

Chapter 26

International Development

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. How does God's concern for the poor translate into international development work?
2. How does international development fit with a non-dualistic (no sacred/secular barrier) approach to Christianity?
3. How does international development fit with world missions?
4. How might attempts to help an underdeveloped area create more harm than good?
5. What guidelines for emergency relief efforts would you suggest?
6. Have you taken part in any international development or relief project? What did you do?
7. What would be the advantages and disadvantages of working with a "secular" NGO?
8. What guidelines would you suggest for anyone doing engineering work in a foreign culture?
9. What do you see as the greatest needs in developing countries in Central America? Asia? Africa?
10. What low-level "appropriate technology" projects might prove very helpful in a country like Burkina Faso?
11. In 2021, over 75,000 Afghan people hastily fled their home country before the Taliban took control. Many of these refugees were sent to Houston, TX. Consider the goals of Christian Humanitarian Engineering. What immediate needs would you attempt to address? What questions would you need to ask to determine long-term needs?
12. Consider the citizens left behind in Afghanistan. What describes their condition? Economically? Medically? Physically? What agencies are working with these individuals? How might you or your church help address some of these needs?