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The Barna group recently came out with a survey that concluded with the finding of the top 100 most post Christian cities in America. To reach this ranking, participants had to meet at least 9 of the following 16 factors:

Do they believe in God?

Do they identify as atheist or agnostic?

Do they disagree that faith is important in their lives?

Have they not prayed to God in the past week?

Have they never made a commitment to Jesus?

Do they disagree that the Bible is accurate?

Have they not donated money to a church in the last year?

Have they not attended a Christian church in the past six months?

Do they agree that Jesus committed sins?

Do they not feel a responsibility to “share their faith”?

Have they not read the Bible in the past week?

Have they not volunteered at a church in the past week?

Have they not attended Sunday School in the past week?

Have they not attended a religious small group in the past week?

Would you say your Bible engagement level is low?

Are you not “born again”?

Communities reaching the top 100 list from the seven states that make up the northern plains include:

#26- Des Moines/Ames, IA

#33- Sioux Falls/Mitchell, SD

#34- Omaha, NE

#40- Cedar Rapids/Waterloo, IA

#48- Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN

#61- Lincoln/Hastings/Kearney, NE

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Although many factors could weigh in on the answers of many taking this survey, the results from the Midwest area somewhat surprised me. This survey was done during 2017 and it does show a very serious trend hitting America and we, here in the northern plains are not immune.

NPEA and others are working to change that! Recently, we have seen the Christian Church in Sioux Falls do a complete re-launch to, hopefully, make an impact in their community. NPEA, Nexus and others have planted a new Christian church in Hastings to reach that area for Christ.

Recently, we met with a few church planting leaders from Iowa and Minnesota to help promote the advancement of His Kingdom. Many prayers are needed to change the attitudes and the beliefs of many individuals who do not consider Christ important in their lives today!

Pray for great things to come through working together to move this nation one step closer to Jesus! Please put our country and our region in your prayers today.

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