

Brilliant Perspectives

A Global church movement of Kingdom Activators

The Father's Dream

At Brilliant, every conversation begins with the heart and the nature of God. The Father has a dream of how mankind should live. He means for you to live the brilliant life that Jesus paid an enormous price for you to have. The Holy Spirit's delightful job is to make everything that belongs to Jesus, *your* new normal life.

You were designed for a deeply fulfilling and delightful relationship with the Three – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – who are One. This is where we get the expression at Brilliant: “Three plus me.” The big idea is that the brilliant life starts with the Three. They have perfect love, fellowship, and relationship with each other – and you are included.

Three plus me. Note, it is not me plus Three. I am not trying to add God to my life to make it better so that I can be the best me I can be. I am living the brilliant life Jesus gave me.

Living a Brilliant Life

Your old life died when Christ died and you were given a new life in Jesus. You have a new nature – His nature in you. You can read about that new nature in Galatians 5 which describes the fruit of the Spirit. This is Christ in you and you in Christ. This new life was His gift to you. Now you are learning to make that new life permanent. The great mystery is that you are in Christ, and that is the only thing that qualifies you for this new life. It cannot be earned, but it must be learned.

The nature of God is your starting point for this learning. Everything in the Kingdom starts with a gift borne from His heart. You get to discover what God is really, really, really like. From this great discovery you get the delightful task of practicing being just like Him and making your new nature permanent.

Living above your circumstances

Part of living the brilliant life in Jesus is learning to live above your circumstances in which peace becomes a permanent way of life – His peace that passes all understanding. You learn to “let the peace of Christ reign” in your life. You grow beyond a transactional engagement with God where you attempt to get peace when things are difficult, to a

relational learning mode with God in which everything starts in His nature. Instead of trying to “get peace” you discover the beauty of the Prince of Peace that lives in you. You practice your peace everyday until it becomes permanent. Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” You get to live a life where your heart is not troubled or afraid.

Heart learning vs head learning

Relational learning is about living from God, not towards Him. You begin with the truth that He has dealt with sin and is now focused on teaching you about His righteousness. Romans 6:11 says, “So you too, consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.” You are learning to deal with the negative by focusing on the opposite. This is beautifully explained in Isaiah 61. He gives you: beauty for ashes; the oil of joy for mourning; praises for heaviness; double portion instead of shame; and inheritance instead of humiliation.

You learn that head learning is really second hand learning. There is no “18-inch drop” from the head to the heart. Rather, the heart learns relationally from the Three and informs the head. It is an 18-inch rise.

All learning in the Kingdom is slow learning because it is about transformation into the image of Jesus. It is not about information about God (head learning) but learning to be just like Him in all things (heart learning.)

Upstairs vs downstairs focus

Think of your life as having two realms. The spiritual realm, which we could call “upstairs,” and the physical realm, which we could call “downstairs.” When your upstairs world informs your downstairs world, you are living from your new nature. Worldliness is when the downstairs dominates. Let’s further assume that the upstairs world is the most real part since it is the eternal realm. When you live upstairs and work downstairs you are about your Father’s business. Living downstairs is all the world can offer, which is so very little indeed.

Colossians 3:2 states, “Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.” This translates to the upstairs thinking informing downstairs. Upstairs thinking is the mind of Christ which the Bible says you have access to in 1 Corinthians 2:16, “For, ‘Who can know the LORD’s thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?’ But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.”

A Great Time for Kingdom Activators

Despite some progress, there are major issues in the world to be addressed and much to be done. The real question is, "How much of this is localized in your community, city, or industry?" When you are living the brilliant life with the Three, you become a funnel to bring goodness to your world. It is really personal. You are learning to think like Him and see how he sees. It is an addictive obsession with the Kingdom. The first territory you take is internal.

We are using the term "Activator" as it is reflected in the book of Acts. These people turned the world right side up. It is time to accelerate change by bringing the Kingdom of God to the world.

Your Kingdom activation is finding spaces where nothing is going on in order to empower society to work with you as you bring your partnership with the Lord into that situation. This is a lifestyle and takes time to take territory.

Being a Kingdom Activator means to be someone who is actively working towards advancing the Kingdom of God on earth. This includes actively promoting the principles and values of the Kingdom, such as love, justice, and compassion, and working toward the transformation of society and culture toward these values. Here are three key attributes of a Kingdom Activator and some supporting scriptures:

- **Commitment to God's Kingdom:** A Kingdom Activator is committed to the advancement of God's Kingdom on earth and seeks to bring every aspect of their life under its rule. "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." – Matthew 6:33
- **Passion for Justice:** A Kingdom Activator has a passion for justice and works to bring about the restoration of individuals and communities who have been oppressed and marginalized. "Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow." – Isaiah 1:17
- **Love for Others:** A Kingdom Activator loves others sacrificially, as Christ loves us, and seeks to demonstrate that love in practical ways. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples if you love one another." – John 13:34–35

Overall, a Kingdom Activator seeks to live out their brilliant life in Jesus in a way that impacts the world around them and works toward the fulfillment of God's plan for the redemption of all things.

