

# REPLANTED

## LOVE OUR CITY

“To be missional today requires that lay Christians be equipped by their churches to do three things: (1) to be a verbal witness to the gospel in their webs of relationships, (2) to love their neighbors and do justice within their neighborhoods and city, and (3) to integrate their faith and their work in order to engage culture through their vocations.”

- Tim Keller, *Center Church: Doing Balanced, Gospel-Centered Ministry in Your City*

To love our city means to \_\_\_\_\_ our city.

For serving to be valuable, it must be \_\_\_\_\_.

For serving to be transformational, it must be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### Luke 10:25-37 (ESV)

<sup>25</sup> And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>26</sup> He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?”

<sup>27</sup> And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”

<sup>28</sup> And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup> But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?”

<sup>37</sup> He said, “The one who showed him mercy.”

And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

### Our problems:

- 1) We don't \_\_\_\_\_, so we don't \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) We \_\_\_\_\_, but we don't \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) We \_\_\_\_\_, but we don't \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) We \_\_\_\_\_, but our service is more \_\_\_\_\_ than life-changing.

**Jeremiah 29:7 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup> ... **seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you** into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

**The First Big Question:**

What in my city is not as it should be in Jesus' Kingdom?

**The Second Big Question:**

What does God want me to do about it?

*Is my response practical?*

*Is my response personal?*

*Is my response sustainable?*

**Conclusion:**

**Galatians 6:9-10 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, as we have opportunity, **let us do good to everyone**, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

**We are a family  
of everyday missionaries  
who make disciples**

*in our city, our nation, and throughout the world.*