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Objections to Kingdom

Whenever you deal with praying for missionaries and the spread of the gospel across the world, there seems to be one great objection to this. This objection is either spoken or unspoken. It is often a hindrance to believers praying for missionaries and their labors. It can be stated in numerous ways. But, the summary of this objection is “Why should we be concerned about other nations. We have so many needs and concerns here that demand our prayers and attention.” How can we deal with this objection to kingdom praying?

First, it needs to be remembered that God is a universal God (Isaiah 49:6). God’s compassion and mercy extends to the ends of the earth. He is a God whose concern is not limited to a nation or a race. His desire is that the nations of the world hear about His glorious character and commands. If we are growing in godliness, our compassion and concern will extend to the nations of the world. It will be our desire to see the nations hear of His greatness and see them respond to Him by faith in Christ and repentance toward Him. Kingdom praying honors God because it acknowledges His universal purpose.

Second, your knowledge of God should drive you to be concerned about and to pray for the nations of the world. You have come to know God in an intimate relationship. You have experienced His salvation. He has blessed you. He has heard you and He has answered your prayers. You have

come to know and experience Him as the great and living God. Don’t you want others to know God in the way that you know Him? Don’t you want others to experience the power and blessedness of having a personal relationship with God? Your knowledge and experience of God should motivate you to want others to have the same knowledge and experience. Kingdom praying is a way to show gratitude for your relationship and knowledge of God.

Third, the root of a lack of concern and prayer for the nations is selfishness. The book of **Jonah** deals with this. Jonah did not care if the Ninevites heard about God and His message. His main concern was Israel. If we are not concerned about the nations of the world, it is nothing more than selfishness. God showed mercy to you by sending someone to share the gospel with you. God showed compassion to you by moving believers to pray for your salvation. Are you now saying that it does not matter to you if God shows compassion or mercy to anyone else? Are you now saying that God should not have this concern and compassion for anyone else? God’s mercy and compassion extends beyond you and your circle of relationships. If we lack concern for the nations of the world, it is selfishness. This is something that must be repented of and dealt with swiftly. Kingdom praying requires that you face and conquer self-centeredness.

Along with this, it needs to be remembered that Israel was judged for its failure to declare the Word of God to the nations. God made Israel His witness to the nations (**Exodus 19:6**). Their purpose was to share the Word of God with the world. Yet, they failed to do this. Their vision turned inward rather than outward. They were more concerned about themselves than the nations of the world. Because of this, God judged them. God has now made the church His witness to the world. It is our responsibility to declare the Word of God to the world. God desires that His people be rivers, not reservoirs, of blessing. He desires that we share the truth with the world. If we fail to do this, we will face the judgment of God. If we practice kingdom praying, God will bless and He will draw the nations to Himself.

Our failure to pray for and have concern for the nations will result in their blood being on our hands. The prophet Ezekiel warns that if we do not warn the wicked of their fate and their need of repenting and turning to God, their blood will be on our hands (**Ezekiel 3:18**). We know the fate of the wicked. We know that they need to turn away from their sins and turn to Christ. If we do not labor with all our might in praying and sending missionaries, then their blood will be on our hands. We will be guilty of failing to share the life-transforming message of the gospel with them. We will be guilty of failing to share with them the message that they need so desperately. Kingdom praying enables us to discharge our weighty responsibility to God and to them.

Finally, it needs to be emphasized that God delivers nations through intercessors. In the book of Ezekiel, God declares that He looked for an intercessor for the nation of Israel (**Ezekiel 22:30**). God could not find an intercessor for the nation. Because of this, He destroyed the nation. If there had been an intercessor, God would have spared the nation. This passage is pointing out that intercessors can deliver a nation from its sin and judgment. God honors and uses intercession for nations and peoples. Nations and peoples can be delivered from their sins and their judgment if believers will pray. This makes intercession for

nations and missionaries an inescapable necessity. Kingdom praying will make a difference—now and for eternity!

This objection to kingdom praying cannot stand in the light of Scripture. God invites His people to pray for the nations. He summons His people to plead for the missionaries and their labors to spread the gospel to the entire world. The believer can join God in His global purpose!

Praying For Those Left Behind

Missionaries do make sacrifices to pursue God's call. Yet, the families of missionaries make sacrifices also. Their sacrifice is often silent and painful. For this reason, they need the prayer covering of believers.

