



Kingdom Mentality vs. Church/Denomination Mentality: Growing and Impacting the Community

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Welcome

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Opening Prayer

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Purpose of the Workshop

Equip participants with an understanding of the difference between a “Kingdom Mindset” and a “Church/Denomination Mentality” and how embracing a Kingdom mindset enables growth, unity, and greater community impact.

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Statistics on the Decline of Membership in Mainline Denominations

- **In the book, “The Great Dechurching” by Jim Davis and Michael Graham, they posit the thesis that “We are currently in the middle of the largest and fastest religious shift in the history of our country.”**
- **They cite that “about 15 percent of American Adults living today (around 40 million people) have effectively stopped going to church, and most of this dechurching has happened in the past twenty-five years.”**

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Further, “For the first time in the eight decades that Gallup has tracked American religious membership, more adults in the United States do not attend church than attend church.”

Pew Research Center found that mainline Protestantism (United Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, etc.) in the U.S. now makes up only 10% of churches.

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The Southern Baptist Convention, the largest Protestant denomination in the U.S., has experienced a steady decline. From a peak of 16.3 million members in 2006, membership fell to 14.5 million in 2019, with baptisms also declining. Source: Southern Baptist Convention Annual Church Profile, “Annual Report” (2019)

The rise in religious disaffiliation, often referred to as the rise of the “Nones”, has been a major factor in denominational decline. Pew research shows that the percentage of Americans identifying as religiously unaffiliated increased from 16% in 2007 to 26% in 2019.

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According to a Gallup poll in 2021, U.S. church membership fell below 50% for the first time, dropping from 70% in 1999 to 47% in 2020. This decline is seen across denominations, driven by a combination of secularization, generational changes, and dissatisfaction with institutional religion.

Robert Putnam and David Campbell in their book, “American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us”, and Gregory Smith, associate director of research at the Pew Research Center, has conducted extensive research on religious trends, emphasize that younger generations are increasingly less likely to affiliate with religious institutions.

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Overview of Kingdom Mindset vs. Church Mentality

Kingdom Mindset	Church Mentality
A kingdom mindset releases all saints as ministers in the marketplace.	A church mentality merely trains people to serve in a church building on Sundays.
A kingdom mindset creates wealth to transform a community and nation.	A church mentality motivates giving to build our own church programs.
A kingdom mindset is a holistic approach that integrates the gospel with politics, economics, and public policy.	A church mentality insulates the gospel from politics and public policy.
A kingdom mindset views the Bible as a blueprint to structure every aspect of society.	A church mentality views the Bible merely as a pietistic book that enables us to escape the world, enter heaven, and be spiritual.
With a kingdom mindset churches embrace and love their surrounding unchurched communities.	With a church mentality churches only embrace converted individuals within their faith communities.
A kingdom mindset trains people for all of life.	A church mentality trains people only for church life.

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Overview of Kingdom Mindset vs. Church Mentality

A kingdom mindset nurtures leaders who are world changers and cultural creatives who articulate truth to society.	A church mentality nurtures leaders who speak religious language relevant only to church people.
With a kingdom mindset pastors release their people to their vocational callings in the marketplace.	A church mentality controls people by marginalizing their marketplace callings and emphasizing only their Sunday ministries.
A kingdom mindset applies a Spirit-empowered approach to the natural world.	A church mentality involves a spirituality that separates from the natural world.
Those with a kingdom mindset are working toward a renaissance of Christendom.	Those with a church mentality merely strive for a particular expression (denomination) of Christianity.
Churches with a kingdom mindset equip 100% of the saints to fill up all things in every realm of life (Ephesians 4:10-12).	Those with a church mentality have as their primary goal to equip the 2-3% of the congregation called to be full-time church pastors, ministers, and missionaries.

