

INTRODUCTION TO THE PRAYER ROOM

The KCIHOP Story

GOD'S INVITATION AND CALLING TO HIS CHURCH

- Mike Bickle, founder of the International House of Prayer in Kansas City, had an encounter with the Lord September 1982 in which He spoke about the direction of the end times church.
- The Lord spoke a prophetic invitation to the Church. ***“I will change the understanding and expression of Christianity in the earth in one generation.”***
 - ***Changing the understanding:*** speaks of the way unbelievers will perceive the Church. Today, many see the Church as boring, irrelevant and non-threatening.
 - ***Changing the expression:*** speaks of the way the Church expresses its life together as a people of prayer and walking out the Sermon on the Mount lifestyles in the power of the Spirit.
 - God spoke to Mike about four essential heart standards in which the End-Time Church will operate. Out of this understanding of these heart standards the basis of IHOP was born.
 - **(I) Intercession** in night and day prayer. The Lord is calling His Church back to a life style of prayer. Contending in day and night consistent fervent Intercession contending for revival and transformation in this generation.
 - **(H) Radical holiness** and rejection of the present culture. Pursuing a Sermon on the Mount lifestyles, (Mt. 5 – 7) and believing God calls and equips us to holiness.
 - **(O) Offering** an extravagant fasted lifestyle that fuels passion for Jesus and justice for the poor. It's a challenge to offer ourselves extravagantly in our time, money and energy to advance God's kingdom. To live simply so we can pursue Jesus with whole hearted passion.
 - **(P) Prophetic** - Intimacy with the Holy Spirit to developing a lifestyle of Holy Spirit led intercession and power ministry. It simply means that we take God at His word. We understand the times and season in which we live and proclaim and speak God's truths to a lost and dying world.
 - We build our confidence in God's tangible intervention and our ability to hear His direction and pray what is on His heart; hearing from Heaven and agreeing with what God is saying and doing. Just like Jesus, we only do what we see and hear the Father doing.
- God continued: ***“I am inviting you to be a part of a work that will touch the ends of the earth. You have only said yes, but have not yet done it. Many***

have said “yes” but did not do it (endure for decades in walking out these four pillars.). **But, beware lest your brethren steal these from your heart.”**

- The vision that God unfolded is one that will completely ruin you for any other vision, even a vision of a ministry that could bear some fruit, and yet we lay that aside because there is something bigger and a thing yet more important to God’s heart.
- God wants to establish a dwelling place or habitation of His presence on the earth in His Church.
 - ***How he David swore to the Lord...Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house, or go up to the comfort of my bed. I will not give sleep to my eyes.. until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob (Ps 132: 2-5)***
- God is raising up a generation of men and women, many young and some older who will allow themselves to be apprehended and impacted by the Holy Spirit to not rest until a dwelling place is established for the Lord in this generation.
- More than a spirit of revival. God’s looking for a place to manifest His presence.
 - A resting place is a tangible place where the people of God, in unity with God’s heart, actually go after that which we have only read about in Acts 2.
 - This opens up a fountain of life, an open heaven, a Jacob’s ladder.
 - This expression of God’s manifest presence transforms the Church, thrust workers into the harvest and brings God’s power to work through His people on the earth in a way few have experienced in history.
 - This has been reserved for the End Times church.
 - It takes a people with a heart like David and a divine determination and a divine resolve to plow the years underground before anything becomes apparent above ground.
 - In Ps 132 David is saying, *I won’t build my own kingdom. I won’t build my own name in ministry. I won’t build my own house. I won’t attend to my own comfort and honor until there is a Breakthrough of God in power in my generation.*

THE PRAYER ROOM – THE HOLY SPIRIT’S GREEN HOUSE FOR BREAKTHROUGH

- In May 1983, God said to Mike (audibly), ***“24/7 in the spirit of the Tabernacle of David.”****The out-growth of this second encounter was the 24/7 prayer room and the houses of prayer movement.*
- The IHOP assignment is a call to be focused and faithful.
- God is establishing Prayer Rooms especially on or near college campuses as a catalyst for revival.

