, that we may richly enjoy his grace as in the days of old.’”

**Revolution (Matthew 4:25)**

***<sup>25</sup> Great multitudes followed Him--from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.***

- Cities are being touched and transformed by the Kingdom.
- 7 mountains of society being touched.
- Show the new diagram of the church at the base.
- An atmosphere of the Kingdom over our city and the Rockies!
- Equipping Kingdom Disciples to go into the city.

- We are called to be “priests and kings” Priesthood and kingship of every believer.

***And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (Revelation 1:6)***

We are not in a full “open heaven” over our church and city but rather in the embryonic stages of an “opening heaven” that is not completely open but is opening with signs and wonders. We might say we are in an “opening heaven.”

With an opening heaven at The Road, we are living in a “presence kingdom church.”

The present tense Kingdom is what I would call it. It is that mighty work of the Holy Spirit currently at work.