

The Releasing Kings Study Guide Vs. 1.1

We've designed this study guide as an aid to teaching from our book, "Releasing the Kings". You can use it to:

- mentor a small group at your work place
- teach a class for Kings in your church
- teach a business group
- mentor your sales associates in network or direct marketing
- use as a theme for your home group
- study the material on a personal level

This file contains

- one page of notes per chapter
- graphics suitable for reproduction (including overheads)
- study questions to help you implement these truths in your personal experience (at the end of each section)

There is also a companion PDF file that highlights key points in the book with notes in the margin to help you with additional comments and questions. This material can be covered in as little as 4 sessions or as long as 20. Generally, we recommend 8 – 12 sessions. Lastly, we'll provide an hour of free consultation (from John) to assist you in any way we can to make your use of this material fruitful.

Implementation

We've developed a website and email newsletter to further help you assimilate this material. (Marketplace ministry is developing too fast for any other media.) Here's what's available at <http://www.releasing-kings.com>

1. An email newsletter
2. A bio on Harold and John and a list of upcoming events
3. Bio's of Kings in various occupations based on our interviews
4. Four free reports on hot topics related to Kings that you can download
5. Other resources we recommend

Introducing “Kings”

Timing – “the next revival will occur in the marketplace”

“Currently many of the Lord’s prophets are pronouncing with great emphasis and urgency that this is the time when our Lord is going to prosper those who will have the faith and courage to step forward into ministry in the marketplace. But the Church has not known how.” John Sanford (pg IX) – John founded the Elijah house ministry, wrote our foreword, and is a pioneer in the prophetic movement.

1. Marketplace Ministry and workplace ministry – are different.

“This book is not about how to be successful at your job; it’s about how to be successful at your dream. Allow the Lord to unveil the oneness of your vocation, your avocation, your ministry, and God’s purpose for your life. You’ll be amazed at the blessing that flows from a life integrated in those four areas. The ensuing passion is highly contagious.” Pg Xii

2. A New Breed of “Ministers”

- New Christians are excited about gifts, ministry, and the miraculous
- The only ministry model is preaching / pastoral
- “Lay Ministry” in the church is a stop gap – “unpaid overtime for most”

the Answer is

- Kings minister in the Kingdom – in our cities, the marketplace
- Priest – pastor the local church
 - Priests – the 2% on staff
 - Levites – 10-20% that make the ministries in the church work
 - Kings – 80% that don’t fit in church ministries

What if the 80% of our congregations really were fruitful in the marketplace?

3. We’ve broken this subject into 4 categories

- Part 1 discusses the roles of Kings and priests
- Part 2 provides a theological foundation that motivates Kings
- Part 3 – the ministry of Kings, what motivates them
- Part 4 – the personal life of Kings

Note:

You are going to find that your heart’s desire matches God’s heart more than you realized. When you see it, you will be surprised and delighted at the doors that open in every area of your life...you’ll no longer be “just a servant.” Pg 5

Intro to Part I

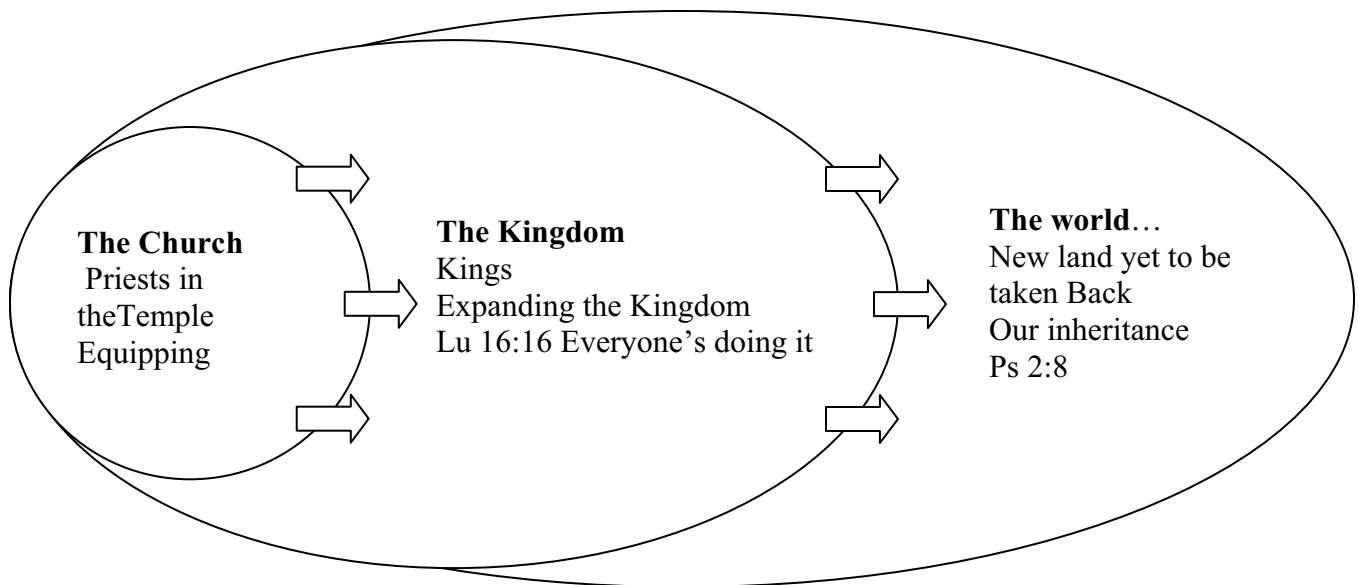
The key to understanding the distinction between priests and kings is 1) what their ministries are, and 2) where they function