What does "Bringing the kingdom of God" mean?

"Bringing the kingdom of God" to the world is a central theme in Christian theology and refers to the idea of establishing God's rule on earth. We believe that Jesus is the King of the kingdom of God and that His followers have a responsibility to bring His message of love and redemption to the world.

To bring the kingdom of God to the earth means creating a world that reflects God's love, justice, and mercy. This involves working toward a society that is free from poverty and injustice and one that is filled with love, peace, and hope. It is not about imposing one's beliefs on others but rather living a brilliant life that reflects the heart of God and His nature. It is sharing what God is really like with others.

The changes that would need to occur to bring the kingdom of God to the earth are extensive and cover all aspects of human existence. They include promoting love, forgiveness, justice, and equality in all areas of life, including the family, workplace, and political systems. Bringing the kingdom of God to the earth also involves caring for the poor, the marginalized, and the oppressed and promoting sustainable practices that care for the environment.

Goodness is the Key

At the heart of bringing the kingdom of God to a community, industry, or city is the idea of bringing goodness. We believe that goodness is at the core of God's nature, and therefore, we are to reflect His goodness in our lives. Romans 2:4 states, "Or do you presume on the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?" This verse emphasizes the importance of showing kindness and goodness to people as it can lead them to repentance, which is the first step toward experiencing God's love and salvation. When someone has not repented, the key question to ask is, "What goodness have they not experienced?"

Bringing the Kingdom Everywhere

Therefore, to bring the kingdom of God to a community, industry, or city, we must seek to embody and promote goodness and kindness toward others. This includes showing love and compassion toward all individuals, regardless of their race, religion, or background, and working toward creating a just and equitable society where everyone has access to the basic necessities of life. Bringing the kingdom of God to the earth is not just a religious concept but a call to action to bring positive change and goodness to the world.

A Movement for Kingdom Activators

At Brilliant Perspectives, we are committed to creating a movement of Kingdom Activators. We recognize that we need to train people to live the brilliant life in Jesus. We have to equip them to be Kingdom Activators now. There is no standard to achieve before becoming a Kingdom Activator. It is time to create a community for such people.

Graham Cooke's Own History

In Graham's own life and ministry focus, the Kingdom has been the spotlight and the state of origin for what has become his own strategic call and purpose. He began by being a church planter on three continents and also running several city-wide, secular agencies engaged in helping the long-term unemployed and in redeveloping communities. He has become a trainer with a very specific protocol, which is to raise up a particular people with a cutting edge emphasis.

His concentration has been on being present/future to create men and women of destiny, purpose, and power. Identity is the key to transformation by empowering people to discover who God is for them and who they get to become in Him by the process of fellowship.

Raising a new type of Kingdom leader

It is important for leaders to be overwhelmed by who God is so that they can overcome anything that is against them.

It is vital to raise up leaders, visionaries, and thinkers who truly understand that Kingdom vision creates a new lens. Kingdom thinking removes the box of our circumstances altogether and makes us both unconfined and unlimited so that the normal rules do not apply. We are Kingdom people who merely live in the world, but we are not of it in the context of identity.

Our lens and mindset give way to a Kingdom language that generates effective prayer and new ideas and concepts. It asks questions that allow us to walk by faith as we navigate the terrain of trust, faith, and proclamation using promises, prophecy, scripture, and dreams as vital spiritual currency.

In over forty years of apostolic/prophetic development, Graham has realized that the Father is totally intent upon creating a ruling class of Kingdom-minded people. His intention is to inspire, upgrade, develop, and release believers to be powerful agents of change in a worldly culture that seeks to hold sway over every people group.

In the Body of Christ on earth, there are church people and Kingdom people. The context for the former is the local, citywide, and regional one new man of the Church: to promote unity through a body of people with one heart, mind, spirit, and voice that is determined to evangelize the lost, help the poor, raise living standards, and bring healing and wholeness to the locality.

Kingdom people work in places of power and influence knowing that it is God's power and influence in them that will have an impact in politics, government, business, education, arts, health, and finances. They promote vital approaches that eradicate poverty, poor/no education, and slavery by creating a culture of reform and recalibration for all people.

The character of this people group is rooted in love, kindness, and goodness. They practice grace, show mercy, and love peace. They are cheerful, generous and love the right thing. They are pure, humble, and faithful. They have giftedness in leadership, creativity, and battle. They are seers and thinkers with a voice. Male and female, young and older. They are entrepreneurs, creative, and builders.

