



Gospel Renewal Lesson 10: Loving the City Part 4

2 Minutes of Silence

Discuss:

1. In "The Call to the City," Tim lists four groups of people who are moving to cities.
 1. the younger generation,
 2. "cultural elites,"
 3. unreached people groups, and
 4. the poor.

2. How do you see these groups represented in our local context?

3. *How can you pray for, serve, or support these groups of people who are in our context?*

4. *How can you pray for, serve, or support these groups of people who are not as common in our context?*

5. Keller says that "all current signs lead us to believe that the world order of the twenty-first century will be global, multicultural, and urban." How might this be changing in light of recent events? What do you think it could mean for mooreville?



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Watch Video: How to Live As Exiles in the City (12 Minutes)

Notes:

Timothy Keller describes different models for living in the city and draws on Jeremiah 29:4-7 to advocate being "in the city, different from it, and yet for it." What would it mean for you and your church to live as exiles in a non-Christian setting? How would this change the way you engage with your community?

Watch Video: The Church in the City (12 Minutes)

Notes:

Timothy Keller describes seven skills that churches must acquire to effectively minister in the city. How many of these characteristics describe your ministry? Do you see your context as becoming more "urban" and needing to adopt more of these characteristics?



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What are two or three practical projects you could engage in to encourage a more Christ-like stance toward the city?

Homework

Read: The Cultural Crisis of the Church & The Cultural Responses of the Church
(pages 195-244) 7 pages a day.

Pray: Ask the Lord to show you avenues for connecting with people in our community.