

# How To Take A City For Christ

## Battle Complex Discipleship Lesson 8

The first step would be to prepare to change the diverse culture of our church by first, empowering our people before engaging others. We have to be the first city we take. Today we move from the understanding scripture and the principles that apply to the actual applications and putting into practice that which we are commanded in Scripture. Every organized movement must have obedient, obligated and occupant occupied motion and activity. Organizations die when their is no continual movement.

- **The Bethel Church** must become a model community and city; reflecting and projecting the likeness of **Christ**.

We have to be it, so people can see it and want to become it. That means a lot of shifting has to take place in our lives.

- We cannot be a copy of the world, we have to get the world to want to be a copy of us.
- You take a community for God when there are more people in the city for God than is against Him.
- It is through this process that every person who's a part of **TBC**, must immediately determine; if this is the church ministry for them?
- We will not, and cannot go forward with disgruntled baggage from people who are not invested in the progressive growth of the "**Lord's Church**", which is about to grow.

How do I know it's going to grow? Because we are going to do the work as Jesus Christ has commanded of us in, **Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 1:17 and Acts 1:8**. Scriptures that every believer in Christ should know, and if you don't, get to know them.

- Remember that the word of the Lord is; build an army before you pick a fight with an army.
- This is more about the nature of the people, not the numbers. God has never compared size and strength of the opposition when instructing His followers to engage in battle.
- God is a sovereign strategist who expects His followers to trust His efficiency and not their eyes.
- Being equipped (spiritual) comes before having equipment (natural), or weapons.
- Spiritual matters require spiritual materials. Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee. Psalms 119:11

With that being said, I have mapped out, a biblical guide, using the number 12 as the calculative strategy for implementing the people building structure. God implemented it, Moses used it, Jesus used it, now we will use it. God chose 12 Son's of Jacob (Israel), Moses established the 12 Tribes/ nations, and Jesus chose 12 disciples, all to carry out God's Kingdom plan and initiative. The number 12 symbolizes divine authority, order and structure in worship, and divine provision. I like this pattern because it has such divine symbolism that I think is good for this training to match.

- **DNA:** The Descriptive Need Assessment of a community is essential to understanding the culture and climate of that community. We have to know what we want to catch and what

we end up catching, some people will be pulled in, but others will voluntarily walk in.

## **The Ultimate Takeover Strategy and Plan**

### **1. Strategic Prayer & Spiritual Warfare**

- Organize citywide prayer initiatives, uniting churches and believers in intercession.
- Identify strongholds in the city (crime, poverty, corruption, addiction) and pray specifically for transformation.
- Walk the city in prayer, claiming it for Christ and seeking God for revival.

### **2. Unifying the Body of Christ**

- Build coalitions among churches across denominations to work together rather than in silos or isolation; even though we will be strategic in who and when we engage.
- Foster unity through joint services, citywide worship nights, and collaborative outreach events.
- Equip pastors and leaders to disciple their congregations effectively.

### **3. Community Transformation through Service**

- Address tangible needs: food distribution, job training, housing assistance, and mentorship programs.
- Engage in justice initiatives to fight systemic issues like homelessness, crime, and educational disparities.

- Partner with local businesses and organizations to be the hands and feet of Jesus in practical ways.

#### **4. Evangelism & Discipleship**

- Train believers to share their faith boldly and consistently in their workplaces, schools, and communities.
- Launch citywide evangelism efforts, including street outreach, social media campaigns, and public testimonies.
- Establish discipleship hubs in homes, coffee shops, and churches where new believers can grow in their faith.

#### **5. Cultural Influence & Media Engagement**

- Use digital media, podcasts, and social platforms to spread the message of Christ throughout the city.
- Encourage Christians in arts, business, and government to lead with biblical values.
- Host citywide events that bring in gospel-centered artists, speakers, and influencers.

#### **6. Sustained Revival & Reformation through consecration which includes prayer and fasting consistently.**

- Establish long-term strategies for community transformation beyond momentary revival.
- Create mentorship programs for young leaders to keep the movement alive.
- Encourage city officials and community leaders to embrace faith-based initiatives that promote biblical values.

- The key to all of this is consistency, collaboration, and a commitment to long-term transformation rather than short-term impact.
- I labeled this as the **Ultimate Strategy** because every one of these steps must be mastered first by **The Bethel Church**.
- Why? Because we can't invite other churches and congregations to be a part of something that we have not mastered.

There's been too many fly by night organized efforts that fizzle out, that I have seen in the last 36 years that I've been here.

- We are going to become, the established prototype that God will use to set ablaze, a whole new pattern and path towards the establishment of **The Kingdom of God** on earth, as it is in heaven.