They will refine the political scene, reboot the nation, recalibrate the world of business, upgrade the national/regional culture, and reframe the city. They will pass laws, declare for honesty/integrity, and be the guardians of conscience for all people groups.

We need Activators who cannot be bought or sold. People living in the fullness of Christ and the abundance of the Holy Spirit. We need catalysts in the arts, business, and social reform.

The purpose is to create a Kingdom significance in major cities. To raise up catalysts for each state and influence the key areas of culture and societal development across the nation. To create a reformation that touches every generation and produces a spiritual legacy across the country.

The Five Stages in Becoming a Kingdom Activator

The movement will focus on raising Activators. These distinctive types of people, leaders, ministries, and entrepreneurs exist across a wide range of industries and geography.

There are five stages in becoming a Kingdom Activator. They are becoming an Explorer, a Pioneer, a Warrior, a Champion, and ultimately a Game Changer. Let's take a look at each stage.

Stage 1 – Explorer

You are learning to explore God’s heart and what He is like. You are becoming an adventurer, trailblazer, and cartographer. Someone who moves away from predictability. Willing to live in the unknown and walk in trust and faith. A person who has a Kingdom lens, who examines life from the focus and direction of the New Man.

You are willing to be stretched. Curious. Searching for discovery. A person with a voice who will exercise speech in favor of new possibilities.

You examine the truth in order to grow up into all things in Christ. You will find a way forward, over, under, around, or through any obstacle. You have inquiring minds and will not be stopped from achieving objectives.

You are a premier risk taker. Self-motivated. Confident. Always looking for new territory.

Stage 2 –Pioneer

You are becoming a seeker of new things. An innovator. Transformational. Visionary dreamer and a catalyst to design a tangible expression of what is imagined means that you become a creative person with a seer’s lens and a forward thinking mindset.

You learn to be the one who prepares the way for others. A founder. An originator. An architect. An author of new ideas, key plans, and strategies.

You love being a pathfinder and a bridge builder. In time of battle, one who goes before an army to obstruct the enemy. One who clears the way. An inventor. The first to produce. A prime mover.

Stage 3 – Warrior

You grow to become the one who is experienced in fighting for a cause. A knight who displays honor and integrity. A hero and a stand out legend. A fierce combatant who will stand up and be counted.

You are victorious in your personal life. An overcomer in important battles. You are progressing to the highest level of personal majesty in Jesus...that of being more than a conqueror! This is the type of person that the enemy and human opposition is not willing to face!

You thrive on combat. You are engaged with the mindset of winning. You have no intention of being rescued. You want to experience God’s magnificence. Therefore, it is absolutely inconceivable that it is possible for you to lose a fight that Jesus has already won.

Warriors are energized by the opposition, not diminished.

Stage 4 –Champion

Champions are always the best at something! You are a winner focused on coming first. Champions fight for one another. You champion a worthy cause and see it through to a successful conclusion. You are prizefighters and prizewinners.

Champions hold titles. You compete. You inspire a willingness to overcome no matter what is against you. You are the guardians of an overcoming culture, an inspiration to people who are learning to fight.

Champions know that all their circumstances are training for reigning. You expect to profit from circumstances. You are the one who is determined to uphold the truth. You are contenders for a lifestyle that contains the fullness of favor. As such, you will fight from victory, not toward it.

Champions accept a challenge and are empowered to bring a challenge of their own. You know how to make great encouragers, powerful supporters, and effective protectors of people who want to live life from a different level.

Stage 5 –Game Changer

You can accept the pressure of circumstances in order to change something. A Game Changer is a strategist, a planner, one who plots a defined course and takes the journey.

A Game Changer is unconcerned about the roller coaster of events and circumstances. You take into account the wind and waves as you ride the storm. You don't need things to be easy because you practice rest and peace as part of your lifestyle in God's presence.

Game Changers never do the minimum. You do what is fully expected and what is also unpredictable and therefore unprecedented. There is no box that can contain a Game Changer because they live unconfined in Jesus. You are one who is trained to see and accomplish upgrades. You are set apart to majesty thinking and perspective. You transform people and circumstances.

Game Changers are revolutionaries, re-styling, reinventing a modern day church from an outdated, ineffective religious system that is not Kingdom centered. Game Changers will turn the world upside by reconstructing a Kingdom environment dominated by the increase and inheritance of Jesus in their midst. You empower people to become uniquely and distinctively different.

You preserve your identity under attack and radically upgrade your Godly character in adverse and oppositional circumstances.

The Overall Overlap

These five stages all have an overlap between them.

When we talk about manifesting the Presence of God, we do so in the context of The Three! We don't apportion Presence to key individuals all the time. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, though they all have differing roles in our lives, they consistently love to be seen and known in their Oneness and Unity in Spirit.

