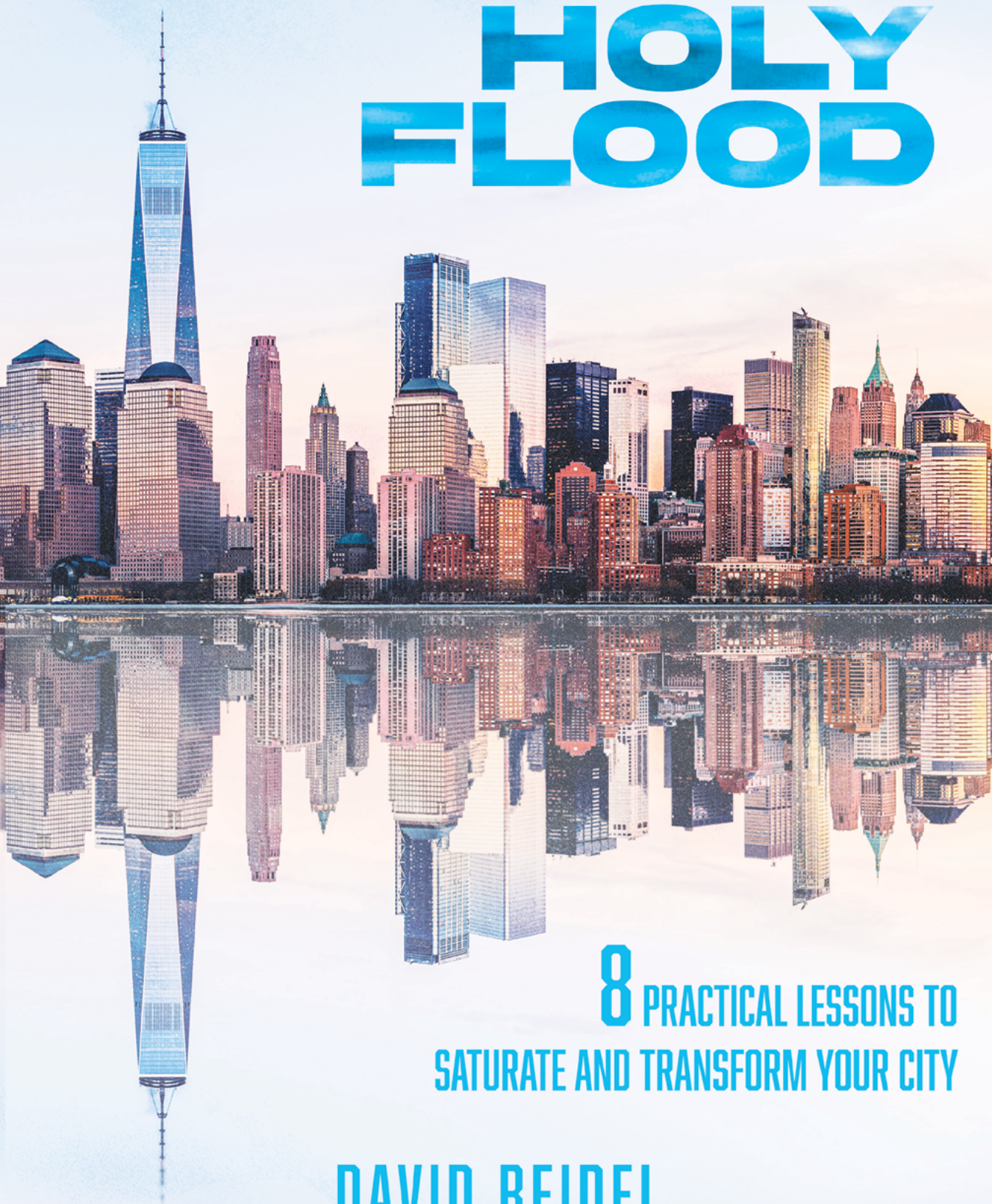


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Dedication

This book is dedicated to the Holy Team of city-healing superheroes who have painstakingly and sacrificially saturated their communities with the love of Jesus and the hope of the Gospel. In a previous publication (*Samaria, the Great Omission*, 2014), I wrote briefly about Extremophiles: extraordinary organisms that live and sometimes thrive in the most extreme environmental conditions. Since then, it has been my privilege to co-labor with thousands of extraordinary, passionate saints who daily serve in some of the most dangerous, under-resourced, and Gospel-averse cities in our nation.

Extremophiles are studied intensively in order to discover the secrets of their resilience. I have learned so much from these uncelebrated heroes who stand in the gap for people and communities that have been oppressed, marginalized and forgotten by all but Christ and His Holy Team. They are often under-resourced, under-staffed, and over their heads with challenges and sorrow, yet they push onward and upward because the love of Christ and the brokenness of their communities compel them.

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WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT HOLY FLOOD:

Floods—when a place gets so inundated with water’s fury it pushes everything out of its way, saturates the ground, and totally dominates people’s lives. The “holy” flood that David Beidel has been calling for, writing about, and working toward for decades in New York City is very much the same. It’s when the Holy Spirit causes the person, power, and presence of Jesus Christ to surge in the life and ministry of God’s people, saturating and dominating them in whole new ways. Some call it revival. Some reformation. Some a Christ Awakening. But this kind of flood is what serious Christians today are desperately praying for. The Holy Flood Playbook brings you David’s years of experience, teaching, training, and mobilizing God’s people for such a Christ-exalting, transforming torrent. Like no other resource available, it will inspire and equip you to share fully in this “holy” revolution. — **David Bryant, President of Christ Now and Founder of Concerts of Prayer International**

Holy Flood is not another manual on evangelism; it’s an irresistible picture of hope that will energize and captivate your heart. It is full of practical wisdom, embedded in vision from someone who knows urban evangelism. Holy Flood will inspire you to get off your couch and into your city. It’s a read you can’t afford to miss! — **Sherry Surrat, VP of North America, OneHope**

My life and ministry have been positively impacted by my association with David Beidel. His insightful teaching and passionate service have lit my spiritual fuse for evangelism and for the city. I’m confident this resource will stretch and inspire you. — **Terry D. Smith, Vice President for Church Ministries, The Christian and Missionary Alliance**

David Beidel has given us here one of the most practical and effective ways in which an individual and the church can make a true difference in their community and city. This book will generate more than just inspiration; it truly empowers you with the precise action steps to reach a city and see it transformed by the power of God’s love. — **Rolando Remedios, Lead Pastor of Christ Uncensored House of Worship**

We are rapidly approaching the 2,000th birthday of the modern church, established after the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and there is so much to be

accomplished in our community, nation, and world. The Holy Flood Playbook gives illustrations and strategies to unite in reaping the harvest of souls. David calls on the church to activate believers: “Put your feet down somewhere—anywhere—in the middle of the mess and rake a circle as far as you can reach.”

