

Biblical Basis for Missions

Kingdom Christianity

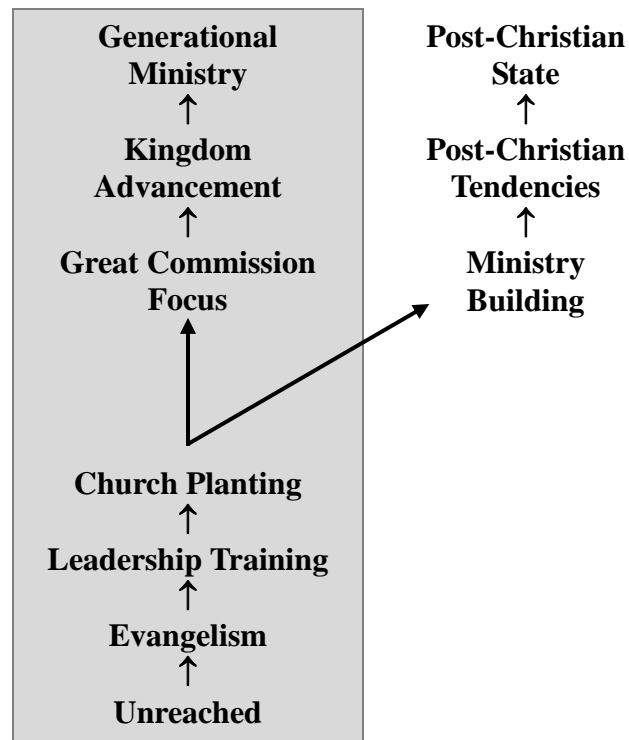
Kingdom Christians
with a
Kingdom Mindset
preaching a
Kingdom-centered Gospel

The Church

Kingdom of God

Ministries Mentality instead of a **Kingdom Mentality**

The goal is not to build ministries.
The goal is to complete the MISSION!



Steve Smith:

Jesus was launching a kingdom so radical in nature that we must realign our whole concept of what God wants to do in and through us, especially in how He will do it. This includes how we live as church. ...Disciples throughout history have made it their priority to see the Kingdom explode among lost populations; they have often seen churches multiply rapidly generation by generation through ordinary new believers.

Unfortunately, as churches become established, a tendency emerges to consolidate efforts and focus more on the church development than on Kingdom expansion. Which priority is right? Kingdom first or church first? Both are important, but to get church right, we must get Kingdom right!

**Cultural relativity is not our problem.
Spiritual relativity is our problem!**

Francis J. Pratt: US Center of World Mission

The most significant problems for the Church originate in our becoming lost in earthly cultures. The net effect is that we attribute our cultures' values and beliefs to God and, in essence, reinvent God in our own image. This process has changed our reading of the Bible, our understanding of the gospel and our perception of our place in the world as the Church and our duties as the children of God.

The Kingdom of God is any place where
there is the reign of God.

Mark 1:14-15 (KJV)

¹⁴ Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, ¹⁵ And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Repent means “to change your mind”

Luke 17:21: The Kingdom of God is within you.

Colossians 1:13 ...has translated us into the Kingdom...

Matthew 11:12 (KJV)

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

(NIV) From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing (in the earth), and (or because) forceful men lay hold of it (the kingdom).

Matthew 24:14

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Revelation 7:9

After this, I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands.

Kingdom expansion is our mission.
and
The Church is God's primary instrument
...to carry out that mission.

In Matthew 16:18, Jesus said - ...and the gates of hell will not prevail against the church.

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Kingdom Christians:

1. Worshiping the King of the Kingdom.
 2. Expanding the King's Kingdom on the earth.
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If we are going to be effective ministers that produce lasting fruit, we must be preaching a Kingdom-centered Gospel.

Pastor Bill Johnson:

“The gospel of salvation is glorious, but it is just a part of the gospel of the Kingdom. The gospel of salvation is focused on *going* to heaven. The gospel of the Kingdom is focused on *bringing* heaven. We have to stop confusing our destination with our assignment.”

OPTIONAL:



John Piper:

“We are aliens, and living like aliens is utterly necessary. When professing Christian aliens are absorbed into the world and give up walking by the constitution of the Kingdom, and give up loving the King, and give up pursuing the cravings of the Kingdom, then they have no warrant for thinking that they will inherit the Kingdom. It is a great tragedy when a professing believer lives for this present world.”

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Discussion Questions:

Did this section about the Kingdom of God spark something that you had not considered?

What does this statement mean to you?

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