

WHY DESIRE KINGDOM GROWTH?

The kingdom of God is the reign of God as king, especially in saving sinners. Why should we desire that the kingdom of God grows? Here are four answers.

Jesus commands his followers to make disciples.

Matthew 28:18-20:

And Jesus came and said to [his followers], “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Jesus gives his followers the responsibility to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching



them what he commanded. This is God's plan for each one of his followers.

God desires that all be saved.

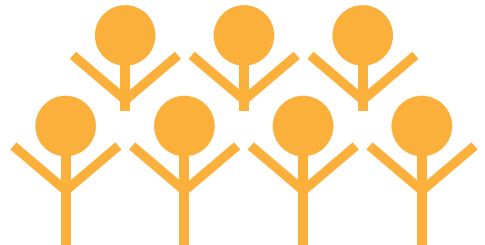
2 Peter 3:9:

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.



The Lord is patient with his church. He does not desire that any should perish, but that all be saved. He has given time so that his followers can share the good news of Jesus which is power unto salvation for all who believe.

God has promised that people from every nation, tribe, people, and language be in heaven.



Revelation 7:9-10:

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude

that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

We can have confidence that many will be saved through the gospel witness of his followers because God has promised just that.

The need for people to be saved is urgent.



Here are some estimates for Urban Bangalore alone:

Total population	13 million / 1.3 crore people
Birth rate	509 people per day
Death rate	174 people per day
Percentage unsaved	94%
Unsaved death rate	7 people per hour

The population of Bangalore is increasing rapidly, and about 7 people die every hour in this city without believing the good news of Jesus. If you consider the world as a whole, every second about 2 people die without believing the good news of Jesus. We must not wait to be obedient to God in sharing the only name and message by which we must be saved, Jesus.

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