



BIBLE URBANITY

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Urban Mission in the 21st century is a series of monographs that addresses key issues facing those involved in urban ministry whether it be in the slums, squatter communities, favelas, or in immigrant neighborhoods. It is our goal to bring fresh ideas, a theological basis, and best practices in urban mission as we reflect on our changing urban world. These contributions fall into four very general areas: 1- the Biblical and theological basis for urban ministry; 2-best practices currently in use and anticipated in the future by urban scholars/activities who are living, working, and studying in the context of cities; 3- personal experiences and observations based on urban ministry as it is currently being practiced; and 4-a forward view toward where we are headed in the decades ahead in the expanding and developing field of urban of urban mission. (P7)[CITATION Sea89 \l 1033]

People believe that Christians need to be reached everywhere by any means necessary. They believe that the Bible is a blueprint to reach the Urban Community. I do relate to the idea of all knowing about the Great Jesus. Some don't believe that God can be three in one, nor do others believe that God as man came down and did all the things that the Prophets proclaim. Benesh has a great idea about planting church's in the urban areas but at what risk .

If all are not believers in the God that the church is trying to install, create, or plant then why try. I will tell you why because that is what the Christian is called to do. We, as Christians are assigned to tell everybody about Jesus. That is what Church planting is all about. Bring souls to Jesus. Letting them know about God, the Great I am! This is reiterated multiple times in Matthew 28:18-19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost".

Benesh expounds more about not just planting church's but it goes in depth about who, what, where, and why. He deeply wants souls to be saved and brought to Jesus. Churches are expanding all over the world Asia, Africa, Guatemala. The Christian faith is a movement like no other movement. The Christians are on the rise. We believe in what we are preaching to the world. We will not let anyone, or anything deter us from preaching the Gospel. Like Malcolm X stated, "By any means necessary".

It is our assignment to let all know what we know that we know that God is real and ever present, all powerful , all knowing, he is God all by himself. He is all anyone needs, we Christians want all to know that God is a healer, a lawyer, a father, a mother, a lawyer and a Dr. He is all we need. More than anything, these contributions are creative attempts to help

Christians strategically and creatively think about how we can better reach our world that is now more urban than rural

Benesh is telling all that would listen that we are created to plant churches. Benesh goes in depth in his book starting with some history about the beginning churches and expounding on the beginning preachers like Paul. We need to know where we started so that we know how to move forward. Once we plant the churches in the urban community some ask, "Now What". The answer to the "Now What question" is that we be a better church. Meaning that we be more responsible to our members. We as a church look out for all.

As the new church in the Urban community let's be different. Let's truly be our Brothers Keeper. For we are the sent ones, proclaiming this Gospel. Worshipper of God have a spirit of humility, we are merciful, we pray for those who hate us of try to harm us, we also love our enemies. God communicated thru Micah the prophet. "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Saints, When we plant these churches please remember the Sermon on the Mount!!

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