David Beidel is a special gift to the body of Christ. He has a passionate desire for the transformation of lives and communities. The words, wisdom, and practical guide in this volume will make you richer and wiser in living an impactful kingdom life. — **Bishop A. Steve Smith, Church of God NY State Administrative Bishop**

Pastor Dave Beidel has spent his whole ministry life, over 26 years at New Hope Church and 12 years at Urban Hope, bringing healing and joy and Jesus to vulnerable communities, especially the NYCHA housing communities. No one I know has a greater passion for “The Samaritans” of our world. He writes from first-hand experience and a heart filled with love and compassion for “the least of these.” — **Dr. David A. Watson, Calvary Chapel of Staten Island**



Join the movement to saturate and transform communities and cities with the love of Jesus and to build cities where there are no sheep without a shepherd.

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Introduction - Super Storms

The Unholy Flood

Ironically, the Saturate/Jesus Week movement and this Holy Flood Playbook began with an unholy, devastating flood. In 2012, Staten Island, New York, was devastated by Super-Storm Sandy. In one night, 10,000 homes were damaged or destroyed, and 75,000 people were homeless. Our small coalition of churches responded quickly and passionately, but the breadth of devastation was paralyzing. So many came to help, but there was no structure or system to channel the compassion. It was compassionate chaos. Some areas were being overwhelmed with bags of old clothes, water bottles and peanut butter sandwiches, while other areas were forgotten.

We gathered to pray for wisdom to respond as Christ would. I was asked to lead the clergy relief effort. I knew we needed to spread the relief teams across the entire flood zone, so that night, we created seven neighborhood “parishes.”

Each of the churches present then adopted a parish of approximately 2,000 homes in the area where they had a facility or relationships. It was reminiscent of Nehemiah’s mobilization of 42 families who rebuilt the ruined walls of the city of Jerusalem. Just as each family in Nehemiah 3 was tasked to rebuild the city wall where they lived, each participating church was tasked to provide relief for their section of the flood zone. We all shared resources, manpower, and best practices but focused most of our energies on our adopted parishes.

Before we ever read about “[collective impact](#),” we had collectively gutted and mucked out over 1,500 homes. We equitably distributed millions of dollars in donations. We allocated tools and construction supplies across the flood zone and coordinated an army of thousands of volunteers who visited, prayed for, cried with, loved on, and painstakingly served nearly all of our flood-traumatized neighbors.

A Holy Flood “out flooded” the devastating Flood!

When life finally began to normalize, we wondered if we wanted to return to “normal” again. The question haunted us: “What if we operated like this as a way of life instead of as a ‘one off’ response to a crisis?” We had tasted the power of the unified and strategically aligned CHURCH.

We realized that we were better community pastors when we operated like subcontractors, co-laboring on one large construction project. It soon became clear that God was training us and fitting us together to build New Covenant Temples, made of living stones, across our community and city. Our cities get pummeled by so many super-storms. Most are far deadlier than Sandy was. Violence, suicide, addiction, illiteracy, COVID—each has devastated and impacted nearly every neighborhood in our nation. Unless the church links arms and builds a sanctuary of living stones around every community, there will be no shelter from the storms, no bulwark, no seawall to stop the unholy floods.

We don’t often use literal building terms when we are talking about the New Testament Church, but sometimes it is “constructive” for us to think like architects and contractors. Building a house, a school, or a shopping mall requires a great deal of coordination plus many laborers, sub-contractors, and materials. Without an overall plan and someone directing the entire project, it is doomed. Our Lord





was a carpenter by trade, but building the Temple was His passion.

Through His death and resurrection, Jesus became the Living Cornerstone of the extraordinary, glorious, organic, trans-continental, New Covenant Temple that is now filling the earth. On the day of Pentecost, He launched the greatest Temple building campaign ever. His desire was that all of His disciples or “living stones” would be ONE, “himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord” (Eph. 2:20, ESV).

Moses, Solomon, and Jesus received and fulfilled their great commissions. Every moment of their lives led to and converged in the realization of a heavenly house constructed on our fallen planet, a house where it is “on earth as it is in heaven” (Matt. 6:10, NIV).

**Our New Covenant Temple construction project is our greatest
commission.**

Since Jesus made His home within all who call on His name, the completion of our calling is to be connected, to be “fitly joined together” (Eph. 4:16, KJV) and build a House of worship, love, justice, salvation, and peace that will “cover the earth

[starting with our communities] with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea” (Hab. 2:14, ESV).

We began experimenting, using the Acts 1:8 Great Commission as a blueprint for building the house of the Lord across Staten Island. Although we had a great deal of emotional unity because many pastors had been fellowshipping, praying, and working together, using a blueprint enabled us to serve together with much greater “functional unity.” The Acts 1:8 plan created *collective impact clarity* for our network as we started adopting neighborhoods as our “Jerusalem,” schools as our “Judea,” public housing communities as our “Samaria,” and ethnic groups as our “ends of the earth.”

As soon as we started – GLORY began to fall. It can only be described as a HOLY FLOOD!

This playbook/training manual is not a typical small group Bible study. It is designed to encourage, equip, and empower you to live out your calling as an ambassador of Christ and fulfill your longing to bring healing and hope to your community. One of the goals of this study is that congregations everywhere would be as intentional about shepherding their neighborhoods as they are about shepherding their own church community. We are convinced that a collaborative, parish church approach to ministry will bring about a great revival and transform cities across our nation and world. We hope your playbook will be marked up, tattered, and worn because it is a *go to* resource for your ministry.