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Defining Mentalities

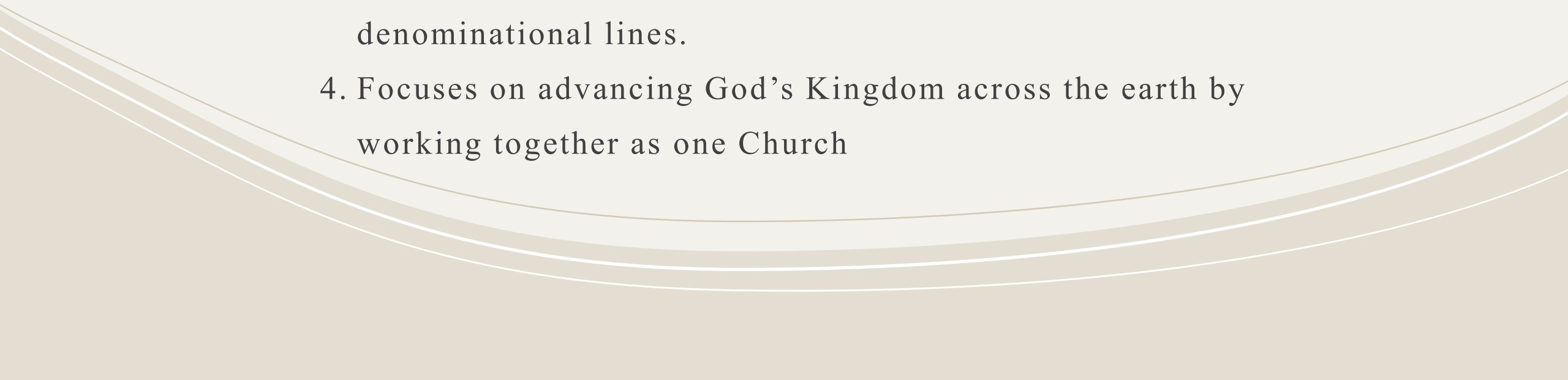
Church/Denomination Mentality

1. Focus on internal growth
2. Emphasis on programs and attendance
3. Prioritizes loyalty to a specific tradition or doctrine, often leading to isolation from other Christian groups
4. Focuses on the success of the denomination rather than the greater body of Christ.

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Defining Mentalities

Kingdom Mindset

1. Focus on community impact
 2. Emphasis on relationships and outreach
 3. Emphasizes unity within the body of Christ, transcending denominational lines.
 4. Focuses on advancing God's Kingdom across the earth by working together as one Church
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The Need for a Kingdom Mentality

Why do we need a Kingdom
mentality?

A Kingdom mentality focuses on God's
rule and reign, encompassing all
believers as part of His family,
regardless of denominational lines or
local church boundaries.



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**Biblical
Foundation**

“¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

“³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Matthew 6:33

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,^[a] in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

1 Corinthians 1:10-13

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Community Impact

Key Concepts:

- **Broader Perspective**

A kingdom mindset focuses on God's reign and purposes, encouraging the church to consider how it can serve the wider community rather than just its own members.

- **Collaboration**

A kingdom mindset encourages collaboration with other churches, organizations, and community groups.

- **Holistic Approach**

A kingdom mindset encompasses not just spiritual needs but also physical, emotional, and social needs.

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Impact on Growth

Key Concepts:

- **Witness and Influence**

Addressing community needs from a kingdom perspective can enhance the church's witness.

- **Focus on Transformation**

A kingdom mindset emphasizes transformation over maintenance.

- **Community Engagement**

By emphasizing the kingdom of God, the church is motivated to take action on social issues, such as poverty, injustice, and health care.

To cultivate a Kingdom mentality, we must change our viewpoint.

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**Cultivating a
Kingdom
Mentality**

Shifting Perspectives

1. Encouraging service over self
2. Building Relationships
3. Collaborating with local organizations

Outward Mission vs. Inward Maintenance

1. Prioritizing outreach, service, and evangelism
2. The importance of equipping believers to live out their faith in their homes, workplaces, and public spaces

Influence on Society

1. Becoming salt and light in the community (Matthew 5:13-16)
2. Addressing societal needs like poverty, injustice, education, and health care

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Conclusion:

- Summary of Key Points
- Q & A
- Closing Prayer and Call to Action