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McKernan Baptist Church



Series: Set Apart Living
SET APART CITIZENSHIP
2 Chronicles 7:14

- This year, we are developing the theme, “Living Fully – Living Holy”. As we continue to reflect on what holiness (being set apart) looks like in some of the very practical areas of our lives, today we’ll focus on our role as God’s people within an earthly nation.
- After the dedication of the Temple built by Solomon, God appeared to him in answer to His prayer. In Chronicles 7:14, God promises to bring future restoration to the nation, if His people would take seriously the following conditions.

As dual citizens of heaven and earth,

We are called to humble ownership of our role as God’s people on earth.

- The word used for “humility” describes the process of turning from pride and independence.
- As followers of Jesus within our country, we need to turn from any self-satisfied isolation that keeps us isolated and removed from the true need of our nation.

We are called to pray for our nation and its leaders.

- The word used here for “pray” is related to the concept of “judgment”. In essence, it calls us to bring the needs of our nation and its leaders to God, the True Judge, Who alone knows what is best in the midst of the many complexities faced by our nation. (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

We are called to a godly lifestyle reflecting the character and priorities of Christ.

- To “seek God’s face” is to honestly pursue His direction for how to live. Having discovered this through prayerful understanding of His Word, we are then to conform our lifestyle to His truth.
- As we reflect the character and lifestyle of Christ in our world, this will have a preserving and transforming impact.

Discussion Starters

What are ways in which the followers of Jesus can contribute to the spiritual well-being of their nation? In what ways can they abdicate their responsibility to the spiritual well-being of their nation? What does it mean to you to be salt and light within Canada?