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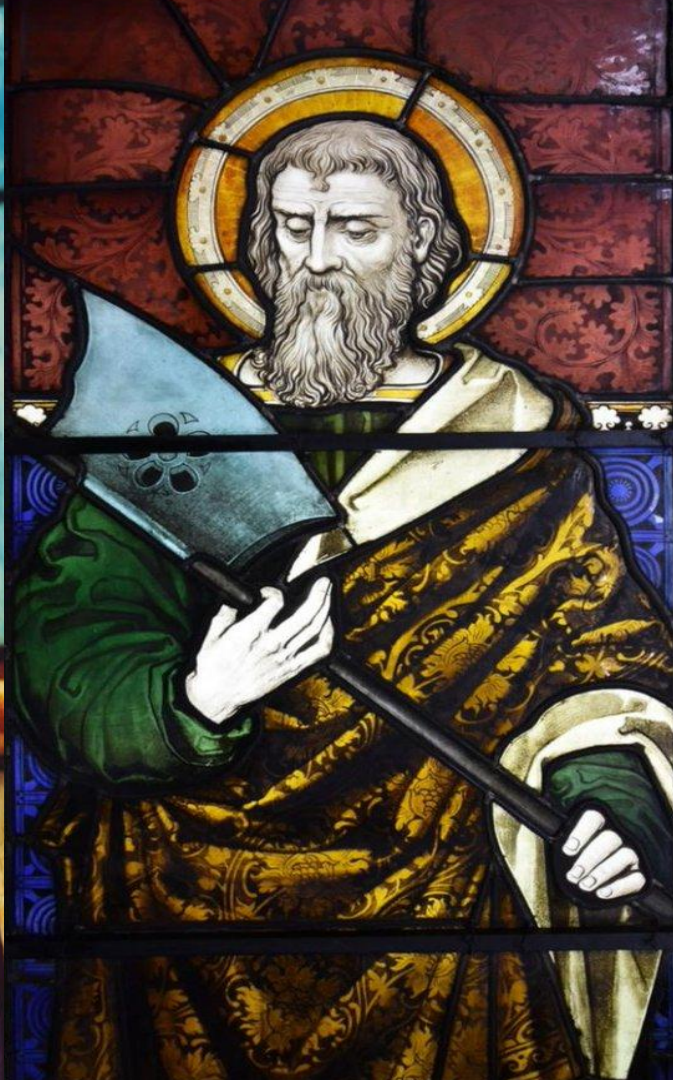
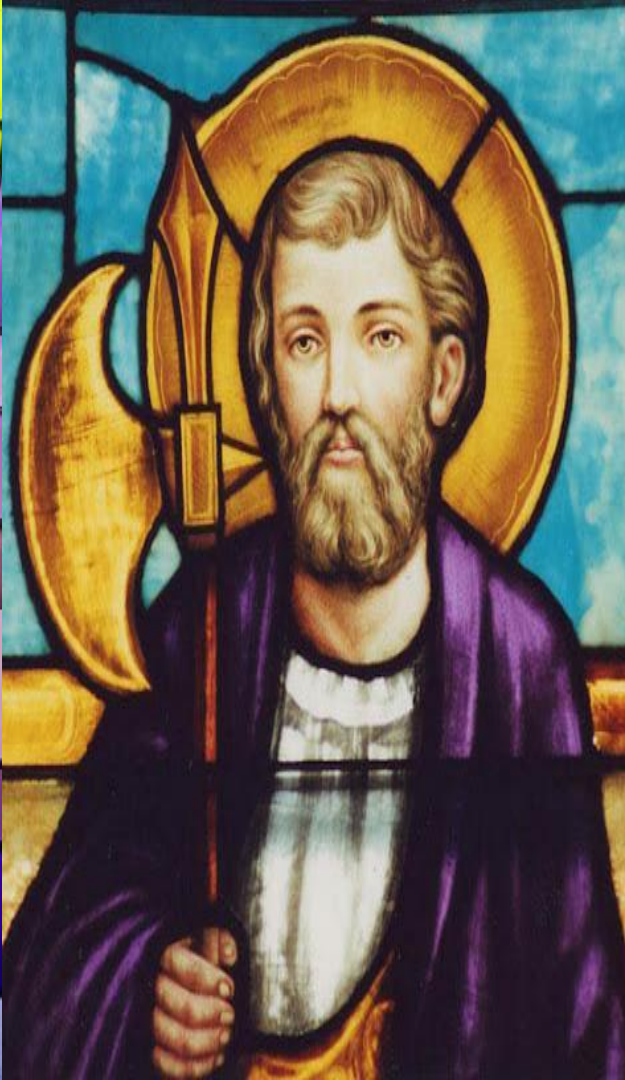









