FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS -A TIME FOR PRAYER

Session 1

Dr. Henry Blackaby

- Begin with the life of the Lord Jesus to understand the place of prayer in His life, the timing of His prayer, and the response that God brings to His prayer.
- Scriptures teach that Jesus laid down His right to function as God, and gave it over to the Father. And took upon Himself the form of flesh, that is, man, in the form of a servant.
- He became obedient, even unto death on the cross.
- Jesus was the model/pattern for us. Jesus was dependent on the Holy Spirit ----JUST AS WE ARE. Jesus was dependent on prayer ----JUST AS WE ARE.
- God's purpose for our lives is to place His son within us. God's goal is to conform you into the image of His Son. The living Christ is living out His life in you.
- How can God shape us into the image of His Son and not affect our prayer life?
- What about prayer in the workplace?
 - \approx God has placed you where you are.
 - ≈ God has an assignment for you just like He did for His Son.
- While He was praying, the heavens opened and the Spirit of God descended upon Him. As Jesus was being baptized, He was praying.
- How was this different? It was the Holy Spirit's enabling presence as Jesus began His ministry.
 - 1. The Holy Spirit was absolutely necessary.
 - 2. It seemed to be inaugurated in a moment of prayer.
- Assignment to the Apostles/Disciples: Take the Gospel ... to EVERY PERSON "But wait in Jerusalem until you are imbued with power from on high."
 "You shall be witnesses UNTO me..."
- As the disciples were immersing themselves in prayer together, their lives were adjusted into the assignment that Jesus gave them. The Holy Spirit came on them and anointed them for their assignment.
- I am well pleased (with you) -
 - -- You have prayed
 - --You have believed
 - -- You have waited
 - -- You have been anointed with the enabling presence of the Holy Spirit









LUKE 3:21-22

- "There is **NO POSSIBILITY** of a believer being effectively used of God in their assignment without prayer that initiates a release of the Spirit's enabling presence and power."
- *They Found the Secret* 1. They realized their assignments. 2. "I can never fulfill this assignment without an unusual, special anointing of the enabling Holy Spirit in my life." 3. At that point, their ministries began to take off...
- Prayer Assignment: Sincere, Immediate, Persistent. ...You ought always to pray and never stop praying.
- God desires to respond to His children who know and recognize they must have the enabling presence of the Spirit of God.
- What would happen if every one of us became that one + God? Could that make a difference across our nation and around the world?
- Challenge: Do you believe that one child of God + God has limitless potential for seeing God do what He is capable of doing?
- God doesn't want your ability, He wants your availability.

- 1. If you regularly study Scripture, you may have noticed that Jesus prayed quite a bit. I have often wondered why He did that? Have you? What conclusion have you come to regarding Jesus prayer life?
- 2. Dr. Blackaby talks about Jesus dependence on the Holy Spirit. What do you think about these statements? What relevance does Jesus' dependence have on you?
- 3. Is the concept of the enabling presence of the Holy Spirit new to you? Discuss this with the group.
- 4. Does the concept of the enabling presence of the Holy Spirit frighten or concern you in any way?
- 5. Do you believe that God has "an assignment" for you in and through your business? If so, do you know what it is? Do you want an assignment?



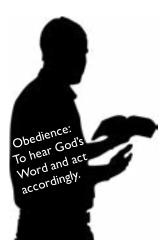


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Session 2

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- When God has access to one life there is no limit to what God can do.
- How do you respond when you see a need and you believe that your life + God can make a difference?
- When God lays a burden on your heart, He is **inviting** you to let Him make a difference **through** your life.
- As a child of God, are you sensitive, as Jesus was, to what the Father is doing? Jesus was constantly looking to see where His Father was working so He could join Him.
- Jesus said, "No one can ever seek after me unless My Father is at work, and when I see that, I am going to stop and join My Father and complete the work that My Father has begun."
- The Christ Who lives within me is trying to help me to understand how to see and recognize the activity of God.
- Don't ever pray without expecting God to answer. Then get up off your knees and look to see what's going to happen next.
- A Christian experiences real life very different from the world.
- What are you seeing God do in your life? How is He launching you into the real world?
- "Father, as You have sent Me into the world, I also have sent these into the world. Father, I don't ask you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to keep them from the evil one. For they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by the truth, Your Word is truth."
- "Father, as You have sent Me into the world, I also have sent these into the world. That they may be one in Us. The Glory that You have given to Me, I have given to them." Have you taken that phrase seriously? In your workplace?
- How would I know when He is thrusting me into the world? And, how can trust Him to do something through my life that could affect the world?
- One act of obedience on the part of a child of God can affect the world. Do you believe that? Do you believe that is true for your life?







