

Dream

IT'S TIME TO DREAM AGAIN

Dream: Renaissance

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Scripture: Acts 17:16-23

Series Overview:

Quit living as if the purpose of life is to arrive safely at death. It's time to DREAM again! We're believing God for nothing less than Revival, Reformation, and Renaissance in our nation, in our generation. The capacity to dream is part of the image of God, and the supernatural byproduct of a Spirit-filled life. Show me the size of your dream, and I'll show you the size of your God. It's time to dream big, pray hard, and think long!

Series Discussion Questions:

What are some dreams the Lord has been stirring in your heart?

Message Overview:

We have a core value—the church belongs in the middle of the marketplace. We don't curse the darkness. We light candles. We're not just building a church. We're blessing a city. We want to be more known for what we're FOR than what we're AGAINST. We criticize by creating! We write better books, make better music, draft better legislation, produce better films, start better businesses. How? With the help of the Holy Spirit.

Message-Specific Discussion Questions:

What makes you mad or sad? What makes you glad? What puts a smile on your face?
Could these be God-ordained dreams?

Every dream has a genealogy

- We all stand on the shoulders of dreamers before us
- Legacy is what others accomplish because of us
- Revival is God's gift to the Church
- Renaissance is God's gift to culture
- Whose past dreams are you reaping the benefit from?

"What you do in your downtime has more to do with your destiny than you think."

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What do you do while you are waiting?

- Read Acts 17:16-17
- What activities/distractions take up your down time?
- How does God want you to be more aware of your surroundings and how can you be more aware of the work He is doing in you?

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Religion vs Relationship

- Read Acts 17:18-21
- Reflect on Psalm 115. Our world shrinks to what we worship.
- God has given us all gifts & dreams. But, we can sometimes worship the gifts over the Gift Giver.
- Where have we consciously built altars to God vs monuments to self?

Criticize by creating

- Read Acts 17:22-23
- Consecration is putting our idols on the altar.
- Goodness is not the absence of badness. You can do nothing wrong and still do nothing right.
- Reflect on Matthew 10:16
- Reflect on Zechariah 4:10
- “Do not curse the darkness, light a candle”
- How can you put your gifts and dreams to action in your life this week?

Practical Application

- Make a Bible reading plan a daily discipline, and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan).
- Spend quiet time writing down what God may be showing you about the dreams he has given you, no matter how small. Slow down. Put it in prayer. Put it in His hands.
- Start the day with positive encouragement, in a prayerful virtual gathering by joining the [Upper Zoom](#) each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:14am. **Register at ncc.re/UpperZoom**