- IHOP's (KC and elsewhere) mandate is to keep a 24/7 sanctuary of worship and prayer, going deep in God and functioning as a perpetual solemn assembly.
- Prayer Rooms are Special Ops unit with a narrow assignment in God's larger strategy.
 - Part of KCIHOP's mandate is to not only establish a resting place but to serve as a witness and a pattern to other locations with a similar mandate in cities of refuge.
 - ***Ezekial 44: 8-16 And you have not kept charge of My holy things, but you have set others to keep charge of My sanctuary for you...But..the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near Me to minister to Me; and they shall stand before Me.. They shall enter My sanctuary, and they shall come near My table to minister to Me, and they shall keep My charge.***
 - Prayer Rooms serve as spiritual greenhouses for young tender plants to grow quickly in God and where people can gather to pursue the fullness of what God has promised in this age and to be great in Him.
 - Consistent, fervent prayer is necessary to bring transformation and sustain revival.
 - Three things manifest out of time spent before God : intimacy, intercession and messengers.
 - **Oil of Intimacy:** You encounter Jesus as Bridegroom, King and Judge. There's a breakthrough in the inner man.
 - History is changed by people who are set ablaze with God's fire. Song of Solomon is a key to understanding God's true passionate desire for His church. YOU CANNOT GET THIS ON THE RUN!
 - **Daniel 10 Intercession:** Receiving a spirit of prayer to establish justice in the earth. Daniel received a revelation of the times and season in which he lived and began to intercede for Israel to be freed from captivity. The result was a **breakthrough in authority to change a nation**. God is raising up prayer ministries that change the spiritual atmosphere of cities and nations.
 - **Forerunner Messengers** – God is raising up forerunner messengers with an understanding and revelation of End Times. These are the shining lights, like John the Baptist who will prepare the church and participate in the End Times.
 - **This kind of profound change and transformation will not happen without intimacy with Jesus and time spent with HIM!**

- Only accomplished by lifestyles that pursue (not necessarily obtain) 100-fold obedience as they are saturated in the Word with prayer and fasting.
- Requires a revelation of our calling (IHOP) and to see our weak labors in the Prayer Room as sacred.

That the Father of glory may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him...that you may know what is the hope of His calling.. Eph. 1:17-18

GOD'S INVITATION - ARE YOU AN ANNA, A MESSENGER?

- God is calling those who have a spirit like Anna.
There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37and then was a widow until she was eighty-four.^[a] She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. 38Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. Luke 2: 36 - 40
- Anna was the first forerunner of the New Testament. She had a revelation of the first coming of Jesus. The new Anna's have a revelation of Jesus' second coming and are preparing the way.
 - We meet Anna as an old woman, but she entered the House of Prayer as a young woman with a profound prophetic insight into the plan of God to birth the Messiah so much so that it carried her through years of plowing underground until Jesus was born!
 - Today's Anna's have a prophetic vision of the second coming of the Lord and are willing to contend for His appearing.
 - Consistent fervent prayer will be crucial in the End Times in the cities of refuge.
 - Sustained, fervent prayer is necessary to bring about an awakening and to sustian revival. Without prayer nothing is sustained. We don't want to repeat the mistakes of the past. No time to build a denomination out of an experience and some revelation!
- We believe that this will be accomplished by love sick worshippers who will give themselves to fasting and prayer in the spirit of the Tabernacle of David and will commit themselves to the 4 heart values of IHOP of

The Lubbock IHOP Story

- Inspired by a passion for prayer and taking courage from the KC IHOP, the Lubbock IHOP was birthed almost 9 years ago.
- Fueled over the years by mainly college age young people, it has maintained a small prayer base in the center of our city.
- We are contending for believers in this city to catch the vision and help us build a 24/7 wall of prayer.

- This is our watch and if our city, our nation and the world was ever in need of prayer, it is now. And if a generation was ever in need of transformation to holiness it is this generation.

Strategic Prayer

- God has a specific plan and strategic timing for every territory. He has a specific plan and assignment for our city and this region.
 - This city and region have been given many prophetic promises for revival.
 - Lubbock has been called a *city of refuge*. A city of refuge is a place where believers in unity take hold of all of God's promises and live out a supernatural partnership with Him.
 - Marry the Land and I'll marry it.
 - *If the Christians who were raised and live in this area will humble themselves and pray I will heal this land and I will give you a plan for restoration and prosperity for the end times harvest to come.*
 - When the time was right Daniel prayed for the release of Israel from Babylon. We could say in many ways the western church has been in captivity over the past 40 years in a Babylon type system. It is up to the Church to pray our way out of it.