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“The Kingdom of God, the Spirit, and the Church”

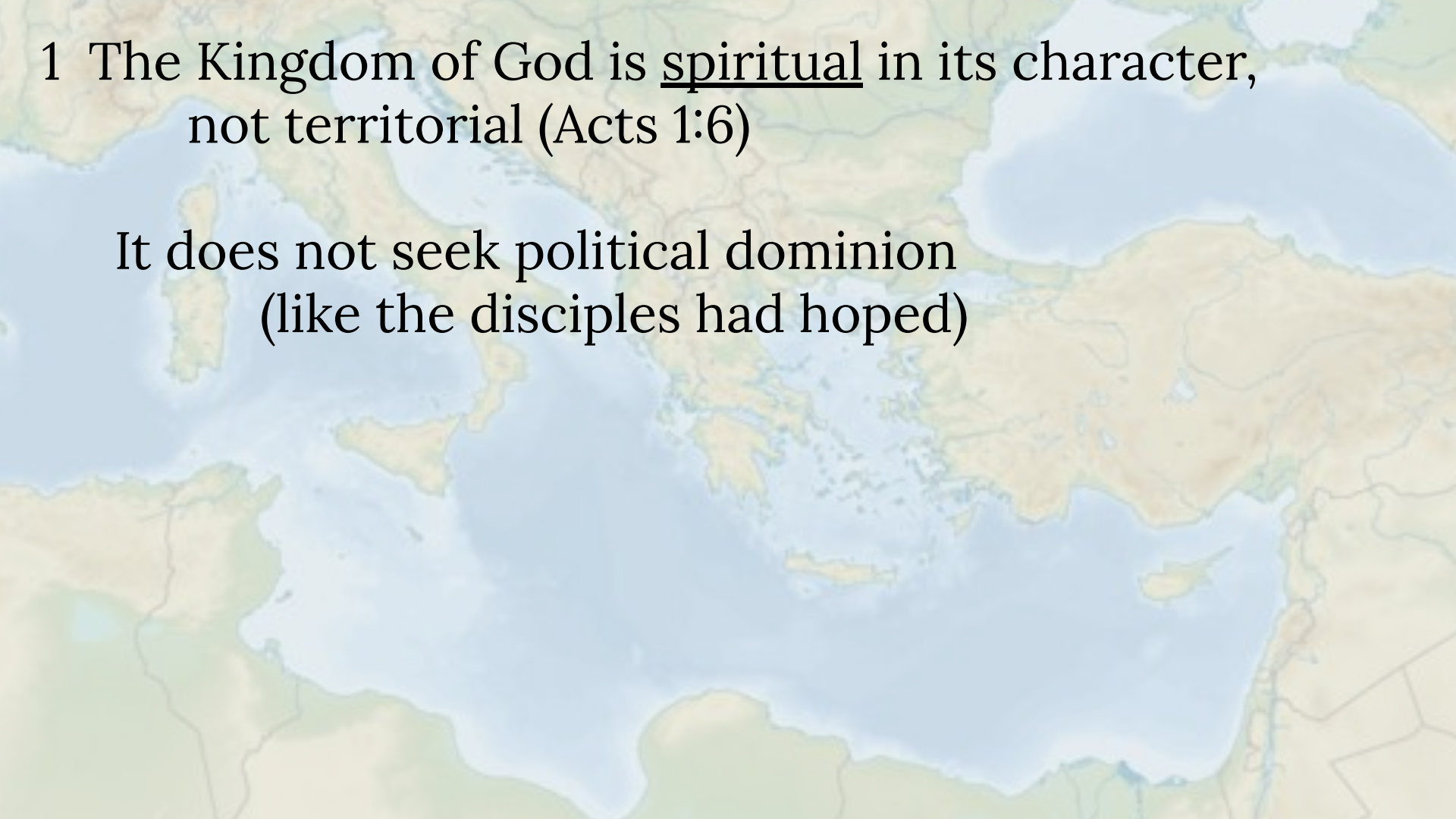