We will use Acts 1:8 as a template and blueprint for personal and city transformation. We have seen a holy flood being released in city after city as we have sought to honor this simple and strategic great commission:

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8, NIV).

This music video is our theme song as we seek to build a [House of Hope](#) in a world of pain.



Weekly Reading: We encourage you to read 3-4 chapters from the book of Acts during the week. The readings will not always correlate directly with the playbook but will greatly enhance your study. Try to read Acts 1-4 before lesson 1.

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1. Power

The Unholy Huddle

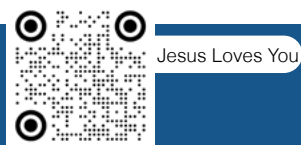


Scripture: Luke 24:46-53 and Acts 1:6-11

Worship Video: [Jesus Loves You](#)

These are dark times both nationally and internationally. In our cities and in our homes, disease, violence, division and anarchy have breached all of our firewalls. Never has the world needed “Team Jesus” more, but the team has not been exempted from the brokenness. Jesus warned us of the last days when “because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold” (Matt. 24:12, NIV). It has always been difficult for the team to transition from the *benches to the trenches*, but lately a wave of despair and an ungodly “us against them” mindset has hobbled the team. It’s like the greatest football team of all time being stuck in a huddle.

Pentecost Sunday was the most glorious team huddle of all time. Team Jesus had gathered together in one place as the Lord commanded them:



Jesus Loves You

“stay in the city [Jerusalem] until you have been clothed with power from on high” (Luke 24:49b, NIV).

They waited, prayed, worshipped, and believed, bursting with glorious expectation. His promise in Acts 1:8 was that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit had come upon them: power to be His witnesses to—

1. Jerusalem, 2. Judea, 3. Samaria and 4. the ends of the earth.

Then it happened: as a mighty rushing wind swept through the upper room, the Church of Jesus Christ was gloriously born. Holy fire lit up each one gathered to seek His face. The Spirit of God filled every willing heart. Worship saturated the room, and the knowledge of the majesty and glory of God began to fill Jerusalem. The disciples supernaturally declared the glories of God in the languages of all the people that gathered from “every nation under heaven.” Three thousand people joined Team Jesus on Pentecost Sunday, and the newly-birthed church exploded outward. The culmination of the purposes of Jesus – for all the earth to be filled with the knowledge of His glory and for the House of the Lord to encircle the earth—was being accomplished.

JERUSALEM—PHASE 1 was being shaken and taken by the Spirit of Jesus and His fledgling church!

Then something strange happened. The disciples seemed to ignore **PHASES 2-4**, (Judea, Samaria, Ends of the Earth), the rest of the Acts 1:8 Great Commission. There was little to no movement beyond Jerusalem.

The holy huddle tragically began to transition into an ***unholy huddle*** of disobedience or slow obedience.

If the New Testament church had stayed on this path, it would have been disastrous. The same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead was poured into the followers of Christ. When enormous power (i.e., electricity) is not utilized for its intended purpose, unholy fires can easily start. Sometimes disobedience leads to paralysis and purposelessness, but the potential for the unhealthy use of spiritual power is always present when power from on high is not channeled into the mission.

It is easy for churches to get stuck somewhere in the middle of Acts 1:8.

- Some don't even venture into Jerusalem because the "joy of the Holy Spirit" or "power from on high" is all they want.
- Some, like the early disciples, venture only into familiar territory, their Jerusalem.
- Some may venture into Jerusalem and Judea but not beyond their cultural comfort zones.
- Few venture into the Samarias—places of multi-generational devastation, poverty, and racial disdain.
- Fewer venture to the ends of the earth where the Gospel has never been heard.

Wherever we get stuck in the middle of Acts 1:8, there will be either a lack of power or an abuse of power because

Power from on High is given for a Purpose.

It is fascinating to observe the way persecution launched the early Church into the ripe harvest fields of Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth. Ironically, the scattering of the saints led to the flourishing of the Gospel:

"and there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ" (Acts 8:1, 4-5, ESV).

After the scattering ...

- There was a second "Pentecost" in Samaria (Acts 8:15).
- Philip had a miraculous encounter with an Ethiopian dignitary (Acts 8:26-39).
- Saul, the scatterer and greatest persecutor of the early church, became Paul, the greatest evangelist of the early church (Acts 9).
- A Roman centurion and his entire household were saved, and a third Pentecost took place! (Acts 10).
- The Gospel flourished wherever the disciples placed the soles of their feet! (cf. Josh. 1:3).

As soon as they broke out of the unholy huddle, entire cities and regions were transformed.

Small group discussion and prayer:

1. What do you love about the Holy Huddle (corporate worship and fellowship)? Remember, the huddle is fantastic and “holy” as long as we say “**BREAK!**” and hit the field!
2. Today, let’s work on an Acts 1:8 prayer/action chart that you can use daily and weekly during small group.

The goal is that you and/or each person in your small group will identify one to three people in your

- “Jerusalem”—Neighborhood
- “Judea”—Where you shop, go to school, or work
- “Samaria”—Those around you who are struggling in various ways
- “Ends of the Earth”—Those in your community from another nation

Write down names or even places (i.e., the deli on Broad St.) in the Prayer Chart on the next page. Then pray.

For some of you, this will be a first step in sharing your faith. For others, it will expand your understanding of your personal mission field.

1. *Pray for God to reveal Himself and bring each one listed into a true relationship with Him. Ask God to use you as His ambassador in any way He desires.*
2. *Next to the name, write down what you prayed for, any scripture that God may have impressed on your heart as you prayed for them, and any request you asked of God for them.*
3. *Ask God to deepen your love for Him and for those that surround you.*

ACTS 1:8 PRAYER CHART

My Jerusalem	WHO AM I PRAYING FOR?	HOW AM I PRAYING FOR THEM?
My Judea	WHO AM I PRAYING FOR?	HOW AM I PRAYING FOR THEM?
My Samaria	WHO AM I PRAYING FOR?	HOW AM I PRAYING FOR THEM?
My Ends of the Earth	WHO AM I PRAYING FOR?	HOW AM I PRAYING FOR THEM?

