



Sunday December 18, 2016
Disruption! Start One!

When you start acting and thinking differently, you will make a difference.

What are some ways you can act and think differently for the advancement of God's Kingdom?

Innovation and disruption are similar in that they are both makers and builders. While innovation makes good products better, disruption literally uproots, dismantles and changes how we think, behave, learn, do things and go about certain daily activities.

Harvard Business School professor and disruption guru Clayton Christensen says that a disruption displaces an existing market, industry, or technology and produces something new and more efficient and worthwhile. It is at once destructive and creative.

Examples

Wikipedia disrupted the world of Traditional encyclopedias : The free, online encyclopedia Wikipedia was a disruptive innovation that had a major impact on both the traditional, for-profit printed paper encyclopedia market (e.g., Encyclopedia Britannica) and the for-profit digital encyclopedia market (e.g., Encarta). The English Wikipedia provides over 5 million articles for free; in contrast, a \$1,000 set of Britannica volumes had 120,000 articles.

In communications, mobile phones disrupted the world of fixed line telephones.

In music, downloadable digital media disrupted the traditional records, tapes, CDs and DVDs.

In publishing Word Processors on personal computers disrupted the traditional typewriters.

And like these there are many other examples.

Disruptive innovation (or Disruption) often has significant societal impact.

DISRUPTION = DISPLACES + CREATES

When we are talking about disruption today, we are talking about disruption in a positive sense. We are not talking about things that will be detrimental.



Now let's think about how this concept relates to who we are as believers in Jesus Christ and the life we are called to live.

Looking through the Gospels, we see the Lord Jesus saying and doing things that were radical, and in a sense disruptive.

JESUS CAME TO DISRUPT OUR THINKING

Matthew 5:38-45

38 "You have heard that it was said, 'AN EYE FOR AN EYE AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.'

39 But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

40 If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also.

41 And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two.

42 Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.'

44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven;.....

By what He was teaching the people the Lord Jesus was displacing an old way of thinking and creating a call to new way of thinking and acting...

Redefining Leadership

Matthew 20:25-28

25 But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them.

26 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.

27 And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—

28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

He set the example

John 13:14-15

14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

JESUS CAME TO DISRUPT OUR STANDARDS

Matthew 5:21-22

21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.'



22 But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.

Matthew 5:27-30

27 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.'

28 But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

Jesus was challenging the people to higher standards of morality.

In God's eyes, thinking, planning, scheming of evil is the same as committing the evil. This is a much higher standard to live by.

JESUS CAME TO DISRUPT OUR UNDERSTANDING OF GOD

Most people thought of God as a Law Enforcer, an Angry God, etc.

But here is what Jesus said:

John 3:16-17

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

He called to obey out of love:

John 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

John 15:9-10

9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

JESUS CAME TO DISRUPT HOW WE LIVE LIFE

Jesus came to help us find a higher purpose, a higher reason to live.

Here are some examples:

To ordinary fishermen, He helped them see an entirely different purpose for their lives

Matthew 4:18-20



18 And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

20 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

to those who would choose to follow Him:

Matthew 10:34-39

34 "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.

35 For I have come to 'SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW';

36 and 'A MAN'S ENEMIES WILL BE THOSE OF HIS OWN HOUSEHOLD.'

37 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

39 He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

He did not come to us saying 'follow me and I will make it really nice and easy for you, everyone will like you, praise you and you will have it big on earth'. In fact, He came saying, 'if you come with me, people are going to hate you. Your own family members will hate you. And yet I am challenging you to love me more than any of your closest earthly relationship. Following me will mean that every day you will have to carry your cross - suffering, sacrifice, separation - for my sake. But that's the life you must be willing to live, if you really want to discover what real life in Me is all about'.

Just a sample

All that we have shared so far is just a little sample of what Jesus did and taught, that was truly DISRUPTIVE in our understanding of life, God and how to live life.

Now being so DISRUPTIVE or so RADICAL, we would think that there would be no one who would follow Him.

But think of the impact Jesus has had on the entirety of the human existence.

THE IMPACT JESUS HAS HAD ON THIS WORLD

Here is a modified version of a prose that captures this so well.

One Solitary Life (modified version)

Nearly two thousand years ago in an obscure village called Bethlehem, a child was born of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village called Nazareth where He worked as a carpenter until He was thirty. Then for three short years He became an itinerant preacher. He healed the sick, cast out demonic powers, calmed the raging storm,



multiplied food to feed the hungry and most important of all He taught the principles of an unseen Kingdom, that radically challenged human thinking.

This man never went to college or seminary. He never wrote a book. He never held a public office. He never had a family nor owned a home. He never put His foot inside a big city nor traveled even 200 miles from His birthplace. And though He never did any of the things that usually accompany greatness, throngs of people followed Him. He had no credentials but Himself.

While He was still young, the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His followers ran away. He was turned over to His enemies and sentenced to death on a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth – the simple coat He had worn. His body was laid in a borrowed grave provided by a compassionate friend.

But three days later this Man arose from the dead – and showed Himself alive to 500 eye witnesses, living proof that He was, as He had claimed, the Savior whom God had sent, the Incarnate Son of God.

Twenty centuries have come and gone and today the risen Lord Jesus Christ is the central figure of the human race. On our calendars His birth divides history into two eras. One day of every week is set aside in remembrance of Him. And our two most important holidays celebrate His birth and resurrection. On church steeples around the world, His cross has become the symbol of victory over sin and death.

Many have attempted to vilify Him, negate His claims and even erase His memory from mankind's history. Many have persecuted His followers, threatened them, killed them and burned them alive. Many have tried to refute, overthrow and destroy the Bible. Thousands of copies have been burned. Men, women and children have lost their lives for looking at its pages. And yet all these efforts have been in vain.

Today, this one Man's life has furnished the theme for more songs, books, poems and paintings than any other person or event in history. Thousands of colleges, hospitals, orphanages and other institutions have been founded in honor of this One who gave His life for us. The Bible has been translated into more languages and there are more Bibles in the earth today than there are copies of any other book ever written!

All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the governments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned have not changed the course of history as much as this One Solitary Life.



HE SENT US TO DISRUPT OUR WORLD

The Lord Jesus has sent us to DISRUPT our world - in a positive sense.
He challenged us through His life and teaching to act and think differently.

Matthew 5:13-16

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

When you live by God's Word and according to God's Ways, you can't help but be a Disrupter.

So the call today is to DISRUPT.
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Disrupt for the advancement of God's Kingdom.

Disrupt the environment in your home, workplace.

Disrupt the way ministry or church is being done.

Disrupt what is happening in your life group. Do things differently.

Be Disruptive in your acting and thinking.

Displace darkness, create light.

Displace wrong, create right.

Displace hatred, create love.

Displace boredom, create passion.

Displace fear, create courage.

Displace discord, create peace.

Displace mindless tradition, create meaning.

Displace superstition, create positive faith.

Improvement begins with "I" - Arnold Glasgow (Entrepreneur, Humorist)

When you act differently, and think differently, you will make a difference.



The Early Apostles Did This

Acts 17:6

But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too."

Take Risks

To act and think differently involves risk. But that is again what the early apostles did.

Acts 15:26 men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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