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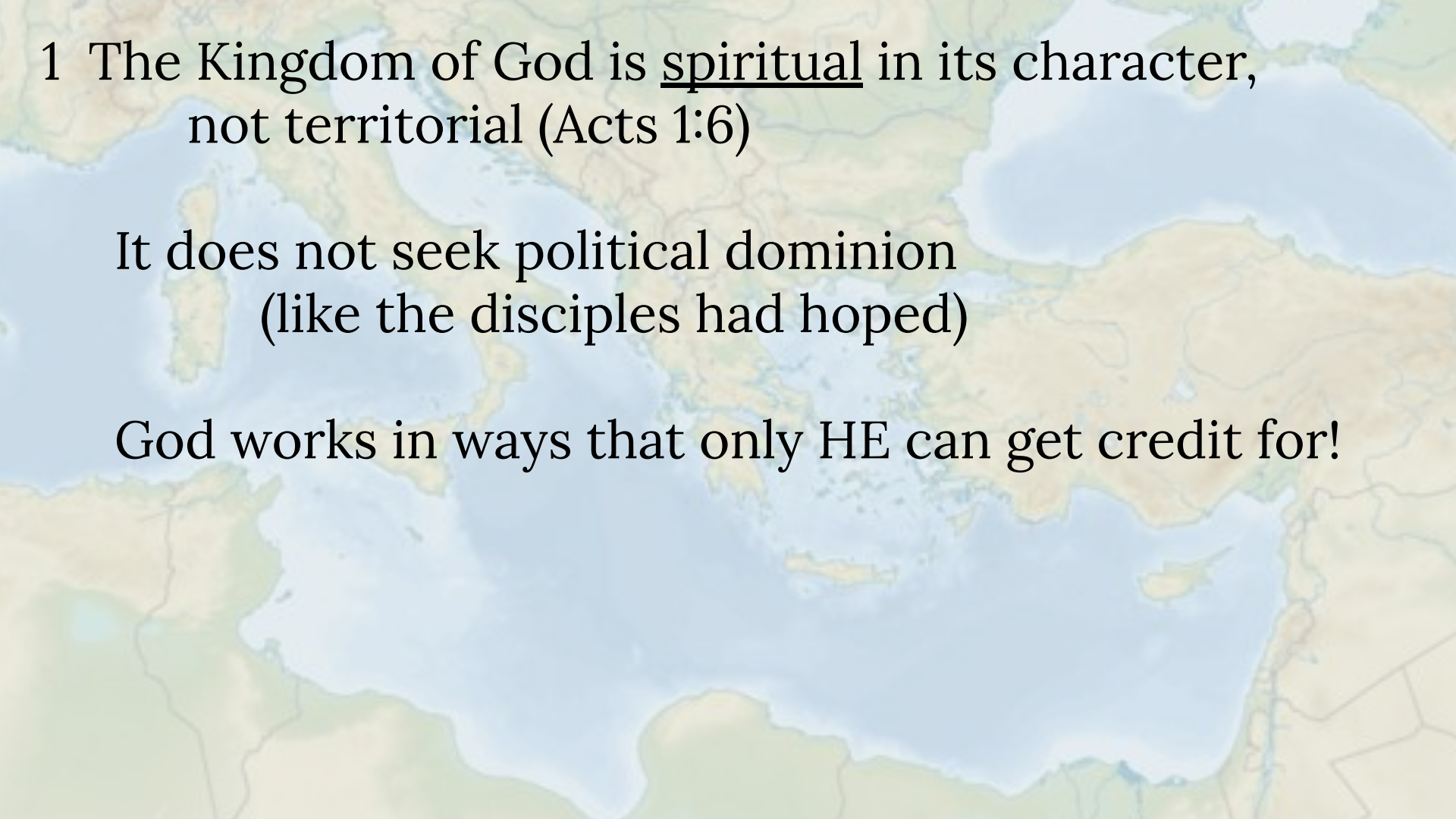
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