

END OF SEASON REPORT

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For the last seven years Trinity Works has been a very fruitful ministry. The Lord has been teaching us and empowering us for the work of **the harvest**.

Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we have mobilized thousands of believers throughout the Twin Cities to share their faith and have provided them with evangelism tools to equip them to invite people into the Kingdom.

Through partnerships with local churches and direct evangelism we have distributed tens of thousands of audio CDs loaded with testimonies, worship and the life changing gospel message. Through weekly street outreaches we regularly see people encounter Jesus and surrender their lives to the Lord as well as experience healing and deliverance.

We have also organized large scale outreaches engaging the city-wide church (with over 100 churches represented) that include public worship and proclamation of the gospel, demonstrations of love, and ministry to the poor.

God has established an eight week intensive training called **messenger boot camp** to equip believers as Spirit-led messengers of the gospel. We are convinced that thousands will be trained and released into the harvest here in the Twin Cities and the nations through this training.

We have also equipped over 700 men and women through our intensive discipleship training (men on fire and women on fire) over the last four years.

Then last November during a corporate worship time Jesus said, "**stop everything**." It seemed like a radical instruction but we knew it was the Lord. God was calling us into a season of establishing foundation for the increasing scope of the work and the Lord said, "**intimacy with Me is the foundation**."

In a world that is based on performance this is a counter intuitive process. God is essentially saying that it's more important to spend time with Him than to do many other things that might seem like a wise use of time in a growing ministry. I would argue that this doesn't just hold true in ministry but in every aspect of life. Jesus' teaching affirms the wisdom of prioritizing spending time waiting upon and listening to Him.

³⁸ As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home.

³⁹ Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what He taught. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me."

⁴¹ But the Lord said to her, “My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! ⁴² **There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her.**” Luke 10.38-42

We were being told to stop worrying about the big dinner and to sit at the feet of Jesus for three months. December through February we met every day for worship and prayer and sought the heart of God for this work and our families. Wow! **What a gift from God this season was!!!** In the rest of this report we will attempt to share the depths of what we received from the Lord during this extended season of intimacy. We pray it blesses and transforms you as it is doing in our own hearts.

1. **The Secret Place.** The Lord is calling His people to first love intimacy. Unless we cultivate our intimacy with the Lord both personally and corporately we will not be able to stand in the coming shakings. [This is a teaching](#) that sets forth the importance of the Secret Place for the End Times Church. We believe that intimacy with Jesus is a salvation issue as well as an issue of eternal fruitfulness. Psalm 91, John 15.1-8, John 17.3, Matthew 25.1-13.
2. **Identity.** It is in the Secret Place that **our identity is established.** God wants us to know and believe what He says about us. Every other source of counterfeit life and identity (sexuality, status, ministry, idolatry) and every lie of the enemy about who we are must be uprooted and removed. God wants to make us whole and send us out to rescue others who are lost, broken and empty. We have to live in the revelation of what has been done for us on the cross (justification) even though our experience of transformation by the Holy Spirit is incremental (sanctification).
3. **Consecration.** Consecration is the process of intentionally seeking God for the removal of things from our lives that separate us from experiencing deeper love and intimacy from Him and greater fruitfulness in ministry. David captures God’s heart for consecration in Psalm 139.23-24 when he cries out, “Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.” As we get closer to the Lord (through intimacy), His holiness highlights things in our hearts that we didn’t see before. What was permissible last week is no longer alright as we grow in holiness. God is after the seemingly “small things,” the things that other people might not notice but they draw us away from the Lord. Song of Solomon 2.15. Luke 16.10. God is jealous for this process to take place because He wants to prepare a spotless and blameless bride for the return of His Son. Ephesians 5.25-27

God allows the enemy to sift us to test our hearts and show us faithful. If we respond rightly during this process (repent) when our weaknesses are exposed then the Lord restores us to fellowship and we have authority to help others who are also being tested in this same way. See Luke 22.31-33.

We were in an extended season fasting in January. We have found that fasting is particularly helpful to break the stronghold of self deception that keeps us from seeing areas of weakness in our own character. God was faithful to use the season of fasting to expose several areas of weakness in the ministry and individually.