Each of the first four stages will co-mingle with the Game Changing aspect of living a life of favor and abundance plus authority. Explorer, Pioneer, Warrior, Champion, and Game Changer stages embody all the elements required to force a breakthrough and establish a way of life in the context of Christ in us and an expectation in God to overcome.

Our Goal

We are developing people who can take churches, businesses, people groups, and cities from an inferior condition to another state of being and doing. We want to upgrade people to the point where they can alter the state of something e.g., making it less worldly and more Kingdom oriented.

These people will desire creative variation in form, state, identity, and quality. They will do the unexpected and the unprecedented rather than business as usual. To quote George Bernard Shaw: "The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man."

The new man in Christ

The old man adapts himself to the world. The new man learns the ways of the Kingdom. Activators cause the church to adapt to the Kingdom so that the world can see the majesty and the sovereignty of God in all things pertaining to life. They represent the Law of the Spirit of Life that is in Christ Jesus.

We are in the business of creating an alignment with God so powerful it can bring wholesale change in every area of life in this world. Literally, turning the world right-side up. At Brilliant we are courting, mentoring, training, and equipping people who can bring a spiritual and physical revolution that will re-energize culture and society at every level.

Our next generation of materials

We want materials and training that can bring elevation, create acceleration, and produce a divine advantage, not only in the lives of our designated people group, but across the nations as a whole.

We are not seeing the love and goodness of God dominating society and culture. We are not seeing the Kingdom bearing fruit at a high level across any particular people group or community.

Our goal across the whole Brilliant range is to create communities, training, learning opportunities, and discipleship forums that provide the foundation of Activators to rise up and occupy the same level of anointing as The Three!

We want to cultivate a continual growth with lots of keys, upgrades, and proven outcomes. We seek to curate the development of people into a different focus and lifestyle in Jesus.

Our goal is to work in partnership together to create continuity of development for our community across Brilliant.

Sources estimate that in the past ten years more than 20 million people have left mainstream churches – this is a very conservative estimate. They have departed not because they have lost faith but in order to find it. They love Jesus but are disillusioned with organized religion. They are hungry to know God. They want to encounter Him, hear His voice, be led by the Spirit, and be confident in their faith.

These are just a few of the people we want to reach. People who have already seen through the religious side of church and want Jesus, the Kingdom, and a new spiritual reality.

Obviously, we are going to touch many people in mainstream Christianity.

We need to cultivate a partnership and a process around the world that connects our community with resources to support growth in God in specific areas. We are setting ourselves up as builders of a habitational lifestyle in God that is true to the DNA of Jesus.

In this context, we plan to differentiate ourselves from the current market by not aiming at the current market! In creating a community and curating a movement we become known as:

- A provider of rich, multidimensional Truth that takes time to unpack.
- An equipper of people with practical tools for the “process that makes us rich.”

- A company that creates training opportunities that develop a life of significance.
- A group that curates for engagement and advancement in the Kingdom.
- A community that trains, inspires, and connects Kingdom Activators.

We need to build everything on the foundation of the New Man in Jesus.

We are engaged in the process of reinventing Brilliant as one of the curators of a new move of the Spirit and a fresh movement of renewal in a Kingdom context. We seek relationships with other catalysts.

Promote the road not the running shoe

In the process, we have moved away from simply promoting a product. Instead we are promoting the journey of walking with God. We are going to promote the road, not the running shoe...the idea of the road as a place to relax, find yourself, and tune in to your inner person rather than having the right pair of trainers to exercise in.

We promote the cause of the Kingdom, the story of the New Man, the upgrades that await us, the beauty of who Jesus is for us, the life God has planned for us, the story of who God wants to be for us, in us, through us; the happiness and delight in God for us, the power, confidence and wisdom of the Holy Spirit toward His people.

Provide a brilliant perspective

We do not work from a negative perception. Nothing is wrong, bad, or difficult. Instead, something is missing and happening that is good and easier than we think.

We create lenses for people to see differently. We empower people how to think, not what to think. There is a whole new language in Christ. In showcasing the Kingdom, our aim is to empower people to live an upgraded life where they live.

The Kingdom will empower people to rise up and become significant across every area of the civilized world. A people who lead, inspire, and stimulate the world in a wholesome way that challenges the status quo of how things can be done.

We will look for friends, colleagues, and catalysts who will create opportunities for encounters with God that can yield real growth in discipleship and who can grow into a place of powerful influence.

We want to partner with movements, cities, and nations to help to create a Kingdom context where people can grow up into fullness of relationship, fellowship, and partnership across the Body of Christ.

Our goal is to work with old friends and new friends to pull down the walls that divide, separate, and create any form of isolated exclusivity. Our desire is to disseminate good practice, applaud Kingdom initiatives, and be part of the dialogue in reclaiming Kingdom territory across the earth.