

## REACHING THE ENDS OF THE EARTH!

Acts 13:47; 1 Chronicles 12:32

Proverbs 4:7

Luke 12:42-48

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### REACHING THE ENDS OF THE EARTH REQUIRES UNDERSTANDING

#### I. THE BELIEVER'S ROLE & RESPONSIBILITY:

- Believers Are Not Merely Consumers On The Planet (1 Cor. 15:32)
- Believers Are In Fact Controllers Of The Planet (Matt. 16:19)
- Control Is Called The Believer's Authority - Dominion Mandate (Gen. 1:26-28)
- In Dominion The Believer Serves As Steward Of The Planet (Matt. 25:14)
- A Steward = One Who Man-Ages On Behalf Of An Owner (Ps. 24:1)
- As Steward The Believer Is Also A Student Of The Planet (Prov. 15:28)

#### II. AREAS OF STUDY:

- Understanding Our World Spiritually (Eph. 6:12)
- Understanding Our World Morally (Prov. 14:34)
- Understanding Our World Geo-Politically (Matt. 24:7)
- Understanding Our World Environmentally (Rom. 8:22)
- Understanding Our World Technologically (Dan. 12:4)

#### III. REASONS FOR STUDY:

- Understanding Leads To Effective Prayer (James 5:16)
- Understanding Leads To Strategic Planning (Luke 14:31)
- Understanding Leads To Quality Preaching (Col. 4:6)
- Understanding Leads To Valued Participation (Josh. 6:16, 20)

#### **IV. 2<sup>ND</sup> THOUGHTS ABOUT TAKING THE CITY:**

- Taking The City Is Generally A Salvific Phrase
- Salvation Is Always A Starting Point Never A Destination
- Post-Salvation We Need Clean Water = Water Treatment
- Post-Salvation We Need Waste Removal = Waste Management
- Post-Salvation We Need To Commute = Arterial Infrastructure
- Post-Salvation We Need Shelter = Housing Development
- Post-Salvation We Need...And The List Goes On
- Taking The City Means Understanding The City

#### **V. OUR WORLD: A SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVE (Eph. 6:12)**

- Know: We Exist In A Deeply Spiritual World (Heb. 12:9)
- Know: Our World Is 1<sup>st</sup> A Spirit-Guided World (Eph. 2:1-2)
- Believe: Surrounding Angelic & Demonic Worlds (Gen. 32:1-2; Mark 5:1-13)
- Know: Satan, The Chief Devil, Operates In The Shadowlands (2 Cor. 4:3-4)
- Know: The World Has Been Demonically Mapped (Dan. 10:13)
- Know: Demonic Princes Are Stationed Over Cities (Eph. 6:12)
- Believe: Our Victory Has Been Secured Thru Christ (1 John 3:8)
- Know: Spiritual Fight For The Heavens Over A City (Gen. 1:14-19)
- Know: Constant Prayer Affects-Ensures An Open Heaven (Eph. 6:18-19)
- Believe: Worship-Word-Prayer-Fasting Cultivates Strong Spirituality
- Believe: Connection Between Right Living & Spiritual Authority (Ecc. 10:1)
- Know: Discern Clean Spirit Power & Unclean Spirit Power (2 Cor. 11:13-15)

## **VI. OUR WORLD: A MORAL PERSPECTIVE (Prov. 14:34)**

- Understand: We're In A Crisis Of Morality. (Isa. 5:20)
- Know: Our Response To The Rising LGBTQ2+ Community
- Know: When To Speak, Where To Speak, How To Speak & If To Speak
- Know: How To Love While Respectfully Disagreeing
- Know: What Acceptance Of The Biblically Immoral Looks Like
- Understand: Which Values Are Timeless & Which Are Relative
- Understand: Fight For Historic Values Or Adapt To Changing Mores
- Understand: The Importance Of Marriage For Values Continuity
- Understand: Timeless Parenting Vs. Cultural Parenting
- Understand: The Importance Of A Moral Church Community

## **VII. OUR WORLD: A GEO-POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE (Matt. 24:7)**

- Geopolitical = The Role Of Politics In Shaping The World
- Understand: The New Fight For Global Dominance
- Understand: Owning The World Economically Not Militarily (Ecc. 10:19)
- Understand: The Rise Of Asia; The Emergence Of India & Africa
- Recognize: The Political Equalization Of The World
- Understand: The Middle East Conflict
- Know: How To Love Israel (Ps. 122:6) & Palestine (John 3:16)
- Know: Canada's Role On The Global Stage
- Understand: Canada's Indigenous Peoples

### **VIII. OUR WORLD: AN ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVE (Rom. 8:22)**

- Know: Does God Care About The Creation? (Ps. 19:1; 24:1-2)
- Know: Global Warming – Fact Or Fiction?
- Know: Are We Emitting Too Much Carbon?
- Know: Are We Damaging The Planet Thru Deforestation?
- Know: Are Glaciers Melting Due To Warmer Temperatures?
- Know: Are Sea Levels Rising Due To Melting?
- Know: Should We Be Concerned With Our Personal Footprint?
- Know: Church's Role, If Any, In The Green Conversation?
- Know: Church - Leader, Follower Or Silent On Environmental Issues?
- Know: Eat Meat, Wear Fur, Drive Electric, Fly Private – Matters Or Not?
- Understand: Earth's Current Crisis – Man, Sin Or Both? (Gen. 3:17)

### **IX. OUR WORLD: A TECHNOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE (Dan. 12:4)**

- Know: Is Technology God's Gift, Satan's Instrument Or Man's Child?
- Know: Is Technology Friend, Foe Or Neutral?
- Know: Where Lies The Balance Between Technology & Human Relationships
- Know: How To Relate To A Tech-Dependent Generation
- Know: To Live Or Not To Live In The Digital Space
- Know: Are We Maximizing Technology Or Technology Maximizing Us?
- Understand: Church Online, Church In Person Or Both
- Understand: Kingdom Use Of Technology – Ahead Or Behind

**PRAYER: O LORD, PREPARE THE CHURCH FOR THE NATIONS!!**