4. **the Discipline of the Lord.** God disciplines those He loves (Hebrews 12.5-13). He has promised great shaking (Hebrews 12.26-29) and He is beginning in the House of God among His people (1 Peter 4.17). I personally experienced that discipline in this season and found that God was mercifully addressing ungodly control and pride in my heart (among other things). Sometimes it's an incredibly offensive process to see who you are even as God is in the process of transforming you. It was humbling. This leads directly into the next theme of this three month season.
5. **Humility (and Transparency).** As we humble ourselves under the hand of God's discipline He releases mercy and grace upon our lives. When God moves powerfully through us it's easy to misdirect (even the smallest amount) of His glory. God saves us from ourselves by putting us in situations which are designed to produce humility. Jesus was humble. For even though He was God, He lowered Himself to become a man and suffered at the hands of His own creation to redeem us. Unbelievable but absolutely true. God is also calling for His people to walk in the light (bring their sin into the light through confession and repentance). James 4.6-7, Philippians 2.8 and 1 John 1.5-10.
6. **the Delight of the Lord.** We sensed God's total delight in us individually and corporately during the last few weeks of this season in particular. Our smallest acts of obedience move Him. He loves it when we seek Him. Psalm 147.11.
7. **restoration of relationships.** While we spent extended times in the presence of the Lord we found that He was very interested in our relationships among the ministry team, our family relationships and our relationships with others (particularly those relationships where there is brokenness). God cares about us being in right relationship with other people. The Lord sent team members to many people to take responsibility for spiritual wrongdoing in relationships with others as part of drawing closer to Him. See Matthew 5.23-24. God brought significant healing to marriages during this season as well.

8. **resistance to the establishment of the temple (altar) of the Lord.** The Lord spoke to us about the battle over the rebuilding of the temple of the Lord (the establishment of 24/7 worship in the Twin Cities) out of Nehemiah chapters 3, 4 and 8-10 (significant resistance to the rebuilding).

King David had 4,000 musicians and singers who ministered to God night and day throughout his reign and during this time Israel prospered and righteousness and justice was established by the manifest presence of God in the land.

Throughout Israel's history when the nation fell into idolatry it was the restoration of night and day worship at the tabernacle that brought the return of God's favor and righteous government upon the land.

Jesus taught us to pray that "God's Kingdom would be established on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6.10). What is going on in heaven? Continuous worship around the throne (Revelation 4.8). As we worship the Lord, He responds by pouring His Spirit upon all flesh (Acts 2.17). See also Psalm 22.3.

God promises in Acts 15.16-18 that He is going to restore night and day worship (the tabernacle of David) in the Last Days. We believe that this Last Days worship movement is going to prepare the earth for the final harvest (Revelation 14.14-16, John 12.32) and then the Lord will return (Revelation 19.11-21) to destroy the Anti-Christ and the world system and ultimately usher in the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21)

Every time we worship God we are partnering with the Lord to saturate the atmosphere with His presence which produces transformation. Every minute we worship **we hasten the day of the Lord** (2 Peter 3.12).

Much of what we were doing during this three months was establishing an altar to the Lord throughout various homes in the Twin Cities. We sense this is a major focus for us in this next season. Continuing to build towards continuous worship and prayer and the establishment of a 24/7 city-wide altar.

9. **Living in Light of the Day of the Lord.** Over and over again we felt the Lord trying to continually impart an eternal perspective on our trials and challenges. He was reminding us to live out our callings in light of **the Day of the Lord**. We are being called to take our eyes off worthless (temporal) things (Psalm 119.37) and avoid being entangled with civilian (worldly) affairs (2 Timothy 2.4).

He says in 1 Corinthians 3.10-15 that we should build rightly on the cornerstone of Christ and the foundation established by the apostles and prophets so that on the day of the Lord our work would **survive the fire**. There are many doing the works of ministry but much of the work will not survive the fire because it's a mixture of the will of God and human effort. **The only thing that will survive the fire of the last day judgment are the things that God told us to do which are done God's way.** See also Matthew 7.24-27.

This warning and reminder is God's great mercy to us. We want to be shocked and corrected now as we are starting the building rather than when some "great work" is built up and then it must come down because the foundation is faulty.

Many in the Body of Christ are not living in light of a day when they will stand before God and answer for everything they have done and said (Matthew 12.36-37, 1 Peter 1.17, Revelation 20.12). This revelation imparts a healthy **fear of the Lord** that is largely missing from the American Church experience.

