

Morning Rundown: A Word of Encouragement for Those Rocked by the Allegations Against Mike Bickle

Here's a quick rundown of the top stories on :

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It was absolutely shocking to learn this past weekend that serious allegations had been brought against Mike Bickle, senior leader of IHOPKC. (This stands for International House of Prayer, Kansas City.)

Mike is a personal friend and, to my knowledge, a beautiful example of devotion to Jesus. He spent hours daily in prayer and the Word, lived very simply, donating large amounts of money to the gospel, and always embraced a message of repentance and purity. How could the charges be true?

Right now, we must pray for everything to come to light through proper, due process, and no conclusions should be drawn until then.

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IHOPKC Announces Path Forward Amid Allegations

At the 11:00 a.m. CST service on Sunday, Nov. 4, Executive Director of International House of Prayer-Kansas City Stuart Greaves announced the path forward for IHOPKC and its congregants.

During this trying time for the church and organization, 24-hour prayer and worship will continue unabated as IHOPKC continues to carry out the Great Commission.

Greaves assured all listening that it is IHOPKC's goal to look after the people first, not the organization.

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Stephen Strang: Let Investigation Find the Truth on Mike Bickle

Some leaders at the International House of Prayer in Kansas City have called for an independent, third-party investigation into charges of "clergy sexual abuse" brought last week against Mike Bickle who founded the ministry.

I wholeheartedly agree with the need for an independent investigation because the truth must come out, and often it's hard to find the truth when those investigating have a vested interest in the outcome. Mike Bickle and IHOPKC have stood for holiness and seemed to be a paragon of virtue in a culture (and church) that has seen too much compromise.

The charges seem serious, yet at least two, who were originally thought to be "victims," say it isn't true. While I am not doing an investigation and I'm certainly not judge and jury, I hope what I've found so far will at least show there is "another side" and urge Christians not to rush to judgment. By no means am I seeking to hurt, victimize or minimize those who have come forward. Rather I am seeking to provide some personal context and insight into a very emotional and confusing moment for so many. I shared this in my Strang Report video podcast you can watch here.

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