Weekly Reading: Acts 5-8

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2. Perception

Who Am I?



Scripture: Exodus 3:1 - 4:17

Worship: [Intimacy](#)

Video: [Philadelphia Kids Club](#)

Moses stands tall among the most epic leaders in history: confronting Pharaoh, parting the waters of the Red Sea, God sending a pillar of fire and smoke for protection as the armies of Egypt bore down on the escaping Israelites (Ex. 14:19-20). This is Hollywood gold! Yet one of the most humorous stories in the Bible is the commissioning of Moses. We always “perceive” and imagine Moses to be a confident, powerful, awe-inspiring leader, but the opposite is true. He was actually terrified and desperately attempted to find any excuse to get out of God’s job offer to deliver Israel from captivity to Egypt.

Five times, Moses tried to escape his great commission! If you are reluctant to move forward and fulfill God’s great commission for your life, you are in good



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Philadelphia Kids Club

company. Even while experiencing the glory of God at the burning bush and hearing His voice directly calling Him, Moses was trying to dodge his assignment. In his mind, he was just a washed up, old, disillusioned shepherd.

In a celebrity enamored culture like ours, it is easy to fall into the trap of believing that who we are and what we have to offer is not enough. Moses' question is on all of our lips: "Who am I???" (Ex. 3:11, ESV). Sharing the Gospel should be left up to the professionals, the talented and the scholars. Church historian Michael Green counters this mindset. In studying the impact of the early church, he discovered that it was the "informal missionaries"—the peasants, merchants, servants and washwomen—that spread the Gospel throughout the known world (Evangelism in the Early Church, 2004, p.172-173).

The explosive growth of the ancient church slowed to a crawl in the early Middle Ages when the "ordinary" people were told that only the clergy were worthy to read or share the word of God. Charismatic leaders and big personalities are important, but without neighbors, co-workers, and loving prayer teams engaging people relationally, cities and communities will never be reached and healed. The most powerful ministers of the Gospel have always been friends, classmates, Sunday School teachers, coaches, good neighbors, church outreach teams, food pantry helpers, co-workers and business associates ... **you**.

Jesus paid the highest price so that He could live in and reign through every single one of us. You are not "ordinary." You are mission critical for God's plan to saturate the earth with His love. You are His special forces, assigned and empowered to reach into every nook and cranny, every neighborhood, school, and place of work with the fullness of the Godhead which dwells in you (Col. 2:10).

The birth of the Church began with power from on high being poured out on the disciples. In the same way, Moses' capacity to complete his great commission was contingent on God's one sentence response to His fears: "I will be with you!" Your capacity to complete God's great commission is contingent on one even greater truth "Christ in YOU the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27b, NIV).

Moses could not even imagine a day when the glory of God would inhabit the souls of men. If you have bought into the lie that your life is insignificant or that

you are a “has-been,” you have swallowed one of Satan’s grandest deceptions. Almighty God has called you His ambassador, His hands and His feet. He now asks you to beg on His behalf for His lost children to come home (II Cor. 5:20).

Look over Exodus 3 and 4 again and discuss the following questions with your small group:

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” (Ex. 3:11, ESV).

1. What are you saying to God as He is calling you to step out as His ambassador?

2. Moses asks God, “Who am I?”
 - What is your emotional response to that question?

 - What are some better, more biblical responses?

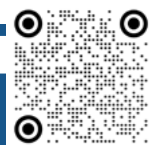
3. Moses had several objections to obeying God. What are your objections?

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4. Who or what is your “Pharoah”? Who or what is your greatest hindrance to obeying God in being His ambassador to some of the circles you have identified in last week’s lesson (i.e., fear of rejection, arrogant coworkers, personal failure, etc.)?

 5. Share this hindrance with your small group or with a close Christian friend. Ask God to set you free from your “Pharaohs.” In the space below, express in a short, written prayer your desire to honor God. Remember that “those who hunger and thirst for righteousness...will be satisfied.” (Matt. 5:6, ESV).

Conclude your small group with this song of worship: [You in Me](#)

Weekly Reading: Acts 9-12



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3. Passion

The Strange Story of Mary and Judas



Scripture: John 12:1-7 and Mark 14:3-11

Worship: [Fragrance](#)

The story of Mary's extravagant act of worship is among the most beautiful stories in all of scripture. Jesus was her magnificent obsession. Her abandoned love has impassioned and motivated the saints to pour out their lives as a love offering to Jesus for centuries. The Acts 1:8 mission is empowered by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and our response of love. There is much we can learn from Mary.

Mary experienced sweet, face-to-face communion with Jesus. She walked with him and served side by side with Him. She saw him heal the sick, open the eyes of the blind, cleanse the leper, and raise her brother Lazarus from the dead. When she began to realize that this visit might be the last time she would see



Fragrance
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Him, she scoured her home and her treasures for a gift. She had one burning passion: **“What could ever be enough for Him?”** She had an insatiable hunger to worship Jesus. Her heart had been conquered by His incomparable love; now and forever, it belonged completely to Him.

Bizarrely adjacent to this extraordinary act of worship is a story of legendary betrayal and greed. Judas also experienced sweet, face-to-face communion with Jesus. Judas also walked with Him and served side by side with Him. Judas also saw Jesus heal the sick, open the eyes of the blind, cleanse the leper, and raise Lazarus from the dead. Nevertheless, Judas had a different burning passion, a different insatiable hunger: **“I can never get enough from Him.”**

Any obsession other than a holy, magnificent obsession with Jesus will turn into a nightmare. Although he loved Jesus, Judas’s passion for money, status, and security burned hotter than his passion for Jesus. We all have a little bit of “Judas the pilferer” in us. We all struggle with insatiable needs regarding our identity, security, and happiness. There is a constant wrestling match in our souls to put down our self-centeredness, dissatisfaction, and grumbling. Like Judas, we often want our cut, our compensation for being a disciple.