- 1. Dr. Blackaby says, "One act of obedience on the part of a child of God can affect the world." Have you ever felt that God was telling you to do something for someone else? What did you do? Explain.
- 2. How would you know when He is "thrusting you into the world"?
- 3. How can you trust Him to do something through your life that could affect the world? Do you want Him to do so?
- 4. Dr. Blackaby offered to pray for the Ambassador from South Sudan ... "I'm going to pray with you that God would open your understanding and give you His wisdom," Would you want someone to pray that for you? Will you pray this prayer for the other members of your group? Discuss this with one another.



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Session 3

- Dr. Henry Blackaby
- We live on such a low level in our relationship to God.
- Would you come to believe that your life, as a child of God, in the hand of God, wholly yielded and available to Him, has limitless possibilities?
- ASK HIM: How do You want to work through my life? Then watch and see what He does next.
- Don't ask, "What do I want to do for God?"
- If I can bring my life to be wholly yielded to God, there's no limit to what God can do.
- We have the responsibility of enabling those in our lives, especially our children.
 - of talking with them
 - of sharing with them
- Prayer has its most significant moment when linked with the life of the Lord Jesus and His prayer life.
- Will the Lord Jesus choose your life to go with Him into His Gethsemane in our day? Will He be able to take you further than the rest in your prayer life? Will He say to you, "Watch with Me, and pray, lest you enter into temptation."
- God is inviting us to go with Him, to understand what is on His heart, to let us carry, with Him, the burden of the nation or the burden of our workplace.
- God says, "My ways are not your ways..." BUT He does reveal His ways.
- When God is about to do a mighty work He chooses a layperson and invites them to be with Him.
- He says, "Let Me tell you what I am about to do in your workplace. Let Me tell you what I am about to do through your workplace to touch a nation or the world. I want you to be the one through whom I do it."
- God chose David and Amos. Is God still doing that? HE IS! Could He be looking for your life? God's strategy for turning a world upside down is to do it through business men and women.
- God has not changed His ways, He has revealed His ways in His Word.
- Q Why does God seem to choose business people for the eternal strategy? A. Because business people are not intimidated by the "real world".
- As business men and women, we are not intimidated by the world, we are familiar with it.







• What we need is a sense of **divine assignment**. We need to be men and women of **prayer**. We need to be **filled with the Holy Spirit**, like Jesus was.

- Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tested. And the Spirit of God guided Him back. Is the Spirit of God guiding you the same way?
- Don't go out, but wait until you are endued with power from on high.
- Where does prayer become a vital element? Right from the beginning.
- Prayer the Biblical pattern ---- in the life of Jesus and in the early church
- God turned the Roman Empire upside down, and He wants to turn our world upside down through those who believe Him.
- Don't say, "I am just a nobody." Don't diminish what God chooses to do through your solitary life.
- Be discontent to live without the evidence that He has chosen you, enabled you, is sending you.
- Your life is just one brief prayer away from being wholly yielded to God. Don't pray i unbelief, say, "Lord, I believe you."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

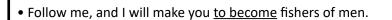
- 1. At one time, I recall being concerned that if I asked God to do His will through me, He might send me somewhere I don't want to go or tell me to do something I don't want to do. What concerns do you have about making such a request of God? How will you overcome your concerns?
- 2. If you pray the prayer Dr. Blackaby suggests, how do you think you will know what your "assignment is"?
- 3. Do you think that the "assignments" are always large or could they be a series of small assignments throughout your lifetime?
- 4. Do you think your Leadership Group or others could help you know, understand, and obey your "assignments"? If so who and how?



You will never have an effective fulfillment of God's assignment for you in the marketplace without prayer that leads to a deep filling of the Holy Spirit, just like Jesus.

