

developing a heart for the city

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What do you see when looking at the city?

Look at the statistics:

Look at the trends:

Look at the task:

Look at the Word:

Look at the Church:

How would you respond?

Response

How should the Church respond to the need/call to minister in the city?

- **Can you see the Heart of God?**

- **What does the Bible say?**

Matthew 9:35-38

- **How does your heart respond?**

Condemnation?

Cultural Chasm?

Curiosity?

Compassion?

What is the problem in the city?

Rejection & Realization

What is the solution for the city?

Redemption & Resolution

Having Godly VALUES

Core values are consistent, passionate, biblical, and distinctive convictions that determine our priorities, influence our decisions, drive our ministry and are demonstrated by our behavior. Our real core values are exposed in the way we minister, to whom and also where we minister.

- **What values are essential for developing a heart for the city?**
 1. **Relationships** - Do I value people in the city?
 2. **Redistribute and Reinvest** - Do I value leadership development?
 3. **Reconciliation** - Do you value reconciliation?
 4. Do I value **Risk-taking**?
 5. **Relocation** - Do I value relocation?

Having a Godly VISION

Vision can only be as clear as the eyes in which it must focus through. A God-given vision requires looking through God's eyes. Is your vision in ministry focused through God's eyes? Are you focused in God's direction? Shoot arrows beyond yourself - *Psalms 127* - "having a higher expectation than where you are... project a vision for success and a heart for God..."

- **What is vision?**
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- **How can you know it's God's vision?**
- **Where should vision be focused in developing a heart for the city?**
 1. **Staying and Serving**
 2. **Networking**

Having God's RESOURCES

Look for indigenous people, programs, and churches within the target community that will supply the needs and gain ownership of the vision. Look in the city. There is a vault of resources that cannot be found anywhere else.

- **What resources are essential for developing a heart for the city?**
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

How can you begin developing... a heart for the city?

Read: James 1:26-2:1

The heart of God responds to the disadvantaged with an active compassion. This is the heart of pure/true religion. Compassion is all about connecting with the helpless condition of the hurting world. The spiritual and physical needs of this world are great. Look around, where are the greatest needs? Who is suffering the most? If you are called to Christ, you are called to compassion. As this calling becomes more real, as your values become more God-centered, and as you develop a more biblical vision (worldview), you will develop a heart for the city.

- **What is the plan?**
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- **What are the opportunities?**
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- **What are my action-points?**
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

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