



A Church For the City

Four Approaches

- _____ - a church in the city
- _____ - a church against the city
- _____ - a church of the city
- _____ - For - a church for the city

4 This is what the LORD All-Powerful, the God of Israel, says to all those people I sent away from Jerusalem as captives to Babylon: 5 “Build houses and settle in the land. Plant gardens and eat the food they grow. 6 Get married and have sons and daughters. Find wives for your sons, and let your daughters be married so they also may have sons and daughters. Have many children in Babylon; don’t become fewer in number. 7 Also do good things for the city where I sent you as captives. Pray to the LORD for the city where you are living, because if good things happen in the city, good things will happen to you also.”
Jeremiah 29:4-7 (NCV)

_____ for the City

Pray for peace in Jerusalem. May all who love this city prosper.
Psalm 122:6 (NLT)

Do _____ for the City

Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile.
Jeremiah 29:7a (NIV)

- Bring _____
- Bring _____

_____ Not _____ From the City

13 “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its salty taste, it cannot be made salty again. It is good for nothing, except to be thrown out and walked on. 14 “You are the light that gives light to the world. A city that is built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 And people don’t hide a light under a bowl. They put it on a lampstand so the light shines for all the people in the house. 16 In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do and will praise your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:13-16 (NCV)

- Enhance the _____ of the city
- _____ up the city

God Plan for the City Through _____

24 The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. 26 From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, 27 so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us.
Acts 17:24-27 (NRSV)

God has made us what we are, and in our union with Christ Jesus he has created us for a life of good deeds, which he has already prepared for us to do.
Ephesians 2:10 (TEV)

My Next Step Today Is To . . .

- Trust Jesus with my life and my future.
- Pray for God’s blessing upon the community where I live.
- Be surrendered to God for His purpose in my community.
- Participate in Serve the City next Sunday, September 25th
- Meditate on and/or memorize Jeremiah 29:7