

4-D Kingdom Builders

Spiritual leadership in the 4 main dimensions of our lives



A 4D KINGDOM BUILDER

Preparation For This Study

PRAY—for pastor Kevin as he delivers this week’s message, guidance in leading your group, and that God uses this topic to create Kingdom building life-change.

READ—Acts 2:37-47, Colossians 1:9, and Matthew 20:26-28.

DECIDE—What parts of this study will work best for your group? Should you add anything? Leave anything out?

MAIN POINT—The church is not a place, it is the people—and we are called to be spiritual leaders together!

Acts 2:37-47

Account of the early church and how they lived and associated together.

Colossians 1:9

“...we have not ceased to pray for you...”

Matthew 20:26-28

“...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.”

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INTRODUCTION



Quote Me:

"What if we focused on going to Jesus instead going to church?"

-Unknown

This week, Pastor Kevin continues in the series on Hebron's vision statement: In the next 10 years, Hebron will raise up thousands of 4-D Kingdom Builders to influence tens of thousands with the Gospel here and around the world.

Kevin will be focusing on 4 main elements each week as he applies them to each of the 4 different dimensions of the vision statement: at home, at work, at church, and in our

community. This week, we will be focusing on the dimension of @ Church.

The four elements that Kevin covers each week within those dimensions are that of a role we each have, a decision to make, and action to take, and an object of the above.

Today, we will dive into direct application of what it looks like for us to apply the 7 LifeMarks of a believer into the @ Church dimension.

Beginning Questions

****NOTE:** If this is your first time using this study, you will notice that at the end of each session there is a next-step challenge. It corresponds with the same challenge given in the worship service by Pastor Kevin. Each week, you will begin your meeting with a time of reviewing how well people did applying and carrying out the previous week's Next-Step Challenge. Make sure to plan time to do this each week!

1) Last week's Next Step Challenge asked you to work on 3 goals that you wanted to see God move within your work. Spend a good amount of time hearing what God did with each member of your group.

2) Read the quote to the left. How would the time we spent together looked differently if we approached it with this mindset?

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@ Church

Spiritual Leadership Within the Body of Christ

[NOTE: Leaders, please continue to cast the vision of what we are doing in Connect Group this month as we focus on specific application of what we are learning together as a church, setting goals for each week, and then coming together to share what God is doing in and through us with excitement!]

Last week, we discussed what it specifically looked like to be a spiritual leader (kingdom builder) our places of work. This week we will be looking at what it means to be a kingdom builder at church. Take a few minutes to **READ Acts 2:37-47** together and study how the very first church lived and interacted. Pay special attention not only to the actions and things they did, but also the manners in which they did them and the impacts they made in their community.

**What are some ways that your Connect Group could change things up to look more like this?
What are some goals that your Connect Group would like to accomplish together?**

While we each don't necessarily have the ability to change all the different ways Hebron does ministry, we do have the ability to influence how we do Connect Groups... AKA, be the body of Christ in smaller, specifically potent ways. Beyond the common misunderstanding as church being a building (instead of the people), many also view church as a worship service or the 1-3 hours they spend each week at Hebron. The experience Jesus came and died for us to have extends much further than a building we walk into, or service we attend, or even a help-group where we can feel better about ourselves... it is a lifestyle! And it is one that we should look forward to and get excited about being a part of. When we talk about things like the LifeMark of service, for example, and how it applies to our dimension of @ Church...we don't think about how it stinks to have to help out in preschool and change diapers and miss group time or worship...we do it with a dedication to our Mission Statement that "We give our lives to lead people to life-changing faith in Jesus!" We do it because we know it provides an opportunity for adults to focus on the message God has for them that day instead of being distracted by crying or needy children. We do it because somebody's eternity might just change today, and we played a part in making that possible!

Break into smaller groups as we assess how to become better spiritual leaders in the 7 LifeMark areas at church on an individual level.

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Christlikeness @ Church

Do others see a representation of the Gospel in you because of your transparency with sin and hardship, or do you set up a wall of privacy leaving others to assume they are alone in their struggles and fail to live up to some holy perfection you inadvertently project?

Evangelism @ Church

Has your Connect Group ever done an evangelism outreach together before? What would it take to do one? Do you grow weary of hearing an invitation each week, or do you prayerfully anticipate somebody making a life-changing response of faith?

Who is somebody at church that God may be leading you to initiate spiritual conversations with?

Do you pray for the people in your Connect Group on a regular basis? (Colossians 1:9)

Giving @ Church

Are you cheerfully tithing to your church?