University Connection

- The Lord is raising up houses of prayers on and near college campuses. The **Luke 18 Project**, *the new Anna call* is to raise up Houses of Prayer on or near every college campus in the US and especially in cities of refuge.
- In 1972 Derek Prince said in speaking of Harvard, "*Boston is the Jericho of the United States, and the Lord says that when I cause the walls of intellectualism to come tumbling down, then I shall pour out my Spirit upon this whole land*".
- Lou Engle has said that he believes that "*now is Boston's time to rise up a house of prayer to contend for her destiny of another Great Awakening and to close the door to humanism and false ideologies that have come through Harvard and the universities of New England. Harvard is the flashpoint to take our stand for every campus across America. Let's dig the wells of revival in Boston.*"
- Lubbock IHOP's divine appointment on Boston Ave.
- Biblical roots at Texas Tech, LCU
 - Administration building on Boston Ave. "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" Proverbs 14:34.
 - The Apostle Paul named among the philosophers.
 - Missionary zeal. Campus Crusade counts more missionaries sent to the field from Texas Tech than any other university.
 - "To the Nations" revelation. The nations are on the campuses of both universities.

How Local IHOP's work.

- Local houses of prayer are not satellites of KC IHOP. They are independent, autonomous prayer rooms.

- Lubbock IHOP is supported by the Lubbock community and manned by a volunteer staff and interns who raise their own support.
- Staff members are intercessory missionaries who dedicate 10 to 20 hours a week to intercede in the prayer room for breakthrough.
- Intercessory missionaries are missionaries to this city whether they were born here or are passing through one of our universities. .
- The Lubbock IHOP is not a church and most IHOP staff attend local congregations and college ministries.
- We are a non-profit, multi-generational ministry dedicated to supporting the local church and the body of Christ.
- We partner with a number of different churches, college ministries and missions organizations throughout the city to promote evangelism, acts of justice and to support the body of Christ.

The Prayer Room

- Prayer Room: Central to the work of the missions base is the 24/7 prayer room, inspired by King David's tabernacle (1 Chr. 23:5; 25:7),
 - Where 4,000 singers and 288 musicians were employed as their full-time occupation to minister to the Lord and serve the community.
- How it Works: The prayer/worship teams are comprised of a worship leader, prayer leader and several singers. .
 - The team focuses on scripture usually during an intercession set from one of the prayers that Paul prayed for the early church
 - and the singers and worship leader develop that scripture as prayers back to God.
 - The songs are spontaneous, but as the teams develop a deeper understanding of the scripture it causes the truths of that scripture to come alive.
 - We are essentially agreeing with God's word and singing it back to Him.
 - The technical term for this is "antiphonal singing";
 - It's actually very old and is what King David's singers and musicians did in the tabernacle.
 - We like to call it *the singing seminary*.
 - We are focused on ministering *to Him* in worship and agreement with who He is and what He has said,. When we do that he connects with us in a dramatic way.
 - This makes things happen in our own heart and effects the atmosphere around us.
- Types of Worship/Prayer Sets:
 - **Intercession** is a corporate time of supplication in which the microphone is open for anyone in the room to use biblical prayers to cry out for revival in the cities and nations of the earth.
 - **Worship with the Word** develops the truths of Scripture by turning the passage into songs and prayers to God.

- **Prophetic Worship** seeks to find the immediate flow of the Spirit in our midst.
- **Devotional Worship** provides an atmosphere of “soaking” in the Word of God, having our hearts refreshed in intimacy.
 - All formats are led by worship teams comprised of full-time singers and musicians who mingle their songs with spoken prayers and proclamations which we call the Harp & Bowl Model (Rev 5:8)

How to Help Lubbock IHOP Become a 24/7 House of Prayer

- **Come and pray.** Join your hearts with the worship/prayer teams and be a regular participant in the prayer room. Prayer Room participants worship, soak in the Word or intercede silently or at the microphone.
- **Form or join a Worship/Prayer Team** – Musicians, singers and prayer leaders. Rotating teams can commit to cover any number of 2 hour prayers sets by making a weekly commitment.
- **Internships – Go Deep:**
 - One-semester (3 months) hands-on training program for those who will commit 10 – 20 hours per week to move the Lubbock House of Prayer toward a goal of 24/7. And, or, who wish to seek a basic understanding of the IHOP mission to establish 24-hour prayer in their home city.
 - Goals:
 - To impart a spirit of prayer to every generation
 - That each person understands the calling, mission, and operation of the IHOP – Lubbock. That each person flourishes in the gifts and grace given each of them by God.