

## Notes on a video presentation by Reggie McNeal to a Reformed Church Conference in the USA in 2007

Good News:

Fastest Growing Religion is Christian - 10,000's every day  
Pentecost happening in many places in the world every single hour - AD30 all over again

There has been a dramatic change:

At beginning of 1900's 80% of Christians white, western culture and northern hemisphere  
At beginning of 2000's 80% of Christians non-white, non-western, non-northern

We are in backwaters of Christian movement on planet earth.

Do you have a hope to see pentecost here

Seek first the Kingdom - first word is seek - do we want it  
we can do church - crank out sermon book etc....

How badly do we want it?

We need to live our way into it?

Shift from looking at the Kingdom through church lenses to

### LOOKING AT THE CHURCH THROUGH KINGDOM LENSES

It changes the scorecard, it changes our jobs.

If we don't get it done it is not going to get done - rubbish

**The King is not waiting on us to get it done - HE sets the agenda.**

In AD30 church behind because Spirit gone nuts - they didn't expect Gospel/Spirit to get to the Samaritans, Italians etc. had to call a meeting (Acts 15)  
church has to play catch up to Spirit  
rise of altruism

Why is there so much good in the world - there is a King and he is whispering - sign the king is on the move.

people starving for spiritual vitality but not looking for it in the north american church.

King at home in world, only church people nervous in the streets

Are we going to follow the Spirit or do church

Do you think God looks at church statistics? - God takes attendance by who is missing - missing boy, missing son, missing coin, missing sheep.

Church through kingdom eyes - not who showed up on sunday - how many better marriages in this town, kids going right way, etc.

God is guaranteed to be in the street - that is where He is hanging out  
Church centric view of the world is that the church is the destination

Atlanta Airport gets scorecard wrong - when confuses self as destination thinks it is winning when all planes on ground close to hub.

Airport is a connector to help me get somewhere I want to go.

Church is a connector which it to be people where they really want to go - LIFE  
Jesus didn't say I have come to give you church and give it more abundantly  
Jesus only talked about church twice compared to many times about the kingdom

Seek first Kingdom is not about ramping up more church stuff.

How internally focussed are we?????

What is the point of the people of God if the people of God are not the point?

King has decided to include us in His mission  
goes all way back to Gen 12  
Abraham I am going to bless you so that you can bless people who are not like you.

Your job is to bless people period. That's the covenant.

Don't have an evangelism strategy - have a blessing strategy  
not our job to convict people of sin

Ask Spirit to nudge you to bless three people this week.

You open people up to the gospel by acts of blessing/service/kindness.

People don't need church they need God (Sporting goods store example)

Can think of church as a place where things happen or as a vendor of religious services or  
you can think of church as a group of people on mission with God who are living it out right  
where people are already living.

When work for King - do what he says, don't have to fix it all.

Got to believe God not believe in God - believe that God wants to show up and show off  
(he doesn't need to in church)

Not about building our own silo next to government, leisure, education, silos

Church must not be a desalination plant sucking salt out of the community

Missional Christians think of church as verb not a noun.

Church is not hope of the world - Jesus is the hope of the world.