



Sunday, August 7, 2011: Powerful Proverbs

Scripture: Psalm 2

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Sermon Notes:

1. The solution in the Middle East is the regeneration of the hearts of the people.
2. In recent years Muslims are submitting to Christ by the hundreds of thousands.
3. Indigenous churches and indigenous leaders are growing.
4. Some believers in Christ are kicked out of their families, sent to jail, beaten, tortured, and even killed.
5. The more the nations suppress Christ, the more His followers grow.
6. God is not worried when nations oppose Him (Psalm 2).
7. The underground house church is very strong in Iran, and the government is resorting to accusing pastors of being CIA agents so as to have an excuse to jail them.
8. Providing health care to the people was a powerful door to gospel influence in the UAE region.
9. As a result of missionary doctors working in the area since the 1960s, the church now enjoys freedom of worship in the UAE.
10. Lesson: Do what the Lord asks you to do and allow the Lord to determine the results.
11. Christians now make up 10% of the UAE population.
12. Though it is a multi-denominational congregation with diverse ethnic backgrounds, there is real unity.
13. Without a vision the people will perish (Proverbs 29:18 KJV).
14. People need a course of action to follow. So the church needs to set its vision.
15. Our vision is to glorify God by extending His kingdom rule on earth.
16. Jesus' whole ministry was themed around the Kingdom of God.
17. The kingdom of God will continue to be established in history.
18. Jesus wants to restore everything that was touched by sin.
19. Jesus wants to rule our hearts and minds, our families, businesses, education, culture, etc.
20. As Christians, we're to apply godly principles in every sphere of influence that we have.
21. Everything we do in life is ministry; "do it all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).
22. Muslim converts to Christ have tasted true freedom in Christ, and they're now willing to give up all for Him.
23. Peter in Acts 2:33-36 says Christ will rule, making His enemies His footstool. Jesus is now making all His enemies submit.

Application Questions

1. What is the kingdom of God in scripture?
2. What is revealed about the kingdom of God by (a) the sermon on the mount, (b) by Jesus' casting out demons, (c) the cross, and (d) Pentecost?
3. How does the Lord's prayer instruct us regarding the nature of the kingdom of God? (See Matthew 6:9-15)
4. How should we view our vocations in light of 1 Corinthians 10:31?
5. If twelve disciples turned the world upside down for Christ, what would it take for us to similarly impact our city for Christ?
6. What is the possible future kingdom impact of the work God has called me to?
7. How is the kingdom of God central to the priorities of my life and activities?