



Key References:

“What is possibly most needed, is the presence of God in the midst of His people. Without the presence of God we have no power, no authority, no transformation and no glory to display to the nations. Without the Spirit that gives life we have only the letter of the law to preach. Without the Spirit there is death, but when He comes there is life and with the life there is the potential for growth and fruitfulness. Genuine ministry takes place when there is an operation of the Holy Spirit, whereby He transforms us into the image of Christ through the Word of God. If this transformation does not happen, then no ministry has taken place.” - Dudley Daniel

2 Chronicles 7:12–15 (ESV)

¹² Then the LORD appeared to Solomon in the night and said to him: “I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice. ¹³ When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, ¹⁴ if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. ¹⁵ Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.

Matthew 23:11–12 (ESV)

¹¹ The greatest among you shall be your servant. ¹² Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

1 – FAVOURED & BLESSED PEOPLE

Mike spoke of some miracles that had taken place in his life. **Think and discuss miracles that have taken place in your own lives.**

Mike talked about getting favor with his bosses in South Africa so he could have Thursdays off to do ministry. **Have you ever found similar favour? What blessings has God provided to you that you could use to be a blessing to others?**

What “Kingdom Dreams” are there in your life? (dreams that you have for yourself / family to minister for God’s Kingdom). **What opportunity or favor needs to come for these to happen? How could you start now?**

2 – FAVOURED PEOPLE

What is the greatest threat to the kingdom of darkness in Nanaimo?

Mike on Sunday said; *“The greatest threat to the kingdom of darkness is not 300 people coming to church on a Sunday, [...] but it’s the mobilization of those believers.”* **Discuss what you think Mike meant.**

Read the quote from Dudley Daniel. **What is ministry without The Holy Spirit? What else stands out to you from this quote? What does it mean to be “transformed into the image of Christ”?**

What is your mission field and how can you look to the Holy Spirit to use you in it? How have you seen prayer work in this area?

3 – HUMILITY

Read 2 Chronicles 7:12-15. **Why is God calling the people humble themselves? What does it mean to “seek God’s face”? If we’re wanting God to use us what direction should we take from v14-15?**

Why is humility important and how does it affect our relationship with God? What is the link between humility and God using someone to do mighty things?

Read Matthew 23:11-12. **What are the traits of people who are humble and Godly?**

It was mentioned that we are “carriers of God’s presence”. **Why do we need humble to carry His presence? What can we do be humble?**