

Grasping The Heart of God – “Who Loves Ya Baby”

God Loves Cities!

Jonah 1-4 (page 644); Jeremiah 29:4-9 (page 549)

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God r e v e a l s His heart for cities as:

- He s e n d s (Jonah 1:1-2)
- He s a v e s (Jonah 2:9)
- He c a l l s (Jonah 3:1-2)
- He has c o m p a s s i o n (Jonah 3:9; 4:11)

God intends that His people c a r e for their city by i n v e s t i n g themselves for its w e l f a r e (Jeremiah 29:4-9)

We are to:

- Establish a p r e s e n c e in the city (v 5)
- R e p r o d u c e and m u l t i p l y (v 6)
- Encourage p e a c e (v 7)
- Seek the w e l f a r e of the city (v 7)
- R e j e c t leaders who say o t h e r w i s e (vs 8-9)

W h y should I c a r e about my city?

- Cities are G o d ’ s idea from the very b e g i n n i n g
- Cities are s t r a t e g i c to God’s k i n g d o m work
- Cities i n f l u e n c e regions

H o w can I s e r v e my city?

- I can p r a y for it
- I can e n g a g e with it, rather than a v o i d it
- I can t e l l people in my city about J e s u s.

Another challenge to grasp God’s heart...

30 days of prayer for my city – pray for thirty days for the good of my city, it’s political and moral leaders, civic authorities, education, the church and for the people of the city.

Seek out an organization that needs assistance and *volunteer to help* them serve the city in that area.

Seek opportunities to share God’s love in Christ with people in the city – hairdresser/barber; gas station; supermarket; doctor/dentist office; schools; sports teams; etc. you may be surprised at how many people are waiting to hear some “good news” about God.