From the little we know about Mary, it is clear that **Jesus was her soul’s focus and delight**. Twice, she was scolded by others for adoring Him too much. Both times, she was commended by Jesus for the beauty and purity of her love (Luke 10:38-42). Mary’s fragrant offering of pure nard was worth nearly a year’s wages. It was the greatest treasure she possessed. As she poured it out on Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair, tears, and perfume, she defined true worship for us all.

I’m sure Judas didn’t start off stealing from Jesus. Somewhere along the way, something **turned his heart from focusing on Jesus to focusing on Judas**; from pouring out his life for Jesus to getting whatever he could from Him. None of us are very far from this tragic turn. The Gospels place the greatest act of worship and the greatest act of betrayal back to back as a warning for us all.

Jesus concludes the entire Gospel narrative with an unimaginably vulnerable and personal question: **“Do you love me?”** Our daily response to this question will set and reset the trajectory of our lives. Nearly the entire mission of “the Bride

of Christ” will be decided by her response. It’s as if Jesus is calling us to look back over the epic Gospel love story and ponder His fragrant offering for us. He swallowed our sins, sorrows, and eternal punishment. In return, He offers us joy, peace, compassion, intimacy, salvation, absolute victory, and eternal life with Him in Paradise. Finally He asks, **Is it enough? Am I enough? If so, please feed my sheep. Please take care of my lambs. Please join me in the great rescue of the rest of mankind** (John 21:17, NIV).

Small Group Exercise:

*The only thing we know about Judas is that he was a small-time thief (John 12:6). His eye was always on what he could get from Jesus. The two most important images we have of Mary are of her **gazing at Jesus** and **pouring out her love** (Lk 10:38-42).*

Take three to five minutes in silence as a small group to “**fix your eyes on Jesus.**” Allow no distracting doubt or need to interrupt your “face-to-face” time with Him.

You may envision Jesus dying for you; the Good Shepherd gently calling you; the Everlasting Father, healing your Father wounds; the King of Heaven reigning in majesty. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you.

Write down your experience. If you feel comfortable, share with the group.

The Mary – Judas Spectrum

Compare and contrast the reactions between the two characters in today's study.

1. It is frightening to think that two people who walked and talked with Jesus for several years could choose such completely different paths in the end. Write down or talk with your small group about why you think this happened.

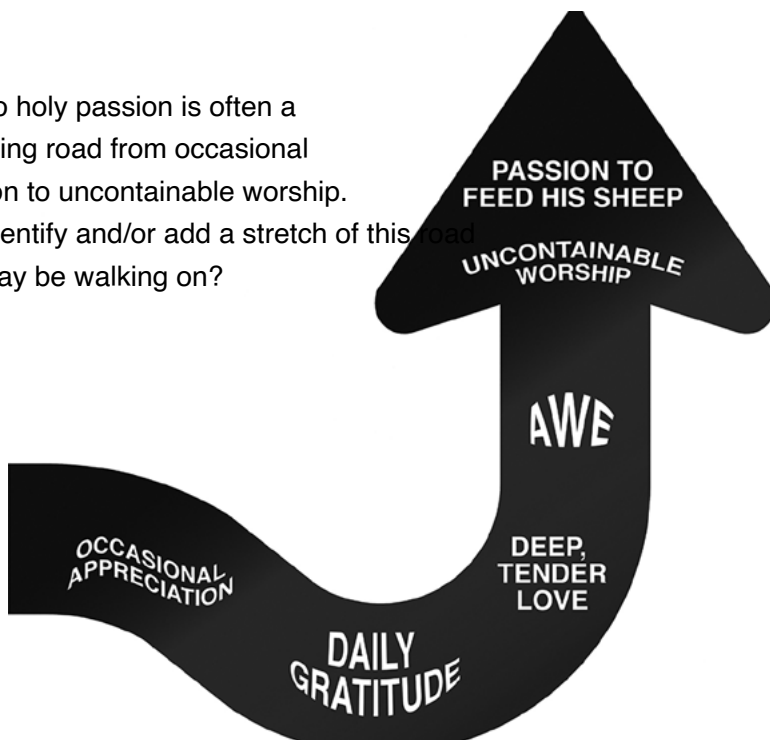


The path to unhealthy passion is often a long, winding road that looks a bit like this.

Identify and/or add a stretch of this road that you may be walking on.

3. What steps can you take today to get off the unhealthy road?

4. The path to holy passion is often a long, winding road from occasional appreciation to uncontainable worship. Can you identify and/or add a stretch of this road that you may be walking on?



5. What steps can you take this week to move up higher on the holy road?

6. Draw a circle along the line below that will help you honestly assess where you are on the passion road. Ask the Lord to save you from your self-absorption and give you a heart of true worship and love for Him.

“I can’t get enough” ----- ***“I can’t give enough”***
Judas **Mary**

Closing worship: [Magnificent Obsession](#)

Weekly Reading: Acts 13-16



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4. Paralysis



Scripture: Nehemiah 1-3

Worship: [In View of Your Mercies](#)

Video: [Urban Hope story](#)

An enormous boulder can be immobilized by a small wedge. Each believer wields more force than a boulder the size of a mountain, but little lies and a bit of discouragement can act as a wedge and result in spiritual paralysis.

Personally, I have been immobilized by “piddlewood.”

I operated a tree service on and off for thirty years. The clean-up at end of the day was always the worst part of the job. I’m a climber/squirrel, so swinging around in a tree with a chainsaw while roping down branches and logs can be a bit of a thrill

Piddlewood: noun; \pi-dul-wu(-ə)d\ the gnarly, twisted, endless mat of refuse, bark, sawdust, leaves and small branch particles; the vast scattered remnants of a tree felling.



for me. However, at the end of a long day, the thrill is over, and all that is left is a tired crew, hungry mosquitos, and what seems like an acre of *piddlewood*. I've wasted countless hours with rake in hand, staring at the mess— paralyzed.

Then, one sweet day, a simple strategy emerged. I honestly believe it was divine: ***“Put your feet down somewhere—anywhere—in the middle of the mess and rake a circle as far as you can reach.”*** I quickly made a few small circles. Then I told my crew, “Don't stress about the whole yard; just make big circles around your feet.” Within 20 minutes, the huge mess was broken down into small piles. It was revolutionary! In another 20 minutes, the piles were bagged up, the money was in my pocket, and we were on our way home!