When you are living in the present reality of the Day of the Lord you make different decisions. Making right decisions based upon eternal consequences bears great fruitfulness in the harvest in the present age and will lay up a great reward in the age to come.

10. **proclamation of the true gospel.** God reinforced the need for us (and the Church of the Twin Cities) to not compromise the gospel message. It is a message of total surrender. We are battling with a great temptation to present a gospel that doesn't demand anything of a "believer" when the true gospel is the exchange of a life for a life. We give our worthless lives wholeheartedly to Jesus in exchange for His perfect life. Jesus said it this way in Matthew 16.25, "If you try to hang onto your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it."

The gospel of grace is not permission to live a life of sin but divine empowerment to declare war on sin and to live a life of obedience to the Lordship of Jesus Christ rooted in the love of God.

The Lord has also been redefining the gospel in a relational context. Salvation does not flow merely from agreeing to the truth of certain claims about the life and resurrection of Jesus Christ **but out of a vibrant personal relationship with the God-man Jesus empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

11. **the harvest.** The hour is urgent and many are not ready for the return of the Lord. God wants to activate and mobilize the Church (not just evangelists) to the harvest. We prayed many days of this season launching out of Jesus' exhortation in Luke 10.2, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord of the harvest; ask Him to send more workers into His fields." We are praying for God's heart for the lost to be imparted into the Body of Christ and for evangelists to be embraced by pastors to equip the Body for the work of the ministry (of introducing people to Jesus).

Now we are embarking on what we are calling a **re-entry season**. During this season we will continue to lay a foundation to become a mission base dedicated to 24/7 worship and 24/7 evangelism in Minneapolis. These are the things we know about the next several months.

1. **staff operations.** We are re-establishing our corporate worship altar on from 10a-12p followed by staff meetings from 1p-3p. In addition we will be reinstating individualized staff meetings to pastor the staff and review work plans.
2. **foundation meetings.** We are scheduling extended meetings to bring before the Lord each area of the ministry (administration, operations, discipleship, evangelism, mobilization, IT and media, worship, prayer and emerging ministries) to seek His heart.
3. **partner development.** TW staff will continue to partner with the Lord on establishing prayer and financial teams to support them as they labor to establish the Kingdom of God in the Twin Cities.
4. **the altar of the Lord.** we will be actively working towards establishing 24/7 worship in the Twin Cities during this season.
5. **operations center.** We are actively seeking God for a Minneapolis-based operations center for the mission base.
6. **waiting on the Lord.** We are waiting on the Lord for the re-engagement of outreach, intensive discipleship groups and other ministry activities.

Thank you so much for your support of this work. We pray that God will continue to bless you and challenge you to live in view of eternity. These are the ways you can help.

1. **pray.** As a front line mission organization we need prayer! If you are willing to commit to praying for this ministry and would like to receive prayer requests by email then please call us at 763.390.8900 or email prayer@trinityworks.org.

We also suggest you take a one hour watch on the Twin Cities 24/7 Prayer Wall (a continuous stream of intercession for God's Kingdom to be established) by calling Shad Markuson at 651.283.2433 or email shad@prayminnesota.org to sign up.

2. **help.** Would you like to turn your gift or talent into eternal rewards? Help us as we reach the lost! Here are some current needs in this work.
 - a. **non profit accountant.** we need someone to help file our IRS form 990s and to help with bank reconciliations and file quarterly payroll taxes as well as provide oversight to our staff bookkeeper.
 - b. **operations.** we are currently looking for volunteers to help with operations. operations is responsible for facility management and outreach support.
 - c. **administration.** we are actively looking for a full-time administrator as well as administrative volunteers.
 - d. **other.** if you have a another gift or talent you would like to donate to help advance the Kingdom of God through this work then let us know.
3. **give.** We are seeking God for financial partners who have a heart to see the true gospel preached to every person in the Twin Cities. We have about a \$15,000 balance due to cover the King's Banquet outreach from last November. In addition, we are raising \$35,000 to order an additional 25,000 real love CDs for distribution throughout the Twin Cities as well as obtaining some important sound equipment for outreaches and digital recording equipment for building evangelism tools. If you are interested in giving towards either of these needs please let us know at 763.390.8900 or email partners@trinityworks.org.