For Such a Time as this -A Time for Faith

Session 1



- Are you trying to do your ministry without the enabling presence and fullness of the Holy Spirit?
- Jesus said to the disciples, "There is so much I want to tell you but you couldn't take it right now..."
- Lord, is there so much more You want to share with me but I haven't responded to what You have already told me?
- There are prerequisites. Are you just going from day-to-day on your own?
- What do we have to contribute to perfect knowledge and perfect wisdom and perfect understanding?
- Ours is to receive from Him, not to discuss it with Him. 1. Never argue with God. 2. Never hesitate to obey.
- When God speaks, the time to obey is immediate. Because He is God, and we are not.
- History does not wait on our obedience. The moment passes.
- Jesus asks, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He wants an expression of faith from us.
- When He asks, whatever you say next reveals what you believe about God.
- "Every request that we make of God, ought to be God-sized." In other words, it ought to honor God.
- What do you believe God is capable of doing?
- They said to the man (father), the disciples of the healer are here. They have been given power to cast out demons. But the disciples could not cast the demon out of the boy.
- Jesus rebuked them saying, "How long do I have to put up with you?"
- The disciples asked, "Master, why could we not do it?" He replied, "Because of your unbelief." Matthew 17:14-20

"If you have faith, nothing will be impossible to you."

What do you do with a statement like that?

TRAGEDY We have not been encountering the One Who spoke those words.





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We must have the equipping that God has provided for us...the presence, power and activity of the Holy Spirit. • Scripture is designed to help you know the mind and heart of God so that when He encounters you, you will know it is God, and you will know what to do.

- 1. Dr. Blackaby seems to imply that there is a maturing process of faith, that we must hear, respond and obey the Lord before we can hear the next thing. (Jesus said to the disciples, "There is so much I want to tell you but you couldn't take it right now." Has this been your experience? Is it possible that it explains why we don't seem to hear from the Lord very often?
- 2. Explain what you think Dr. Blackaby means when he says, "History does not wait on our obedience. The moment has passed."
- What is your understanding of the statements, "Every request that we make of God ought to be God-sized. In other words, it ought to honor God"?



For Such a Time as this -A Time for Faith

Session 2

- If you have faith the size of a mustard seed...
- FAITH: Trust and reliance and confident expectation when you are relating to God. You confidently expect God to move.
- Faith and doubt are opposites. Partial faith is no faith. Lord, I believe, help my unbelief.
- What difference will belief that nothing is impossible to you make?
- Do we need to live our lives in times like these with Biblical faith?
- What did God deposit in your life when you became a child of God?
- I want you to go, and I'll go with you.
- When I hear from You, the answer is 'Yes, Lord,' that's called FAITH.
- The simpler the truth, the larger the hammer.

..the more profound can be the outcome.

- He knows what He wants to see happen through your life.
- Jesus give a way in which you express your faith in God. Mark 11:22-24
- WORKPLACE APPLICATION: The presence of a child of God in a workplace has enormous potential ...IF... that child of God has FAITH.
- FAITH is a relationship with God, where you believe that what He says is true, and your life is an expression of what God has said and is prepared to do.
- Given the truths of God's Word for a Christian, there ought not to be a discouraged Christian. Discouragement means that you believe the circumstances far more than you believe God. Difficult situations become opportunities for God to demonstrate how FAITHFUL He is.



- Whatever you ask and not doubt, believe that you have received it and you will have it... is not merely doctrine. Why don't you let God's presence transform that situation. With God, nothing is impossible.
- Let God be God in your life. How many times in John 14, 15 & 16 does Jesus say, "Whatever you ask in My name, I'll do it."? ASSIGNMENT: Why don't you do that before the day is out.
- Many Christians say, "That's impossible. That can't be real..."
- DON'T BRING THE SCRIPTURES DOWN TO THE LEVEL OF YOUR EXPERIENCE! LIFT YOUR EXPERIENCE UP TO THE LEVEL OF THE WORD OF GOD!!
- If you are not experiencing what you are reading in the Scriptures, then ask God to help you to move from where you are to where God has just made a promise.





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- How can you live out "faith" in these days? Most turmoil can be handled by faith, confident expectation for the faithfulness of God to do in you what He has promised to do in any believer who puts his trust in Him.
- Biblical faith is faith that honors God.
- Should we not find our lives cleansed by the washing of the water by the Word? Let the Word of God wash over your life and remove any unbelief and any doubt.
- The world where we live does not know God. But you know Him. Receive from Him what He promised.

- 1. When you pray, asking God for something, how confident are you that He will respond to your request? Discuss this with the group.
- 2. Consider and discuss Dr. Blackaby's statement, "Given the truths of God's Word for a Christian, there ought not to be a discouraged Christian."
- 3. Dr. Blackaby says, "Don't bring the Scriptures down to your level of experience, rather lift your experience up to the level of the Word of God." How does one do that?
- 4. Have these sessions on faith had an impact on you? If so, how?



FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS -A TIME FOR OBEDIENCE

Session 1

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1 SAMUEL 15:19-23

- Disobedience (or lack of obedience) to God is fatal. (To God) disobedience is as witchcraft and idolatry. It can be fatal to you and to all you put your hands to.
- Disobedience is Rebellion.
- Too many of us don't take the Word of God seriously. We read it with indifference or carelessness as if we can take our time to decide whether to obey or not.
- God determines the consequences of your disobedience.
- Partial obedience is disobedience.
- God is always speaking and guiding, and we are always in the position of obedience or disobedience.

¹⁹Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD?

Saul's answer to Samuel: ²⁰ "I have obeyed the voice of the LORD,

God's Response: ²² "And Samuel said, Has the LORD as great delight in

and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is

sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams. ²³ For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected you from being king."

- Saul's disobedience set in motion God's appointment of David as King. Man looks on the outward appearance but God looks on the heart. God never misreads the heart.
- PARTIAL OBEDIENCE: I'll obey what I want and postpone what I don't want.
- Obedience is crucial because God may have in mind a moment when obedience has immeasurable consequences. While your immediate obedience may appear to be rather modest... modest obedience is preparation for something more significant.



- It may have huge consequences for your marriage, when God says, "You need to honor your wife, because if you do not honor your wife, your prayer life will be profoundly hindered." Lord, why do I not see more happening when I pray?
- I cannot trust you with a larger assignment, if you cannot be faithful to obey in a little assignment.
- Disobedience = Rebellion It's not how you perceive what you do, it's how God perceives what you do that matters.
- Is calling Jesus "Lord" at least a statement that you want to obey? Calling Him Lord is NOT the obedience. Calling Him Lord is setting the heart with a readiness to obey.
- The moment you obey, you enter into the experience of a relationship with God where He chooses to do His mighty works where you are. What was the last thing God told you to do? Have you done it?





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- ¹⁴As obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; ¹⁵but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." 1 Peter 1:14-16
- He hasn't changed. His standard for the life of a believer is holiness measured by the holiness of God.

Believer = New Creation

- The "old" has passed away don't return to the old way of thinking.
- Have you "received" Christ Jesus? is a religious cliché that we have not filled with meaning. You enter into a vital total union with Christ Jesus where He lives out His life in you.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. To what extent have you considered the Biblical phrases in John 14: 21He who has my commands and keeps them (obeys), it is he who loves Me,"? and 24 Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching."?

- 2. On a scale of 1 to 10 how much do you "love" Jesus based on Jesus' definition (above)? Discuss your answer with the group.
- 3. Dr. Blackaby says that "too many of us don't take the Word of God seriously. We read it with indifference or carelessness as if we can take our time to decide whether to obey or not." Discuss your response to this with your group.
- 4. He further states, "Partial obedience is disobedience." Do you believe this to be true? Why or why not?
- 5. Do you believe that obedience has consequences that build upon themselves? Have you asked, "Lord, why do I not see more happening when I pray?"



FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS -**A TIME FOR OBEDIENCE**

Session 2

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- Do you want to continue to live in the old way which leads to death?
- The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. is not written to "lost" people - it is written to God's people.

"Let this mindset be in you which was also in Christ Jesus..." -- Philippians 2:5

- If you have the mindset of our Lord, our Heavenly Father will do in you what He did in His Son.
- Can He exalt you? When God finds someone He can trust, He then exalts them in the eyes of the world.
- Jesus' obedience was the key that unlocked the Father's purposes for His life.
- He will not exalt you beyond your obedience.
- Was Jesus saved from death? Was He heard? Is there a difference?
- God heard your prayer (request), but you didn't hear the answer. NO...
- "Nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." Obedience to the will of the Father, was absolutely the life of the Lord Jesus. He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.
- Do you say, "I have difficulty obeying."?
 - **Q.** Do you want to learn obedience the way Jesus learned obedience? A. Oh, yes, I'd like that! There may be incredible pain involved.... Jesus learned obedience by the things He suffered.
- Perfected means being brought to completion... everything the Father is looking for.
- Many of us want Pentecost without Gethsemane or the cross. Pain is part of the process of learning obedience.
- Do you guit your obedience when it hurts? Do you lay aside your obedience when it is costly? "I don't think He would ask this of me." "I don't think this is "of God" or I wouldn't hurt so badly."