This simple strategy served me well as a tree man, but it has been transformational for my work as an inner-city pastor. The depth of sorrow that surrounded me and the entrenched brokenness of the communities that I served—communities that had experienced multigenerational oppression and devastation—was paralyzing. Over and over again, God would remind me to put my feet down and rake a circle as far as I could reach.

I wasn't the only one who was overwhelmed; all of my pastor friends in troubled neighborhoods were struggling to keep their heads above water. We soon began to rake circles together. We were all inspired by Nehemiah, the great rebuildier of the ruined city of Jerusalem. He faced an impossible task, but he prayed, and God gave him favor and wisdom. He received favor in the form of resources from King Artaxerxes, but without a strategic approach, the resources would have been wasted. He mobilized 42 families and tasked them to rebuild the broken-down walls of the city where they lived. Within 52 days, a rag tag crew with little to no experience had saved the ruined city!

In our city, a wonderful coalition of neighborhood churches has been coming together. Each of us does our best to rebuild our struggling communities with a collaborative/strategic approach. None of us can save our towns or cities alone, but as more and more individuals and church communities rake circles together, amazing things keep happening.

IF WE ALL DO SOMETHING, EVERYTHING WILL CHANGE.

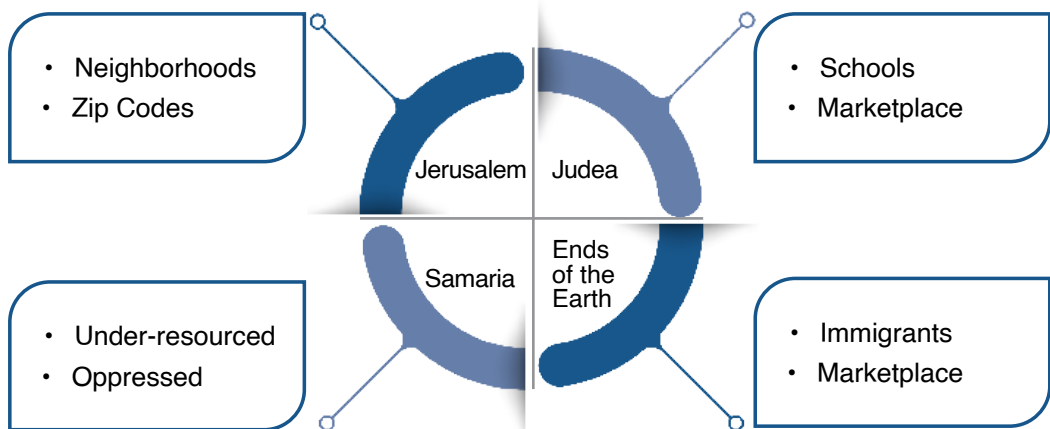
Jesus made declarations about you that are mind blowing. On the last and greatest day of Israel's most important feast, He said, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them" (John 7:37-38, NIV). You are that river. You have more life to share than you could ever imagine. Let His river flow through you.

If we all do our part somewhere and welcome His river of living water to flow into our neighborhoods, places of work, schools, and troubled communities, the holy flood will be incredible. If we all do our part to reach out in prayer, in word, and in deed, the world will never be the same!

Small Group Exercise:

In Lesson 1, you processed your personal Acts 1:8 blueprint. Today, begin to process the opportunities available for you to participate in or initiate an Acts 1:8 community outreach mission.

Review the chart below to identify potential partners and needs in your Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and Ends of the Earth.



Based on your discussion, develop a Community Asset Map/List

The Acts 1:8 Plan: Collaborative Adoption

1. Create an asset list of your zip code/county or district (Jerusalem). Then use the notes pages to draw an illustrative map of those assets.

- Local churches that you may be able to collaborate with
- Non-Profits that serve in your community
- Schools (Judea)
- Public/Subsidized/Impoverished Housing communities (Samaria)
- Ethnic Groups (Ends of the Earth)

2. Create a list of needs you are aware of in the community surrounding you:

a.

b.

c.

3. Create a community survey that you would feel comfortable using to ask your neighbors what they see as the most pressing needs they face.

Community Survey

4. As you close in prayer, pray for each other, your personal Acts 1:8 prayer list (from Lesson 1), and the community Acts 1:8 prayer list you just created.

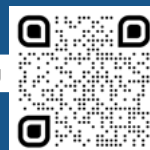
Equipping, Training Resources, and BONUS HOMEWORK:

As you begin to pray and consider engaging your community on mission, we are excited to offer a multitude of training resources for you. This week, assign one of the following e-resources to members of your small group to explore and report back next week.

- JesusWeekMovement.org
 - Register for free neighborhood outreach books.
 - Enjoy our video library for inspiration and creative outreach ideas.
- [One Hope Resource and Training Library](#)
 - One Hope is committed to training and equipping children's and youth workers for this generation's great need.
- [GLEW.app](#) or [GodsLove.app](#)
 - Find an enormous library of free e-resources to share God's love, help people in need, and grow in your faith.

Weekly Reading: Acts 17-19

JesusWeekMovement.org



One Hope Resource and Training Library

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5. TEAM JESUS!



Building the Holy Team

“If we love the Lord, the lost, and each other ... it’s GAME OVER.”

Worship: [Come Inhabit Our Praise](#)

Video: [Fusion](#)

Team Jesus will transform any community or city if it simply does these three things: Love the Lord, love the lost, and love each other. Sadly, it’s often the “love each other” part of the equation that is most challenging. The polarization that is poisoning the entire world lately has deeply wounded the advance and testimony of the Church. We must fight the good fight of oneness for the sake of Christ and the advance of His kingdom.

My wife Rebecca and I celebrated our honeymoon in California. We stayed in a mountain house near the Sequoia forests and were excited to see these ancient,



Come Inhabit Our Praise



Fusion

www.urbanhopenyc.org

enormous trees. As we craned our necks and gazed in awe at these soaring giants, I was curious about their root system. It seemed impossible that any structure this tall could survive hundreds of years of hurricanes and floods. I knew that many hardwood trees have a “tap root” that grows straight down—as deep as the tree is tall.

