



## **NATIONAL HARVEST PRAYER EVANGELISM**

### *Plowing Before the Planter/Harvest and Operation Events*

#### **→32 Research Questions to Ponder as You Prepare for City Prayer Walk**

##### **RESEARCH OUTLINE**

- Name of City                                Meaning of City's name
- Nickname of City                            Motto of City
- Name of County
- Who was the city named after, what was he or she like?
- What were the founders or the first settlers like?
- What is your city known for: i.e., college town, port city or industrial?
- Who are its leaders now? Mayor, Police Chief, or religious leaders
- What influence do or did the Native Americans have in your city?

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***Here is a list of other key questions when territorial researching your city's history:  
(from "Taking Our Cities for God" by John Dawson (Lake Mary, FL: Creation House, 1989)***

- What place does your city have in your nation's history?
- What were the religious practices of ancient peoples on the site?
- Was there a time when a new religion emerged?
- Under what circumstances did the gospel first enter the city?
- Has the national or city government ever disintegrated?
- What has been the leadership style of past governments?
- Have there ever been wars that affected this city?
- Was the city itself the site of a battle?
- What names have been used to label the city and what are their meanings?
- Why was the city originally settled?
- Did the city have a founder? What was his dream?
- As political, military, and religious leaders emerged, what did they dream for themselves and for the city?
- What political, economic, and religious institutions have dominated the life of the city?
- What has been the experience of immigrants to the city?
- Have there been any traumatic experiences such as economic collapse, race riots, or an earthquake?
- Did the city ever experience the birth of a socially transforming technology?
- Has there ever been a sudden opportunity to create wealth such as the discovery of oil or a new irrigation technology?
- Has there ever been religious conflict among competing religions or among Christians?
- What is the history of relationships among the races?
- What is the ethnicity, population, and culture of your city?
- What kind of entertainment and social activities in the area?
- What is crime rate like now and past?

*Let the Lord guide you as you research. Think of other things that may be plaguing your city through this process. You'll be amazed at what you find. Use the information that you find to pray strategically.*

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# Territorial Research

(A Starting Point To Build On)

To apply Territorial Research (sometimes referred to as Spiritual Mapping) there will be much time invested in prayer walking, investigation, praying and discerning the many areas that needs to be learned. There must be ongoing prayer and fasting to maintain each of the victories. The following outline will help in the search for answers.

## **Territorial Research:**

Research the historical background and foundation of the city. Find out what are the ideologies. What are the dominating religious practices? What are the cultural sins? Who were the founding people and their beliefs and activities? This will lead to understanding what is causing demonic bondage. How was the city founded? a.) What are the historical and the significant? b.) Where was it [city landmarks] built? Was it on burial grounds, sacred places? c.) Who built it, and what were their religious backgrounds and what was their influence? d.) For what purpose was the city founded? Ex: *San Francisco's nickname is "Baghdad by the Bay." Definition of Baghdad - One of the greatest cities of the Muslim world.*

## **Discernment:**

The city really is not as it appears to be. There is a visible and an invisible. Realize that there is a spiritual reality that is behind the natural (II Corinthians 4:18). Things of the natural are affected by the spiritual.

## **Name the Angel of the City:**

There is a need to understand how the prince or the main ruling fallen angel or evil force of the city is at work. Such needs to be exposed, enabling you to understand the dimensions the Church ministry must undertake if it is truly to confront the principalities and powers and overcome it.

## **Understanding the Spiritual Superpowers:**

There may be spirits like Hinduism, Materialism, Islam, Asian, Cultural, and others that influence the city. This reveals what controls millions and millions of people. When praying geographically, there will be a shaking up of the devil/demons, and it will hinder his plans (Ephesians 6:12). Find the strongholds in the cities and pray against them (Matthew 16:19). Find the strongholds in the neighborhoods and pray against them. Where are the unreached people groups?

## **Identify Territorial Spirits:**

Witchcraft (Palm Readers etc), Religious spirits, Rebellion, Homosexuality; Masonic symbolism (pyramids, cornerstones); Plazas - statues/monuments/carvings. What are they? What are their meanings? Historical places, City hall, County seat. Who was it founded by? Is there a spirit of apathy? Is there a lethargic spirit? What are sins of the past in the city and its consequences in the culture?

## **Bind the Strong Man:**

Read Matthew 12:29 and Mark 3:27. Using the history and geography/the identified strongholds, pray against it. Incorporate binding and loosing. Remember that cities are the mind and heart of the nation. The nation is the sum of the cities. Use the "whole armour of God." (Ephesians 6:13-18) There should be a sense of a change from what is done in binding the strong man.

## **The Prayer:**

As you gather spiritual insight of what is in the city and where it is at. Pray against it. Be sensitive to the area as you are prayer walking. God will reveal particular places and houses where demonic influences are. Learn to ask God questions and learn to listen for God's answers. He is a Revealer of Secrets (Daniel 2:47). [Pray that God shines His glorious Light to penetrate/dissipate the darkness, and that He prevails]

## **Pray Over the City:**

Speak against the principalities to the North, South, East and West of the Church. Your spiritual warfare prayer can begin: "You have people God wills (declares) to become a part of the Church. Pray "Enemy, I command you in the Name of Jesus to release every person who is supposed to be a part of this Body!"

## **Victory:**

We do this never to glorify Satan by these things. It is only to conquer him by the knowledge and the understanding of his strongholds and his tactics. ***"Nay, in all these things, we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8:37-38).***