



Prayer Mapping Your City

Purpose:

To create a visual map of the spiritual landscape of the city (mostly what is unseen), which captures the representation of historical and current strongholds, God movements, and potential Gospel opportunities in a city.

To Start, Identify:

- Preferred Medium/Platform:
 - Suggestions: Paper Black/White Map (use colored pencils/marker), Mapping Software, Word Doc w/ Google Maps)
 - Suggestion: I would start with something simple and “erasable” until you find your rhythm then move to something more “sophisticated”
- Specific Boundaries (Target Area)
 - Discovery what physical boundaries captures who God has entrusted to you: Government Lines, Geographical Areas, Language, People Groups/Cultures
- Strategy/Plan
 - Use symbols to identify specific sites
 - Use shading/colors to identify certain peoples/languages/religions
 - Use Arrows for cultural influences

What to map...Suggested Resources & Questions:

- Mapping Points:
 - Chart Historical Influences on the city
 - Specific Spiritual Dark Places or Strongholds (i.e., locations of child sacrifice, centers of slavery/exploitation, etc.)
 - Specific God Movements (historical or present)
 - Cultural Influences (conquests, rulers, historical events, etc.)
- Twenty Questions for spiritual mapping: (Dawson, 1989)
 1. What place does your city have in your nation's history?
 2. Was there ever the imposition of a new culture or language through conquest?
 3. What were the religious practices of ancient peoples on the site?
 4. Was there a time when a new religion emerged?
 5. Under what circumstances did the gospel first enter the city?
 6. Has the national or city government ever disintegrated?
 7. What has been the leadership style of past governments?
 8. Have there ever been wars that affected this city?
 9. Was the city itself the site of a battle?
 10. What names have been used to label the city and what are their meanings?
 11. Why was the city originally settled?
 12. Did the city have a founder? What was his dream?

13. As political, military, and religious leaders emerged, what did they dream for themselves and for the city?
 14. What political, economic, and religious institutions have dominated the life of the city?
 15. What has been the experience of immigrants to the city?
 16. Have there been any traumatic experiences such as economic collapse, race riots, or an earthquake?
 17. Did the city ever experience the birth of a socially transforming technology?
 18. Has there ever been a sudden opportunity to create wealth such as the discovery of oil or a new irrigation technology?
 19. Has there ever been religious conflict among competing religions or among Christians?
 20. What is the history of relationships among the races?
- The Rules for City Taking-from Warfare Prayer: (Wagner, 2009)
 1. Rule 1: Select a manageable geographical area with discernible spiritual boundaries.
 2. Rule 2: Secure the unity of the pastors and other Christian leads in the area and begin to pray together on a regular basis.
 3. Rule 3: Project a clear image that the effort is not an activity simply of one Christian group but of the whole Body of Christ.
 4. Rule 4: Assure the spiritual preparation of participating leaders and other Christians through repentance, humility, and holiness.
 5. Rule 5: Research the historical background of the city in order to reveal spiritual forces shaping the city.
 6. Rule 6: Work with intercessors especially gifted and called to strategic-level warfare, seeking God's revelation of the redemptive gift or gifts of the city:
 - Satan's strongholds in the city
 - Territorial spirits assigned to the city
 - Corporate sin past and present that needs to be dealt with
 - God's plan of attack and timing