I asked our tour guide about the tap root of the Sequoia. Since they grow to heights upwards of 300 feet, I wondered aloud at the root depth of these giants. He floored me when he said, “Sequoias don’t have tap roots. They only have surface roots, maybe three to five feet deep.”

Baffled, I asked, “How can they possibly stand?” I imagined the Pacific Coast storms battering them for centuries. He explained that Sequoia forests all come from one tree. As the roots spread out, trees will spring up from the roots themselves, so a Sequoia forest has only one, enormous, interwoven root system. In order to knock down a Sequoia tree, you need to knock down an entire Sequoia forest!

The root system of the Sequoia is a powerful image for our high calling to unity in the body of Christ. Our love for each other should inspire people to crane their necks upward in awe. Jesus said, “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:35, NIV). As the Apostle Paul wraps up his extensive teaching and exhortation for the unity of the body of Christ in Ephesians 4, he concludes with an extraordinary vision for oneness:

“until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching (Eph. 4:13-14, NIV).

We will be able to withstand the many floods and storms that rise against us only when we are knitted and fitted together as one.

John 17 is our Lord’s longest recorded prayer. It concludes His longest recorded teaching, which imminently precedes His betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion. It is impossible to overstate the weight of these words. For the sake of Christ and His kingdom, we must in every way and in every season overcome every divisive

incident and inclination. Prayerfully read through this passage and ask the Lord to reveal ways and opportunities to serve together with other like-minded churches and believers in your town or community.

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them” (John 17: 20-26, ESV).

Small group discussion:

Write down or discuss your observations regarding Christ’s teaching about Christian unity:

- Importance

- Purpose

- Impact

In the diagram below, you will see four concentric shapes.
Using a scale of 1-10
(with 1 being least connected and 10 being most connected),
rate how connected you feel to each one.



Now, use the space below to write a plan
on how to move up one step in each relationship.

Small Group Exercise:

Write down the names of different churches and friends in your community that you believe truly love Jesus and would be interested in serving together with your church to reach the community for Christ. Pray also for creative ways to fellowship, pray, and serve together in the coming year.

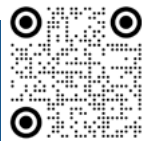
One of the most important goals of the [Jesus Week Movement and Network](#) is to build collaborations of churches in cities/towns/zip codes and neighborhoods that can work together to saturate and transform communities and cities. Enjoy the video; process and pray together about how you and your church can participate in this city transformation movement.

Over the last several years we have been serving together with an amazing network of churches who daily pour out their lives in what the FBI has called the most blighted neighborhood in America: Kensington, PA. Here is a short video of the amazing work happening there: [Prayer Park](#).

Weekly Reading: Acts 20-22



Jesus Week Movement and Network



Prayer Park

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6. The Jesus Week Flood



Scripture: Isaiah 35: Read and process together how these promises relate to your life and community

Worship: [Joy of the Redeemed](#)

There is a strange vision behind the Jesus Week Movement. I had read a “not so fun fact” in one of my children’s books. It said, “If all the people in China jumped off a table at the same time, it would start a tsunami that would cover half of the United States!”

Fear not! It’s an urban legend, but what a great vision for the people of God. We thought it would be amazing if all the churches in NYC jumped in synch and launched a tsunami of blessing, love, and salvation that would saturate the city as the waters fill the seas! I and two great friends, Dimas Salaberrios (President of Concerts of Prayer Greater NYC at the time) and Steven Milazzo (Visionary of Hope Day), simply asked our network of ministry associates and churches if they would agree to step up community prayer and outreach throughout the first week in June. It was just a simple, exciting idea.

There was no five-year plan; no financial backers; no resources; no website,



Joy of the Redeemed

registration page, branding ... just “Jesus Week.” Even as I write this, I laugh out loud. Never could we have imagined what JESUS was preparing. At first, all we did was share the vision of everyone praying for and bringing Christ’s love to their own neighborhoods in creative ways for one week.

Then the flood came.

Before there was a moment to even whiteboard a plan, a Christian book foundation donated 300,000 books! *Every Home for Christ* created one million custom outreach booklets for us along with outreach Bible studies. Phil Cohn of *Christ for All Peoples* shipped 250,000 Jesus Film DVDs, each embedded with 24 languages. The American Bible Society donated thousands of Bibles.

Within a few months, Jesus had secured 15 tractor trailer trucks full of the most beautiful Gospel resources imaginable. He had even specifically empowered the Acts 1:8 plan. We had English and Spanish children’s books, coloring books, and inspirational/devotional books for neighborhoods, schools, and Public Housing communities, and with the multi-lingual Jesus Film DVDs, we had the capacity to bring the Gospel to 90% of the ethnic groups in our city.

To top off everything, after a glorious week of prayer and evangelism, the participating churches converged for an extraordinary celebration in Times Square. With one voice, we proclaimed the glories of the beautiful name of Jesus at the epicenter of our city and nation.

It was a Holy Flood!

Since we began, nearly 20 million people have been reached with the Gospel through face-to-face, door-to-door, street-to-street, and subway station to subway station ministry by local congregations. This is a “Jesus and Us Movement.” No big names drawing crowds, no big money fueling ad campaigns, just hundreds of little churches in neighborhoods all throughout the city who love the Lord, the lost, and each other.

Today we are engaging multiple cities throughout the Northeast. Over the next two months, we will have our first international Jesus Weeks in the Dominican

Republic and Haiti. Everywhere, we see wildernesses blossoming like the rose. We can't help but see that Jesus birthed this movement as a simple way to kickstart "city saturation and transformation movements" through His unified body. We soon realized that any city, anywhere, could be saturated with the Gospel if local churches strategically served together and adopted areas of Gospel responsibility. Just as local churches on Staten Island were able to care powerfully for around 2,000 homes in the aftermath of Super-Storm Sandy, we see an opportunity for immediate healing and awakening in the world if every church would prayerfully adopt and reach out to between 500 and 2,000 homes.

