

Email

Dear Friend,

This week we are focusing on the Kingdom of God and its many different aspects. From the very start of his ministry Jesus spoke about the Kingdom of God. We have all been called out of the kingdom of darkness and into the light and we are called to share the good news of the Kingdom with those around us. This is good news for Muslims! This week let's pray that many Muslims would come into His Kingdom!

May God mightily bless you as you pray and intercede this week.

For His Glory in the Nations'

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Monday 29th August

The Kingdom



The Kingdom of God can be a difficult concept to understand and articulate. There are many scriptures that refer to the Kingdom of God and we pray in the Lord's prayer 'Let Your Kingdom come', but what is the Kingdom of God exactly.

Watch the video below about the Kingdom of God, which seeks to explain further:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVHz34eiSPE>

- Let's pray that the church in the UK would break out of its walls and invite the Muslims in their communities into the Kingdom of God.
- Pray that many will go and share this message of the Kingdom in the Muslim world.
- Pray that many Muslims would receive this message as good news and would choose to become followers of Jesus and enter His Kingdom.

Tuesday 30th August

Finding the Kingdom in a Strategic City



“The Kingdom of God? Oh, I think it’s just a bit north of here,” said the Muslim man at the restaurant table next to us.

The four of us had just landed in this strategic and unengaged city of one million Muslims, asking God one question: “Now that we know You want us to go, is this the place?”

Throughout the trip, we collected what we called Joshua stones: moments big and small when we felt that God was showing us a glimpse of His plan for the future.

We piled up these invisible rocks, just like Joshua did after crossing the Jordan. The Lord had instructed Joshua and his people to build an altar with twelve stones from the river so that they would remember all that He had done for them.

One of these invisible rocks represented the day we met the man we call Cornelius. Everywhere we went during our stay in the city, we asked people about the history of the

place. Someone finally said, “You must meet Cornelius. He is a very busy man, but I can arrange half an hour for you. He can tell you everything about our city and our history.”

Cornelius asked the standard question when Western people come to a city where no Western people live: “Why are you here?”

“We are business people working in Fortune 500 companies in America,” we told him. “We wish to move our families here and to start businesses that will create jobs in your city.” We also explained that we were people who worship God and follow His ways of peace and reconciliation. We chatted with Cornelius for over an hour. Finally, he smiled and stood up.

“I will tell you about our history,” he said. “But first I should tell you that I am not just a historian; I am the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and I would like to personally welcome you to our city. Come speak at our meeting tonight. I will introduce you, and you will tell everyone why you are here!”

That evening we met everyone at the Chamber of Commerce. At the end of the meeting, they gave us a carved, wooden boat engraved with the words, “Welcome to Our City.” They even took a photo of us with all the important business people of the city to print in their magazine. That boat is another Joshua stone, a memorial that reminds us that God longs for this city to know Him—and that He intends for us to be a part of His plan.

Three field worker families now live long-term in that city. Cornelius is not yet a follower of Jesus. But as a generous and God-fearing man, he remains instrumental in opening the doors of opportunity for them to share the gospel.

Soon, someone in this city might answer, “The Kingdom of God? It’s right here!”

- Pray that the Kingdom of God would come in this city and that Cornelius would come to know Jesus.
- Pray for more field workers to go to completely unreached cities to share the gospel and bring the Kingdom.
- Pray for the British Office of Frontiers as we seek to raise up more workers for the harvest across the Muslim world.

Source: <https://frontiersusa.org/blog/finding-the-kingdom-in-strategic-cities/>

Wednesday 31st August

The rich and the kingdom of God

Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, 'Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?'

'Why do you ask me about what is good?' Jesus replied. 'There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments.'

'Which ones?' he enquired.

Jesus replied, "'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honour your father and mother,'" and "love your neighbour as yourself."

'All these I have kept,' the young man said. 'What do I still lack?'

Jesus answered, 'If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.' When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' Matthew 19:16-23

The oil rich Gulf states have proved to be some of the hardest ground for sowing seeds of the gospel. The wealthy there are much like this young man – secure in their wealth and trying to earn favour with God through their good deeds. Much prayer is needed for the wealthy in these areas to become open spiritually.



- Pray that hearts and minds would be opened spiritually across the Arab Gulf.
- Pray for those who access Christian media to follow up on what they are hearing and to accept Jesus for who He is.
- Pray for perseverance and encouragement for workers in this region. Pray that they would see breakthrough!

Thursday 1st September

Born again

‘Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.’

Jesus replied, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.’

‘How can someone be born when they are old?’ Nicodemus asked. ‘Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!’

Jesus answered, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, “You must be born again.” The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.’

‘How can this be?’ Nicodemus asked.

‘You are Israel’s teacher,’ said Jesus, ‘and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.’

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.’ John 3:1-17

Just like this Jewish Pharisee and leader, many Muslims also have trouble understanding the concept of forgiveness and entering His Kingdom by being ‘born again’ through belief in Jesus. Let’s pray for leaders across the Muslim world to understand this key concept:

- Pray for leaders of mosques and Islamic schools and universities across the Muslim world to seek out Jesus just as Nicodemus did.
- Pray that their hearts would be opened to understand the message of the Kingdom and how we can enter into it through Jesus.
- Pray for more pioneering leaders to set up teams all across the Muslim world, seeking out influential men and women of peace and sharing the message of the Kingdom with them.

Friday 2nd September

Build Your Kingdom

Listen to the worship song below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbdJXKqVgtg>

“Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here
We pray.

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls Holy Spirit come
invade us now
We are Your Church
And we need Your power In us
We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captive hearts released
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause
We are Your church And we pray revive
This earth.

Writer(s): Gilkeson Gareth Andrew, Llewellyn
Christopher Dean, Herron William

- Pray for God's Kingdom to come where you are and for many Muslims to come into His Kingdom.
- Pray that the church in this country would have a fresh revelation of

God's Kingdom and would seek to bring the Kingdom to places where it is not yet established.

- Pick one Muslim nation specifically and pray these prayers for that place.

Saturday 3rd September

Mustard seed



Watch the video below on the mustard seed:

<https://movingworks.org/project/the-mustard-seed/>

Again he said, 'What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.' Mark 4:30-32

Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!' Mark 1:14-15

As he starts his public ministry Jesus primary message is that the Kingdom of Heaven has come near. We are called to repent and come into the Kingdom of God.

- Pray for more workers to go to the Muslim world and share the message of the kingdom.
- Let's pray for all those working amongst Muslims who are daily sowing seeds of the gospel to meet

those who are open and interested in Jesus.

- Pray that many Muslims would respond to this message, repent and come into the Kingdom of God.