Are there any needs at Hebron that you know of and feel like you should personally contribute to?

Are you a good steward of your time and money in how much you could be involved with things at church?

Influence @ Church

Is there a role that you feel you should maybe step up and fulfill in your Connect Group or some other ministry at Hebron?

Do you negatively influence people by complaining or gossiping about others or the church?

Are there any people at Hebron that you think God may be asking you to invest in, mentor, or disciple?

Is there anybody at Hebron that you know is struggling with something right now and could probably use having someone to talk to?

Service @ Church

Are you serving somewhere at Hebron? (if not, go to one of the Engage Centers in the lobby and ask where you can serve)

Do you look for ways that you can serve and minister to others in your Connect Group?

Do you look at Hebron for what it can give you, or as an opportunity to serve, worship and connect with other believers? (Matthew 20:26-28)

Family @ Church

Is there anyone in your family that doesn't approach church with the right mindset? How can you speak to them and encourage them better?

Are there ways your family can serve together at Hebron?

Is there anybody in your extended family that isn't connected to a church home, whom you can invite to Hebron, or encourage to visit a church near them?

What are ways that you can pray for a family member of yours to be a spiritual leader at church?

Accountability @ Church

Does your Connect Group set application goals each week, and then check up the following week to see how God moved in those goals?

When your group shares about what God has done, do you ever speak up?

Do you encourage others to grow in their faith and in living it out in their lives?

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RESPONSE

Break into small groups and discuss/pray for each other in regard to the following:

- There were likely a number of different things you came across today that you could improve upon or would like to see grow in becoming more of a spiritual leader @ Church. What were the 3 most important things in which you would like to see God work?

- Pray together asking God to work in your group, among each other, and that you would be able to praise Him for the amazing things He does this week!

VISION

HEBRON'S VISION STATEMENT

In the next 10 years, Hebron will raise up thousands of 4D Kingdom Builders to influence tens of thousands with the Gospel here and around the world.

The four dimensions of a 4D Kingdom Builder are:



NEXT STEP CHALLENGES

- ❖ Take action in regard to the 3 (at least) things you really wanted to see God work through in your @ Church. Be prepared to come next week and share some of the amazing things God does!

*"We expect the Gospel to change lives!"
"We develop leaders to expand God's Kingdom!"*



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COMMENTARY on Acts 2:37-47

(Verses 37-41) From the first delivery of that Divine message, it appeared that there was Divine power going with it; and thousands were brought to the obedience of faith. But neither Peter's words, nor the miracle they witnessed, could have produced such effects, had not the Holy Spirit been given. Sinners, when their eyes are opened, cannot but be pricked to the heart for sin, cannot but feel an inward uneasiness. The apostle exhorted them to repent of their sins, and openly to avow their belief in Jesus as the Messiah, by being baptized in his name. Thus professing their faith in Him, they would receive remission of their sins, and partake of the gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit. To separate from wicked people, is the only way to save ourselves from them. Those who repent of their sins, and give up themselves to Jesus Christ, must prove their sincerity by breaking off from the wicked. We must save ourselves from them; which denotes avoiding them with dread and holy fear. By God's grace three thousand persons accepted the gospel invitation. There can be no doubt that the gift of the Holy Ghost, which they all received, and from which no true believer has ever been shut out, was that Spirit of adoption, that converting, guiding, sanctifying grace, which is bestowed upon all the members of the family of our heavenly Father. Repentance and remission of sins are still preached to the chief of sinners, in the Redeemer's name; still the Holy Spirit seals the blessing on the believer's heart; still the encouraging promises are to us and our children; and still the blessings are offered to all that are afar off.

(Verses 42-47) In these verses we have the history of the truly primitive church, of the first days of it; its state of infancy indeed, but, like that, the state of its greatest innocence. They kept close to holy ordinances, and abounded in piety and devotion; for Christianity, when admitted in the power of it, will dispose the soul to communion with God in all those ways wherein he has appointed us to meet him, and has promised to meet us. The greatness of the event raised them above the world, and the Holy Ghost filled them with such love, as made every one to be to another as to himself, and so made all things common, not by destroying property, but doing away selfishness, and causing charity. And God who moved them to it, knew that they were quickly to be driven from their possessions in Judea. The Lord, from day to day, inclined the hearts of more to embrace the gospel; not merely professors, but such as were actually brought into a state of acceptance with God, being made partakers of regenerating grace. Those whom God has designed for eternal salvation, shall be effectually brought to Christ, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of his glory.

- Matthew Henry Commentary