

A Church For the City

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Question to Ask About Whether a Church Should Continue Its Ministry:

If the church closed its doors for good would anyone in the community around it notice or care?

Leviticus 19:18 prompts 2 questions:

1) What does it mean to love someone? 2) And who is your neighbor?

Love: an action, from God, reflects God.

Neighbor: the people beyond you

“The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But...the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'" —Martin Luther King Jr.

The Two Gospels:

The gospel of Jesus: Do what He did.

The gospel about Jesus: Tell who He is.

How do you go about loving your neighbor?

It starts with God

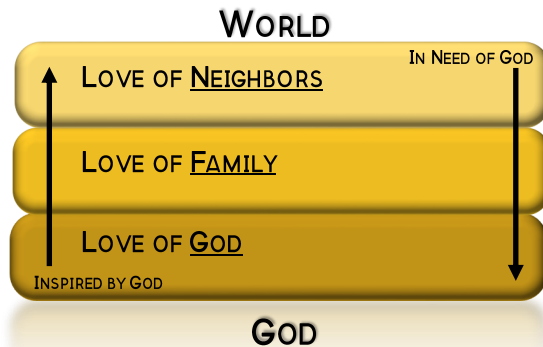
Give instead of Get

Start inviting, Keep inviting

4 different kinds of churches in relation to the city they reside in:

Church against the City Church in the City

Church of the City: Church for the City



Discussion Questions:

- How have you tried to show love to your neighbors?
- Of the “2 gospels” spoken of (Gospel of Jesus/Gospel About Jesus), which one do you tend to embrace more readily?
- What's one thing you're going to do this week to embrace God's love for you and to show love to a neighbor?

