Week 2:
For the Church to Arise

THE TIME IS NOW

Questions

1. What illustration, story, or scripture had the greatest impact on you this week?
2. Read Matthew 4:1-11. Knowing that Jesus Himself endured temptation and remained faithful, how does this shape your understanding of Him as your Savior? What specific scriptures, prayers, or spiritual practices have helped you stand firm when you've faced temptation?
3. Read John 8:34-36. Pastor John reminded us that we are spiritual beings who constantly struggle with sin. Have you ever felt trapped by your own sin? How has walking with Jesus brought you freedom from those struggles? Who in your life might be struggling with sin right now and needs encouragement to trust Jesus for freedom and forgiveness? How might God be inviting you to support them—through prayer, sharing Scripture, or simply walking alongside them?
4. Read Revelation 19:11-16. Jesus is pictured as the victorious King who ultimately defeats evil. How does this vision of Jesus' final triumph give you hope in the face of today's cultural battles and personal struggles? In what ways might remembering "Jesus wins" help you endure discouragement or opposition?
5. Read Matthew 5:14-16. Jesus calls His followers the light of the world. Where has God placed you—in your workplace, family, or community—that needs the light of Jesus? What practical steps can you take this week to let your light shine so that others may see Jesus more clearly through you?
6. What is one practical step you can put into practice this week?

Scripture References

Read: Matthew 4:1-2, Matthew 4:8-10, Matthew 4:17, John 8:34,36, Luke 23:33-34, Revelation 19:11-16, Revelation 19:19, Revelation 20:3a, John 3:16, Matthew 28:18-19, Matthew 5:14-16, 1 Peter 2:12, John 8:31-32

Takeaways

- Father, I boldly pray today for a revival of Christianity in the United States. I surrender myself to be used by You in this. Use me and our church to raise up spiritual leaders in the Next Generation. As we preach Your Word and lift Jesus high, bring revival in our church, our cities, our region, our next generation, and our nation. I claim Jesus' promise for this. "Whatever you ask the Father in my name will be granted, that the Father might be glorified in the Son." John 14:13
- There is a spiritual battle being fought right now for your soul and for humanity.
- Almighty God, I choose to be on Your side. Speak to me. Open my eyes. Have my heart. I pray in Jesus' name.
- We are spiritual beings, born into a kingdom of darkness, death, and lies.
- Most people in world history:

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  - could not read or write
  - didn't live beyond 50
  - had no hospitals
  - had no human rights
  - 1-in-5 chance of being a slave
- In the most advanced society ever:
  - half get cancer
  - half get divorced
  - all get sick
  - all have heartbreak
  - 100% die: our greatest fear
- The history of governments is:
  - slavery
  - monarchy abuse
  - using and abusing
  - no free speech
  - no liberty as we know it
- We are spiritual beings, born into a kingdom of darkness, death, lies, and broken relationships, longing for a kingdom of light, life, truth, & restored relationship.
- Who wins? Jesus wins.
- Are you sure you're on Jesus' side?
- The Time Is Now – to choose Christ.
- Repent for Salvation.
- If you're on Jesus' side, what does it look like to express your faith in politics and culture?
- Mom, dad, grandma, grandpa: The best gift you can give your child or grandchild is a society saturated with genuine Christ-following, Bible-believing Christians.
- Mom, dad, grandma, grandpa: Make it your daily and weekly work to grow Christianity where you have influence – while praying for the nation and expressing your faith in politics as God & Scripture lead you.