

Spiritual Mapping

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Spiritual mapping is an activity conducted under the leadership of the Holy Spirit which helps us to see our county from our Lord's perspective.

It combines research, divine revelation, and confirmatory evidence in order to provide data concerning the identities, strategies and methods employed by both the spiritual forces of darkness and the people of God that have and are now influencing the people and the congregations in a given region.

The data include historical, cultural, societal, and statistical information such as secular historians, sociologists and cultural anthropologists might gather to understand the dynamics operating in a region.

But what makes spiritual mapping different is that as data is gathered, intercessors pray about the data and the Holy Spirit uses it to help us better understand the spiritual dynamics of our county to help us pray. We need to understand the obstacles to revival in our county so we can better pray against them. We need also to identify and support the people and organizations that are operating here to bring the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior

So the main purpose of spiritual mapping is to give information to the Body of Christ that helps sustain our fervent intercession to see Coweta County released from the strongholds of the enemy, thereby laying the foundation for effective evangelism and discipleship, and for the Kingdom of God to come to our county, by which it will be transformed.

It is inherently a team activity, conducted by members of the Body of Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, who informs our intercession and helps us to pray specific prayers for the transformation of our county.

Spiritual mapping is not new. There are many Biblical examples. We see it in the example of the spies going in to the land (Numbers 13:1-2, 17-20). They come back with details about the location of the people (Numbers 13:29); Paul in Athens (Acts 17:16, 22-23) takes time to see the city before addressing it. Today, the Holy Spirit is renewing the revelation of spiritual mapping to the body of Christ.

Spiritual mapping is concerned with the primary sins which, according to the Bible, pollute the land. We need to consider to what degree there has been or now is idolatry, sexual immorality, bloodshed and/or broken covenants in our county for which there has never been adequate repentance by the Body of Christ.

Some general samples of possible spiritual mapping questions for our county could include the following:

1. Historically, what forces have divided the body of Christ within this county? How have they operated? With what effects?
2. What periods in the history of the county has the Spirit of God touched people across the county in repentance and revival?
3. Where have there been and where are there now centers of demonic influence in this county?
4. What conflicts or wars have influenced the people of this county? What blood has been shed here?
5. What percentage of the county identifies themselves as Christian? What are other salient demographic markers of this county; for example, how does the percentage of single family households headed by females with children compare to the percentages in our state, and in our nation?

What ministries are operating within our county which demonstrate the mercy of God?