We'll use this graphic a number of times throughout the book. It has roots in our eschatology which we'll discuss in more in Chapter 9

This understanding opens the door for marketplace ministry and the role of Kings endeavoring to expand the Kingdom. Eureka! We see that Priests (pastors, teachers, and other anointed church leaders) have a role in the Church. Kings (Christians in the marketplace) have a role out in the world, expanding the Kingdom of God. Pg 13

This basic understanding is the key that unlocks marketplace ministry

Priests equip the church... Kings expand the kingdom



Chapter 1 - Kings get the job done

Ezra the priest / Nehemiah (the king's cupbearer... a government official)

A full 13 years later Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem, took charge of the project, and had the walls up in 52 days. Nehemiah is ministering as a King.

So the wall was completed on the twentyfifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. (Neh. 6:15)

...in the days of Nehemiah the governor and of Ezra the Priest.... (Neh. 12:26)

How many Kings or Priests can you name from the Bible?

Kings – Abraham, Moses, Joshua, David, Solomon, Daniel, etc.

Priests - ?

Point 1 – God uses Kings outside the church to get the job done.

Chapter 2 - The Roles of Kings, Priests and Prophets

Kings – Deut 17:14-20

1. Kings are chosen by God and ordained just like priests (15)
2. Kings are cautioned against materialism (16-17)... they are anointed for wealth, subject to pride and independence
3. Kings must stay close to scripture (18-19)
4. Kings reign... have wealth, power, influence

Priests – Deut 18:1-8, Num 18:20-21

1. Priests have no allotment nor inheritance, the Lord is their inheritance
2. Priests derive income from tithes and offerings (Deut 18:1-4)
3. Kings have great wealth, priests do not
4. Priest's first priority is to minister to the Lord

In addition:

- a. Priests have a focus for God's people and shouldn't be weighed down by projects or material concerns (Acts 6:2)
- b. Priests leave the 99 and go after the 1.

Pastors hesitate to go faster than the slowest lamb; Kings rarely go slower than the fastest horse.

- c. Priests have hearts for worship
- d. Priests are chosen by God, consecrated, and ordained.

Prophets – Deut 18:18-22

1. Guard against detestable practices (Deut 18:12)
2. Can discern wrong motives, and hidden behavior
3. Speak the voice of God, often intercessors
4. Can fall into presumption if they go beyond their unction (20)
5. God endorses prophetic ministries, holds people accountable to heed the prophet
6. Prophets often supported supernaturally
 - Elijah fed by ravens, then by a widow with no food (1 Kings 17:6, 14)

Point 2 – Kings, Priests, and Prophets have different but complimentary ministries

Chapter 3 – the Kings Personality: Bold, Competitive, and Creative

Kings function in business, arts, politics, communication, entertainment, education, etc.

1. **Business Mindset** – David, sheep rancher in training to be the King
2. **Competitive Spirit** – David killed lions and bears with a club; a giant with a rock
3. **Motivated by profit** – David asks about he reward for killing Goliath (1Sam 17:26)
4. **Creativity and Craftsmanship** – an anointing like Bezalel (Ex 31:1-6)
5. **An anointing to get wealth**

You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today. (Deut. 8:16-18)

6. **Wisdom and Reputation** –

*...seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this **business**; (Acts 6)*

When Kings are recognized and released, they minister with great results (Acts 6:3-7)

*“...Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then **the word of God spread**, and the number of the **disciples multiplied greatly** in Jerusalem, and a great many of the **Priests were obedient to the faith.***

(Acts 6:3-7 NKJV)

1. the word of God spread
2. disciples multiplied greatly
3. priests got saved

7. **Reaching Cities** - people who are faithful in small matters (such as money) are given more responsibility (such as cities).

*“The first one came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned ten more.’ ‘Well done, my good servant!’ his master replied. ‘Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, **take charge of ten cities.**’ ” “The second came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned five more.’ His master answered, ‘You take charge of five cities.’ ” (Luke 19:16-19)*

Questions:

1. Do you think this parable applies to heaven or this life (or both)?
2. To date, the model for city evangelism has focused on the role of pastors... is it really the responsibility of Kings?

Point 3 – Kings have a unique personality that is required for their ministry in the marketplace – God’s warriors and generals.