

# METANOIA FOR MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP

**Mission fulfillment is dependent on the clarity of vocabulary, vision, values, and strategy.**

This implies not only changing some of our conversation, but our preaching, equipping and planning. The outcomes that we strive for is in the activation of three primary agencies:

## RAISING MISSIONAL INDIVIDUALS

connecting Sunday's  
faith with Monday's  
life.

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## THE CHURCH TO FUNCTION AS A MISSIONAL COMMUNITY

building bridges  
- not walls to the  
community.

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## ENGAGING IN THE MISSIONAL ECO-SYSTEM

acknowledging that  
no single ministry  
can do this alone. To  
achieve these three  
outcomes, there is a  
need to embrace a  
series of 'METANOIA  
MOMENTS'

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**Repenting** - 'Metanoia' To change the way that I **think, speak** and what I **value** in ministry.

*Rom 12:2b*

*"....but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,  
that you may prove what is that good and acceptable  
and perfect will of God."*

## 1. FROM FOCUSING ON BUILDING A CHURCH TO INFLUENCING MY CITY (VOCABULARY/VISION/VALUES/STRATEGY)

The key here is **beholding** the kingdom – a conviction of an alternative reality – and seeing the church as the agency of the kingdom within the context of our world.

*His intent was that now, **through the church**, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Eph 3:10-11***

## 2. FROM PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION TO THE GOSPEL OF KINGDOM

Jesus, the disciples, and our mandate had one message - The Kingdom of God.

*“Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,”  
**Mark 1:14***

*“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come”  
**Matt 24:14***

- We are not taking over the world – **TRIUMPHALISM** (sent as lambs amongst wolves)
- We are not fixing the world for Jesus to return – (‘Kingdom now’ vs ushering in ‘Kingdom influence’)
- We are aligning ourselves with the Kingdom way of life – knowing that the environments we create are conducive for people to discover Christ and live in Kingdom blessing - **KINGDOM ALIGNMENT**

## 3. FROM CONDEMNING YOUR CITY TO SEEKING THE PEACE AND PROSPERITY OF IT.

*“Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper” **Jer. 29:7***

We must realize that what we’re actually called to do is serve, engage, and bless our cities. God designed the city with the power to draw out the resources of creation (of the natural order and the human soul) and thus to build environments that will be filled with the knowledge of his glory. God’s future redeemed world and universe is depicted as a ‘city’.

*Abraham sought the city ‘whose builder and maker is God’ **Heb 11.10**.*

#### 4. FROM MEASURING ATTENDANCE & EXPERIENCE TO MEASURING IMPACT.

*“The kingdom of heaven is like yeast ... mixed into ... flour until it [has been] worked all through the dough” Matt. 13:33*

The question “How big is your church?” should be replaced with “What impact and influence does your church have in your community?”

Or better yet, the question: “If your church ceased to exist, would the community feel a loss in any way?”

From church activity to Kingdom goals or outcomes.

We function by asking how can we change the spiritual lostness, the social pain and the systemic brokenness of our communities, by taking Faith, Love and Hope to our world

*“I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain” John 15:16*

#### 5. FROM ENCOURAGING TO EQUIPPING.

*“[Ministers are] to prepare [Christ’s] people for works of service” Eph. 4:12*

In our churches, many members feel that “ministry” and “calling” are things restricted to the professional clergy. As the church are called to consider how to equip and empower them to represent the kingdom well in those spaces. We are to empower people just understand how to connect Sunday’s faith with Monday’s life. We must move from seeing people coming to a program, to our people becoming the program. This puts a demand on us to become intentional with our discipleship.

Discipleship must include the dimensions of equipping for the outcomes of:



## 6. FROM BUILDING WALLS TO BUILDING BRIDGES.

“You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world” Matt. 5:13-14

- **The Protesting church** – sees the world as evil and we must posture against. There is a time to be prophetic voice, but it is not our identity.
- **The Absent church** - Christian community seeks to isolate itself. Church abdicates its role in society – Society quickly moves on without it, seeing the church as irrelevant.
- **The Cultural church** - The pendulum swings to the other side with the church assimilating the value system of Babylon and is indistinguishable from the world.
- **The Incarnational church** - Where we are not of the world but play a vital role to be salt and light in the world. As Jesus – we engage with GRACE and TRUTH

*“The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood.” John 1:14 MSG*

**MEM STRATEGY** – Mobilizing individuals / Engaging as the church / Modeling Kingdom institutions.

## 7. FROM LOCAL MINISTER TO REGIONAL SPIRITUAL LEADER.

*“As [Jesus] approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it” Luke 19:41*

We must understand that our responsibility as spiritual leaders does not end with our local congregations. Like Adam, who was placed by God in the garden of Eden, we too have been placed in a city or geographical area, and we need to take responsibility for it. A lost and broken community needs spiritual leaders who will initiate change in those areas.

*“The whole city celebrates when the godly succeed; ... Upright citizens are good for a city and make it prosper,” Prov 11:10a-11a*

## 8. FROM POSITIONING AGAINST TO JOINING HANDS WITH OTHERS.

*“[May] they all ... be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You” John 17:21*

Joining hands with others—for greater impact—involves a vision for kingdom goals, a servant attitude, generosity of spirit, and a desire for unity. Move from EGO - ECO. We may have differences in theology, ecclesiology, and methodology, but we find those who embrace an orthodox perspective of Scripture and can all agree on the gospel and celebrate whenever it is declared across Babylon.

We don't have to see eye to eye on everything to work hand-in-hand on some things.

*“Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their efforts” Eccles. 4:9*

## POWERSHIFT MEASUREMENT:

1. From focusing on building a church to influencing my city  
(vocabulary/vision/values/strategy)

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2. From preaching the gospel of Salvation to the gospel of Kingdom

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3. From condemning your city to seeking the peace and prosperity of it.

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4. From measuring attendance & experience to measuring impact.

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5. From only blessing and encouraging to equipping and sending.

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6. From building walls to building bridges. (mobilizing, engaging modeling)

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7. From local minister to regional spiritual leader.

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8. From positioning against to joining hands with others.

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