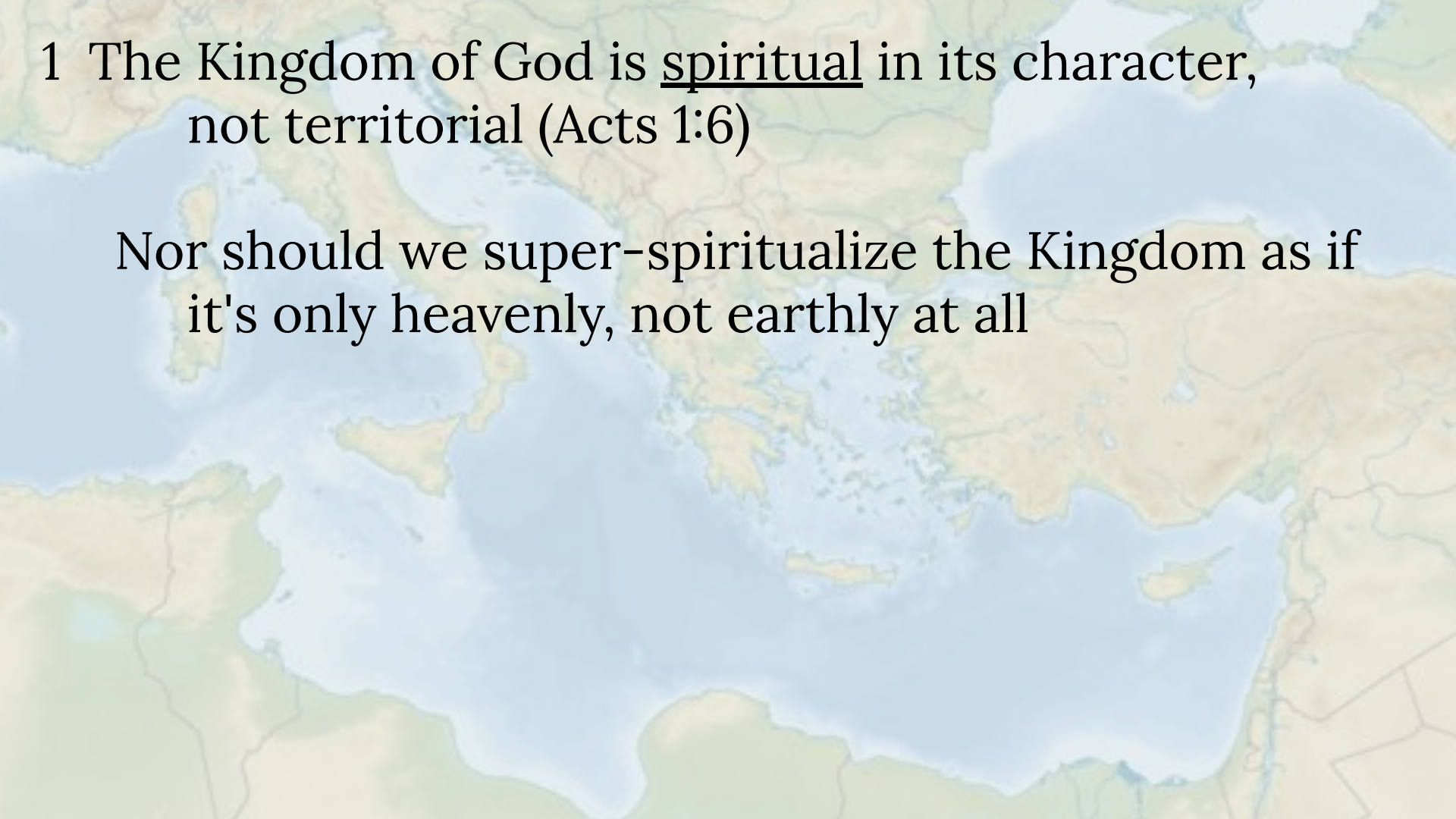
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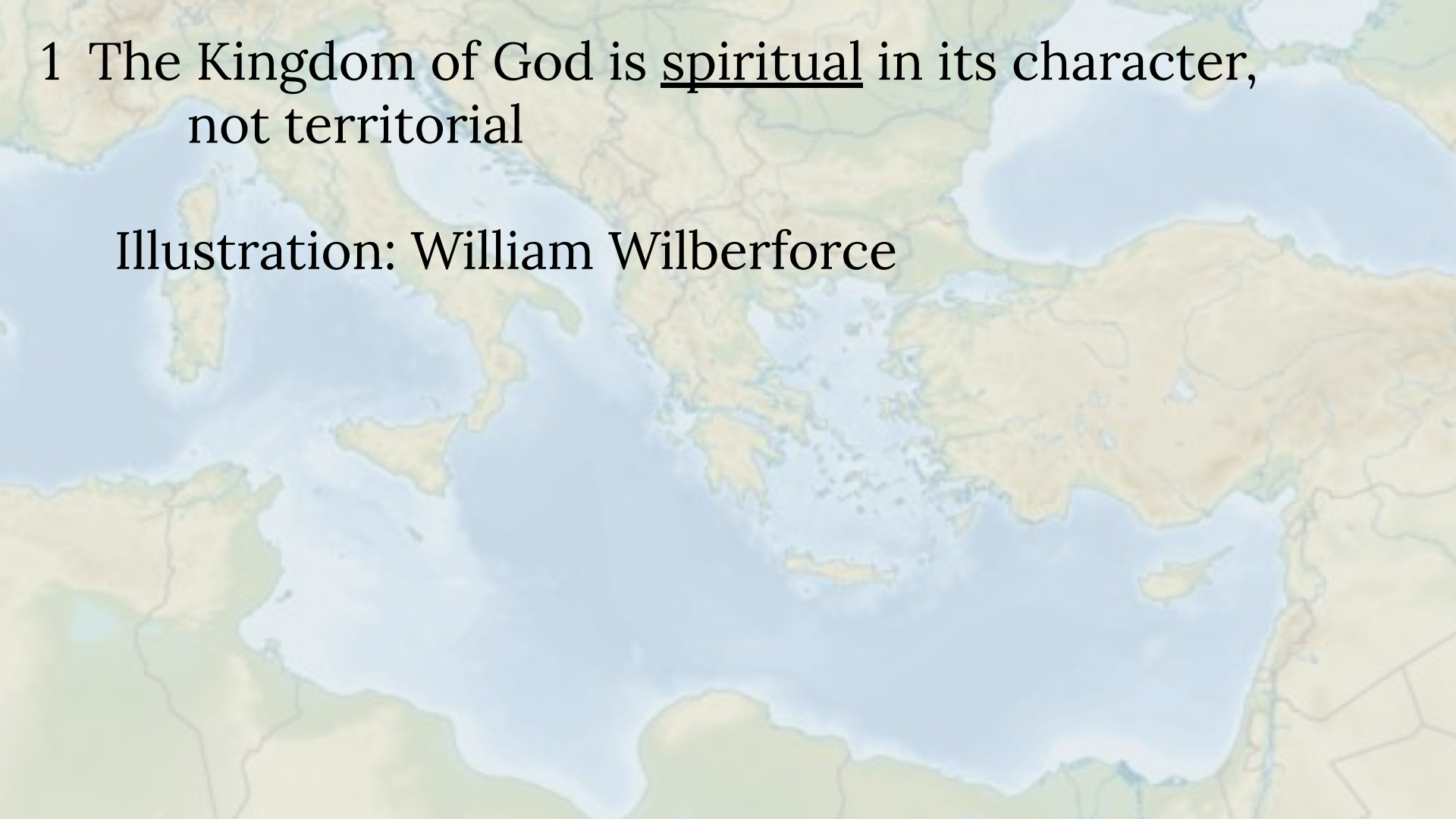
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Though we are not to identify the Kingdom with
any political ideology or program, it has radical
political and social implications.