YES! It is of God.

We have to (experientially) learn obedience.

- You are not "the same" when you obey and it costs you dearly. As a result, you are now a person God can use.
- Immediate obedience is the key to the Christian life. Obedience establishes your heart toward God, which makes you useful to Him.







• Obedience unleashes the activity of God.

¹⁵If you love Me, keep my commandments.

OR

If you love Me, practice obediently what I have commanded you.

--John 14:15

²¹He who has my commands and keeps them (obeys), it is he who loves Me, and he who loves me will be loved by My Father and I will love him, and I will manifest Myself to him.

²³If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make our home with him.

--John 14:21&23

- He who does not love me, does not keep my Words...
- What is the key to obedience? A love relationship with God. If you do not practice what He says, it means you do not love Him.



- **PROBLEM:** You have lost your first love. The Apostle Paul says, "The love of Christ compels me." It's a love relationship, not a legal standard of behavior. The unleashing of the love of the Father and the love of the Son waits on your obedience.
- Knowing what to do, we have failed to do it.

²³Search me, and test me and try my heart and ²⁴see if there is any wicked way in me and then lead me in the way everlasting. --Psalm 139:23-24

PRAYER: Father, please enable me as you did your Son, to obey you completely, even when it hurts.

- 1. How would a person know what God/Jesus "commands" them to do? Are there both commands that apply to all Christians and specific commands that belong to individuals? How could you validate each type? What resources could you use?
- 2. What evidence could we find in the New Testament that indicates that the Holy Spirit gives specific commands to individuals who knew exactly what He said? How might a believer reach that level of understanding?



FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS -A TIME FOR KINGDOM LEADERS

Session 1

- I think that it is important that we understand what God is doing through the life of His people. **Dr. Henry Blackaby**
- How is it possible to have such familiarity with the Word of God and then miss what God is trying to say? Has God given us any indicators of the final return of our Lord?

Matthew 24: ¹⁴This Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations and then the end will come. ³⁶Just preceding the final return of our Lord there will be such tribulation as has never been from the beginning of time until the present and never will again, except those days be shortened, no flesh will survive. ... But for the elect's sake He will not permit it.

- How should the nearness of Jesus' return affect you?
- We are living in a generation where there is an unlimited commitment to take whatever means possible to basically destroy the world.
- There now exists the multiple means of destroying mankind. ... but for the elect's sake, God will not permit it. God is still sovereign.
- We are living in such a time as this... God wants us to be involved with Him in such a time as this. Take the heart of our Lord to preach the good news of the Kingdom of God.
- What did Jesus mean when He said, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is near."
- You are going in the wrong direction. Jesus said, "Turn around, and follow Me." Where the King is present, the entire rule of God is actively now at work.
- Repentance means to make a radical turn-around in mind and heart and soul and life or lifestyle a total change of direction. When the King of the Kingdom of God is present, you need to make a radical change from your agenda to God's agenda.
- The disciples were suddenly caught up in the midst of the activity of God.
- That same Lord, Who is the King, is present your life and in your workplace, and you have access to experience the Kingdom of God.
- Matthew 6:33 Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.... and you'll experience God adding everything else to you.
- You need to know:

"You need to look for the activity of God and join Him."

-- Dr. Henry Blackaby, Experiencing God

- What the Kingdom of God is
 How to recognize the activity of God
- 3. How to respond to the activity of God
- The ruling presence of the Lord of the universe is actively at work in the middle of your life. You need to look to see where He is at work, and make the adjustment in your life. But, not everybody will be able to recognize the activity of God in their business or their life.



• Matthew 13:11 – It's been given to you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven/God... it has not been given to the others. Matthew 13:16 – But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear...



• The condition of your heart will determine what you see and what you hear.



- Now is the time when God has chosen to give to His people an understanding of the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven. Those who are not His children, cannot see or hear the Kingdom of God.
- John 3 Unless you be born again you cannot see the Kingdom of God...– Unless you be born again you cannot enter the Kingdom of God
- What happens when you are born again by the Spirit of God? When the Spirit of God touches the heart of an individual and radically transforms that heart, there is something that takes place. For the first time you will become a citizen where God is active. Believe that and make the adjustment in your mind, in your heart and in your life.
- You are a citizen of the arena in which God works, and you have the capacity to see Him.

