



TEN CITIES: GOD'S HEART FOR CITIES
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"...Because you have been faithful in a very small matter, you will have authority over TEN CITIES." Luke 19:17 (NET)

"Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life." 2 Corinthians 3:2-6 (NIV)

GOD'S HEART FOR CITIES

"In their misery they cried out to the Lord, and he saved them from their troubles. He led them on a straight road to a city where they could live." Psalm 107:6-7 (NCV)

1. God calls us to _____ cities.

"Nineveh has more than 120,000 people living in spiritual darkness, not to mention all the animals. Shouldn't I feel sorry for such a great city?" Jonah 4:11 (NLT)

"As he approached Jerusalem and SAW THE CITY, he WEPT over it..." Luke 19:41-42 (NIV)

Loving cities is at the heart of our _____ as a church.

2. God calls us to _____ with cities.

This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "BUILD houses and settle down; PLANT gardens and eat what they produce. MARRY and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. INCREASE in number there; do not decrease. Also, SEEK THE PEACE AND PROSPERITY OF THE CITY to which I have carried you into exile. PRAY to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." Jeremiah 29:4-7 (NIV)

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"Brothers, my heart's DESIRE and PRAYER to God for them is that they may be saved." Romans 10:1 (ESV)

Don't get _____ from the place of God's planting.

3. God calls us to _____ cities.

As he was getting into the boat the man who had been demon-possessed asked if he could go with him. But Jesus did not permit him to do so. Instead, he said to him, "Go to your home and to your people and tell them what the Lord has done for you, that he had mercy on you." So he went away and began to PROCLAIM in the DECAPOLIS what Jesus had done for him, and all were amazed." Mark 5:18-20 (NET)

As the city goes, so the _____ goes.

Good Works ➡ Good Friends ➡ Good _____

Serving _____ gives us the opportunity to lead others to God.

"I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away...I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God..." Revelation 21:1-2 (NIV)

GATHER AND GROW WITH US IN SMALL GROUPS

Open Up: Share a time when God gave you a heart for a city.

Share Scriptures: Let different members share a verse from this teaching that impacted them personally. What does it mean for them?

Talk It Over: What can we do this week to love our city more?

Pray Together: Pray for each member of the group find their place in the vision to reach people.



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