

Living as a Prophetic People

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Welcome to **Our second Apostolic Input focus notes.**

Encourage the group to take turns reading and answering questions.

You will be asked questions on the topic. The readings do not answer the questions but point you in the direction of the answers. After you have finished the readings on a particular question, open the floor for the group before going onto the next question.

Example:

Question 1

Readers

Discuss question

Question 2

TOPIC: Living as a Prophetic People

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We have all been given a calling and a purpose. For some of us God has already told us what it is and where we are going, for others we have only been given a small piece of the puzzle the rest we keep trusting God for. That He would reveal His will for us at the right time. We are called to be a prophetic people, a people who look for what God is wanting for His people in the future and walk with determination towards that future.

Question #1: What does it look like to live as a prophetic people?

Being a prophetic people, does not mean we are fortune tellers. It's being a people that hold onto God's promises and know that He will fulfill the promises that He has made to us.

When we look at what God has told us about the future we can shy away from what He has called us to do. This may be out of fear, the lack of wanting to change and lay aside our desires for His. Whatever this future is, ultimately we need to realise God's preferred future for us, is what's best for us, if we pursue it.

Question #2: Have you ever had a sense of something God wants you to do but not done it? What was holding you back?

READER 3

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

10 *By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care.*

11 *For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. **12** If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, **13** their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring*

it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. 14 If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. 15 If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

We can spend our lives doing what we see is best but it is only what we have done that God has called us to do that will last into eternity. We need to build on the foundation laid by Jesus, the master builder.

READER 4

If you don't seize the future and prepare for it we can sabotage it. Our inaction can cause more damage than we think. Sometimes what God calls us to do looks like it's too big for us, but God thinks in generations when it comes to His plans. If you look at how many generations it took God to prepare the world for His redemption

plan then you realize on what kind of scale God is thinking.

Question #3: What has God spoken over you and are you prepared for it?

READER 5

Have you ever read a list of reviews and been deterred by one bad review. There could have been ten good ones but you won't buy an item because of one bad review.

We tend to focus on the negatives a lot easier than the positives even smiling is more work than frowning. It takes at least ten muscles to smile while frowning requires as few as six.

It's the same with the promises and callings God has given us. We can focus on all the negatives, the sacrifice we may be called to make, or allowing fear to cripple us. These can hinder us from what God has for us.

Question #4: Are you focusing on the threats, are you retreating? How can you overcome those negative thoughts?

READER 6

David was someone who was given a future that looked too big or hard to claim. God told Him that he would be king. From shepherd boy to king. A seemingly impossible task. David however didn't let the negative thoughts stop Him from preparing, He started caring for the sheep and trusting in God, because David had already prepared by taking on lions and bears when they attacked the sheep, a giant attacking God's people was not a threat to Him. David knew that God was for him and would win the victory. David knew the victory would be God's not his.

Instead of looking at the giant in front of him he looked at God who would fight for him, he saw

what God would do, not what God had not done yet.

Question#5: What action steps may you need to put in place to begin walking into the prophetic future God has for you?

SHARE YOUR HIGHLIGHT

Take turns sharing what stood out to you the most from what we read. What stood out to you and *why*?

ACTION STEP

What action step can you take to respond to God's Word?

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