- **1.** Dr. Blackaby says, "Not everybody will be able to recognize the activity of God in their business or their life." Can you? Discuss this with the group, being as specific as possible.
- **2.** If others can recognize the activity of God in their business or life, but you can't what do you think about statements made by others in the group from question #1. What does it cause you to want to do?
- **3.** Assuming that Dr. Blackaby is correct and you should have been able to recognize the activity of God since you were first born-again but you can't what can be done to correct this situation? How will you know that it has been "corrected"? What are your expectations about recognizing this activity of God?



FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS -A TIME FOR KINGDOM LEADERS

Session 2

- You are living in the midst of the Kingdom of God.
- As a child of God, the first order of business is to see and hear and experience the presence of God, the activity of God, and the rule of God.
- There is no limit to what God can do, and you live in the midst of that.
- Learn what Jesus meant when He said, "Seek first the Kingdom of God." Seek first, as a priority in your life, that which will affect everything else in your life.
- Is God actively involved in your marriage? Do you know how to seek first the Kingdom of God, the rule of God, and the activity of God in your marriage?
- I've given you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are your ears and your eyes, use them! See where I am at work and respond.
- Do you know how to seek first the Kingdom of God? Set it as a priority: -- Seek first the rule of God and His rightousness -- Adjust -- Be caught in the middle of God's activity
- In the moment you were born again, you entered into the Kingdom of God. Your life now will forever be involved in the activity of God.
- The average person has never been discipled.
- I, as a believer, have the capacity to see the activity of God!!! I enter in to His activity and He lets me participate with Him in His Kingdom and His rule.
- God is looking for Kingdom Leaders. You need to be oriented to the Kingdom of God. You are in the presence of the King Who is actively involved where He has placed you. You are a part of the ruling presence of Almighty God.
- ...Then Paul dwelt two years in his own rented house (in Rome) and received all who came to him, preaching the Kingdom of God, and teaching the things that concern the Lord, Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no one forbidding him.
- Do you know what you ought to be doing?
- Is there any sin that the power of the cross cannot deal with? Colossians 1: *The same power that raised Jesus from the dead and set Him at the right hand of the Father ... that same power has been given to everyone who believes.*
- God's people are not experiencing the power of the cross the power of the resurrection the power of Pentecost

We must not live our lives as through we are not involved in the Kingdom of God!

- You are the dispenser of the Good News of the Gospel of the Kingdom.
- Do you believe that the God of the universe has given to YOU the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 16:13-) What is the "key"? It is the proclamation of the good news of God's great salvation that is now available to everybody!



• **KINGDOM LEADERS SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S SALVATION.** In the sharing of the good news of God's salvation you create the opportunity for people to enter the Kingdom of God.

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- You have been given the keys to the door of heaven. Whatever you do next will either open the door or close it.
- Can we "guarantee" salvation to people? YES! And we get to see it with our own eyes.
- Use the keys to the Kingdom wisely, thoroughly and completely. And Heaven will always be there to confirm this every time you do.

- 1. What is your understanding (interpretation) of Jesus' instruction to "Seek first the Kingdom of God"? Since it is a command of Jesus, how do you live out (follow) those instructions? Is it is real, tangible or spiritual? What is the difference?
- 2. How does someone participate in the activity of God? Discuss your personal experiences.
- **3.** Is there any sin that the power of the Cross cannot deal with? Does knowing this help you to talk with others? Discuss this with the group.
- **4.** Dr. Blackaby says that, "God's people are not experiencing the power of the cross, the power of the resurrection and the power of Pentecost." Do you agree? How would the collective body (the church) be different if its people did experience this power? How would you be different?
- 5. How often do you share the Gospel with others? If infrequently, why is that so? Discuss this with the group.



FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

APPLICATION & COMMITMENT

James 1:22-25 NIV "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it-- he will be blessed in what he does."

John 15:5 NIV "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Don't try to do this alone ...

Prayerfully consider what was taught in this series how you could best be used for God's purposes as you apply what you have learned. Select one change in your behavior as a result of your prayer time.

A Biblical truth (principle) I learned from the lessons was: ______

I intend to apply this truth (principle): ______

With the help of the Holy Spirit, I will begin applying this truth immediately. I ask and expect my group to hold me accountable for this and to check with me periodically to determine if I am doing so. Please ask me: ______

Signature

Date

