

WORDS OF WISDOM





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WORDS OF WISDOM: HOW RIGHTEOUSNESS CHANGES THE WORLD

Proverbs 29:2

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ICEBREAKER



If Pastor Mike ran for any political office, what would his campaign slogan be??

Introduction

- Pastor Mike often says that he believes that the Church is the hope of the world. What do you find yourself putting your hope in?
- Did you know you have been empowered by the Holy Spirit to be an ambassador of the Gospel? Do you understand and feel that empowerment?

What it Means to be Righteous

- Do you see yourself as a beacon of hope and righteousness in your own home, workplace, and community? If you had a struggle in your environment, would you seek yourself out? Why or why not?
- Pastor Mike said "Righteousness is God's stamp of HIS Character and HIS nature in us because of our faith in Christ..." Why is it easier to accept the stamp of the world's unrighteousness than it is to accept the righteousness of Christ?

Our World is Better Wehn Righteousness is on the Rise

- Do you actually believe that life in God's kingdom is better than life apart from it? Why?

- Pastor Mike says righteousness is your posture before God and in this world, based on how God sees you. Righteousness is your rightness with God, thus your rightness under God in our world. Righteousness is something that God does in the life of a believer! How we live and act and behave is a result of the righteousness that God has placed in us, specifically because we have accepted Jesus as the Lord and Savior of our lives. What does God's righteousness look like in us?
- Do you have a tendency to filter God's righteousness because of the potential backlash of our current culture?
- What does it look like to increase righteousness in your home?

Pursue Righteousness in Our World

- Do you have a heart and passion for people in our world to hear the Gospel and give their lives to Jesus?
- How do you promote God's kingdom in your home, job, social media, etc?



ACT ON IT

ENCOURAGE



How we live and act and behave is a result of the righteousness that God has placed in us, specifically because we have accepted Jesus as the Lord and Savior of our lives!

ASK



Spend some time this week seeking the Lord and ask Him to reveal what you are putting your faith and trust in?

CHALLENGE



Pastor Mike encouraged us with a few steps to pursue righteousness this week:

1. Pray
2. Preach
3. Promote God's Kingdom

PRAYER

God, thank you for your word and the encouragement and guidance you give us through your word. We seek you and ask that you would align our hearts to yours and live with a rightness under you. Make us righteous by faith. We pray for those who are lost and do not know you. We pray that they would give their whole lives to God, and become saved people, finding righteousness in Christ alone. Empower us to pray for others, preach the Gospel, and promote your kingdom in every area of our lives. We thank you! We love you! We praise you! In Jesus' name, AMEN!