i.e. – don't just gaze up into the sky
and do nothing (like the disciples began to do)

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Illustration: William Wilberforce



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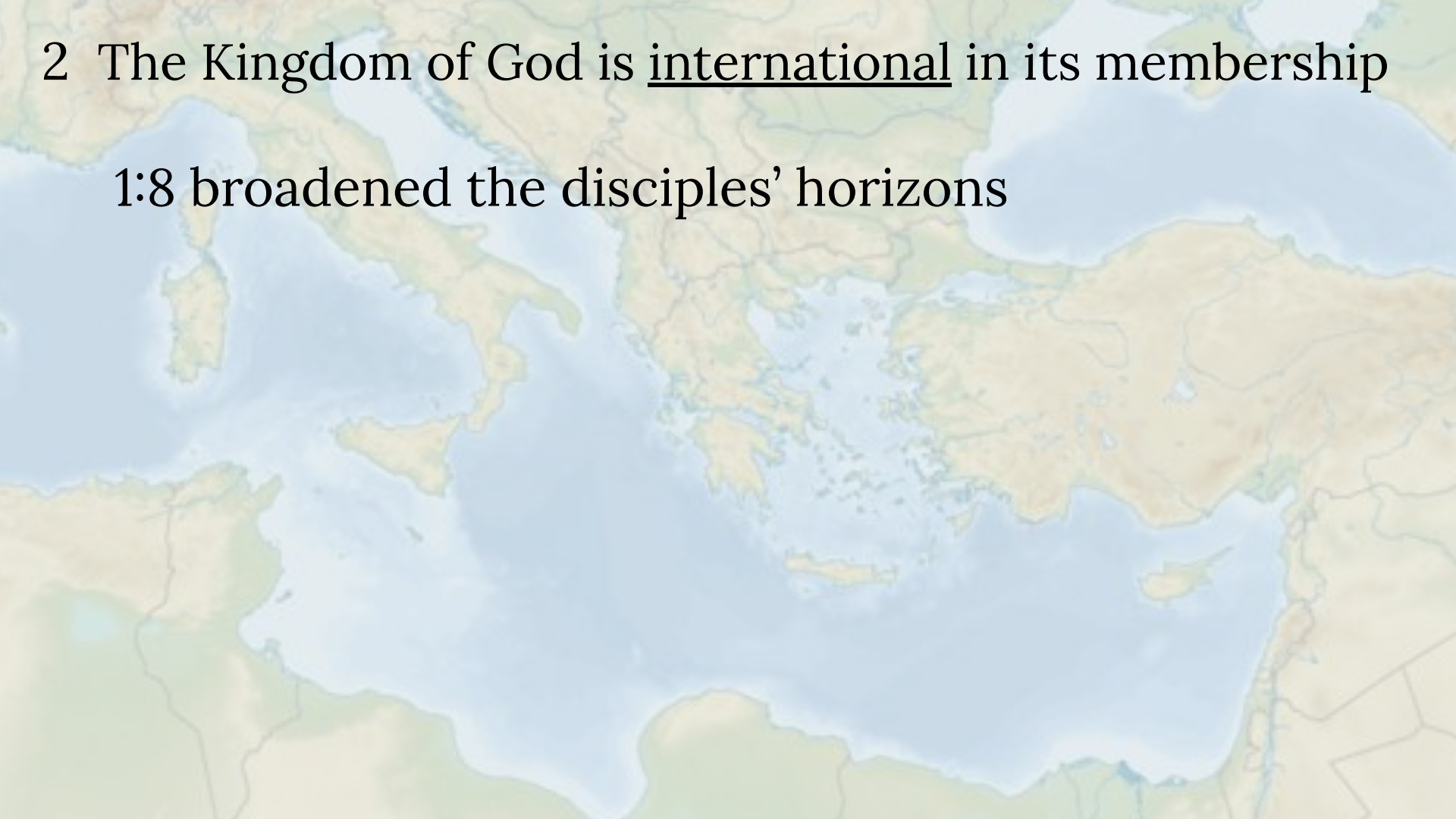
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1 Peter 2:9

Rev. 1:5-6

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1:8 is an “outline” for Acts

Ch. 1-7 Jerusalem

Ch. 8 - Samaria

Ch. 9-28 - The Uttermost

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Imagine if the churches in Jerusalem/Judea said:

“There is plenty of ‘mission work’ right here!”

“We can all stay HERE and be missionaries.”

“We don’t need to worry about Samaria, much less the uttermost. We need more ministries right here!”

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Lesslie Newbigin:

“The Church is the pilgrim people of God, on the move, hastening to the ends of the earth... and the end of time... it cannot be understood except as missionary and eschatological.”

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Are your political views “Biblical”?

What about on Immigration/immigrants?

What about caring for the poor?

What about systemic racial injustice?



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Whose political views were more “Biblical”?



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not “Political Right”

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Would you rent to people from Arab countries?

A faint, light-colored map of the world serves as the background for the text. The map shows continents in shades of green and yellow, and oceans in light blue. The text is overlaid on the map, primarily in the central and eastern regions.

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How will we feel about working with
refugees from Afghanistan?

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When you talk about politics/crime/economics,
is it “those” people?



Do you want the best church we can build?



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Or the church that only GOD can get credit for?