The following prayer guide can be used to aid you in praying for missionaries' families. You can use these Scripture prayers or develop your own from them. Also, pray about the particular needs of missionaries' families. You can powerfully intercede for them by combining Scripture prayers and intercession for particular needs.

Lord of the harvest, You called and have sent _____ to the mission field. I pray that You would give _____'s family understanding and strength to accept and rejoice in this call and their labors. I pray that _____'s family would offer them full support and encouragement (**Matthew 9:38**).

Father, I pray that You would grant _____'s family a peace that passes understanding about their call and service for you on the mission field. Let this peace protect them from anxiety and worry (**Philippians 4:7**).

Lord, I pray that You would give _____'s family a spirit of prayer for them. Cause _____'s family to pray and not give in to worry or fear (**Colossians 4:2; Philippians 4:6**).

Father, I pray that You would grant good health to _____'s family. Protect _____ from worry and anxiety concerning their health (**Exodus 15:26**).

God, I plead that You would raise up friends for _____'s that will help fill the void in their lives. I ask that these friends will be faithful, concerned, and prayerful. Let these friends minister encouragement and hope to _____'s family (**Proverbs 17:17**).

Father, I ask You to envelope _____'s family in Your love. Grant them a special sense of Your unconditional love for them (**John 3:16, 1 John 4:8**).

Lord, I ask that You would meet all the needs of _____'s family according to Your glorious riches and power. Whatever their needs are, pour out on them Your abundance and meet their needs. Deliver _____ from worrying about the needs of their family (**Philippians 4:19**).

Father, I pray that You would protect _____'s family from the attacks of Satan. Deliver them from his evil plans (**1 Peter 5:8-9**).

Father, I plead that You would grant _____'s family a hunger for Yourself and Your will. Let them thirst for You as the deer does the streams of water. Grant them a longing to know You and to seek You (**Psalms 42:1-2**).

God, I ask that _____'s family would cast all their cares on You because You care about them (**1 Peter 5:7**).

Father, You are the God of hope. As the God of hope, I plead that You will fill _____'s family with hope concerning their call and labors on the mission field (**Romans 15:13**).

Lord, I plead that You will grant _____'s family a servant's heart. Let them minister to others out of what You teach

them through their experiences (**Matthew 20:28; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4**).

Father, grant _____'s family a special sense of Your faithfulness. Cause them to know that Your compassion does not fail. Let them understand in fresh and profound ways that Your mercies are fresh and new every morning. Help them to know that they can entrust _____ and their labors on the field into Your faithful and powerful heart (**Lamentations 3:22-23**).

Father, I pray that You would meet the spiritual needs of _____'s family. You know their needs and I ask You to do whatever needs to be done in their lives. If they need salvation, bring them into a relationship with Your Son. If they know You, I plead that You would draw them into a more intimate relationship with Yourself (**John 3:16; Psalm 42:1-2**).

The "Six Questions" Method Of Prayer Evangelism

The "Six Questions" Method of Prayer Evangelism is a prayer plan that you can use to pray for a nation or people group. You can use it to pray for people across the world or across the street. This prayer plan focuses on ultimate questions that people must face. By using this plan, you are praying for God to bring these questions to the heart and mind of lost people. This prayer plan helps prepare people to hear the gospel.

(1) **Why:** Ask God to cause these people to wonder why they reject Jesus Christ and His salvation. Call on Him to show these people the foolishness of rejecting Christ and of living life without Him.

(2) **What:** Ask God to cause these people to start asking the question, "What is the purpose of my life?" Plead with God to plant in their heart urgency concerning this question.

(3) **When:** Pray that God will grant these people an emptiness of heart. Ask God to show them that sin and selfishness will not satisfy. Call on God to cause these people to start asking the questions, “When will I really be free?” and “When can I find true peace and hope?”

(4) **Whom:** Pray that God will cause these people to doubt all the lies that he or she has concerning Christianity. Call on God to cause these people to ask, “Whom can I trust? In whom can I find hope?”

(5) **How:** Plead that God will plant this question in the hearts of the people, “How can I cope with my problems?” Pray that God will grant hopelessness in the heart of these people. Ask God to show them that they cannot cope in their own power or strength. Pray that they will be forced to look to God.

(6) **Where:** Call on God to cause these people to contemplate the question, “Where will I go when I die?”

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