In NYC, we need only 2,000 churches to adopt 1,500 homes
to build a city where there are
"No Sheep without a Shepherd!"

Imagine cities where every home is being prayed for and visited on a regular basis; cities where there are no suicides because of loneliness; where there are no illiterate 3rd graders; where there are no disconnected teens; where the love of Jesus saturates every struggling school, blighted neighborhood, and lonely street as the waters fill the seas!

Small Group Action Plan: Read through the Jesus Week Kickstart. With your small group, process the opportunities, challenges, and dream scenes that you envision. Mark up the next 2 pages with ideas, adaptations, concerns, and action steps.

Jesus Week resources are available year round. Ideally, several churches in a town or city will pick a week to blitz their city together, which makes it more fun, kickstarts collaboration, and glorifies Jesus!

The Jesus Week KICKSTART!

- 1. ADOPT** 500-2,000 homes surrounding your church or in a Public Housing community.
 - Saturate these homes in prayer.
- 2. PLAN** a neighborhood outreach event.
 - Register the event on JesusWeekUSA.org for free outreach resources to add value.
 - Create an attractive flyer for the event.
 - Pick up resources for the event.
- 3. INVITE** your neighbors **personally** to the event! – Behold we stand at the door and knock!!!
 - **THIS IS CRITICAL!** Visitation is a core value of Jesus Week. *The heart of the movement is to help churches **shepherd not only their congregations, but also their neighborhoods.***
 - Introduce yourself and your church; offer prayer and any of the resources you feel would be a blessing to them.
 - If they welcome prayer, ask them if it's ok to write down their prayer request and contact info in your prayer journal so you can keep them in prayer and keep in touch.
 - Ask if it's ok for you to stop by to check in occasionally. Then you will get to know the houses of peace that God has opened for you.
 - Make sure you practice with the visitation script in Lesson 8.
- 4. BE CREATIVE! Here are some fun ideas!!!**
 - Free Movie Night (I Can Only Imagine, Breakthrough, War Room ... popcorn and juice boxes. Distribute outreach books and pray for your neighbors.)
 - Neighborhood Arts Festival (coloring books, children's books, street chalk ... etc.)
 - Neighborhood BBQ—Hot dogs, chips, outreach books, music!
 - Books and Flowers Day—Plant flowers with your neighbors and distribute books.
 - Free Mother's Day portraits—Free portraits to neighborhood families with a gift for Mom!



Create a Jesus Week plan that works for your community. Much of our experience has been in under-resourced communities; however, most neighbors will appreciate an invitation to a fun, family-friendly neighborhood event. Often, partnering with local schools to do a collaborative event can be amazing. At times, we have brought together neighbors to plant flowers and fix up the houses or yards of senior citizens. Pray for wisdom and pull out a calendar because real goals are “Dreams with a Deadline.”

Close by praying for your personal prayer list, your Acts 1:8 prayer list, and for your Jesus Week outreach. Pray for the knowledge of the glory of the Lord in the face of Christ to cover your community and city as the waters cover the sea.

Weekly Reading: Acts 23-25

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7. Christ Saturation



Worship: [To You My King](#)

Video: [Christ Now Introduction](#)

Dr. Ray Bakke, the legendary urban ministry scholar, researched the decline of the Church in 300 major cities around the world. His conclusion: the number one factor in kingdom decline was hopelessness in the church. Only a greater view of Christ can break off this chokehold of despair. The nation of Israel needed to possess the promised land by faith before they possessed it with their feet. When we have a small view of Jesus, the immensity and challenges of life on planet earth are overwhelming. When we see Jesus for who He is, we will ask for cities and nations without hesitation.

We first cast a vision for total city Gospel saturation during the NY Metro Pastors Prayer Summit. I was prepared to share the dream of **NYC saturation**: filling our city with the knowledge of Jesus as the waters cover the sea. My time slot



To You My King
[nyc.org](#)



Christ Now Introduction

was early afternoon. In the morning session, right before I spoke, David Bryant, the founder of *Concerts of Prayer International* and President of *Christ Now*, spoke repeatedly about **Christ Saturation** and Christ Immersion: of Christ in us, through us, with us, over us, around us, and beyond us! As he spoke, my heart burned within me. David has spent the last thirty years exploring the height, the width, the length and depth of the love and majesty of Christ. I knew that the Lord was calling me to learn from this man after His own heart.

Our hearts were knitted together on that day, and we immediately joined forces! God made it crystal clear that we who serve together to reach our communities and cities must be saturated in the love and supremacy of Jesus before we can attempt to saturate the world with His glory!

The smog of sadness, fear, confusion, and despair has been very thick lately. Many are choking and grasping for air. David challenges the people of God who are struggling to see through and above the dark fog to behold Jesus in the majesty of His current supremacy:

**“What Jesus is Lord of ultimately, He is Lord of now.
Whatever hope Jesus’ reign will offer the universe ultimately,
it offers believers now.
All things are as much under His authoritative oversight
at this moment as they will be in the day of His return.”**

(Bryant, *Christ is ALL*, NRV, p. 20)

David Bryant and the *Christ Now* movement spearhead the vital and foundational replenishing ministry for the Jesus Week Movement. We do not have it within us to love each other over the long haul. We are not stronger than the schemes of the devil to discourage and divide us. We are not passionate enough to reach out sacrificially to the lost. We need a Christ Awakening to heal our divisions and **compel** us into the dangers and challenges that lie in our streets. As our churches are saturated with the knowledge of the supremacy, love, and wonders of Jesus, together we will move forward to saturate the world with the Gospel.

We encourage you along with your small groups and networks to explore the spectacular supremacy of Christ by journeying through the Christ Institutes and the treasure trove of resources David Bryant has made freely available to all. This will encourage, inspire, and fire up the holy team! (These resources can be found at ChristNow.com.)



Small Group Exercise:

1. Read the following passage three times. Underline the portions that impact you.
2. Write down what you feel the Lord was communicating to you.

“For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (II Cor. 5:14-21, NIV).

Notes:

Take 3-5 minutes to be silent. **Ask in prayer for Jesus to open the eyes of your heart. If you are comfortable, share with your group what the Lord brought to your heart and how He directed you.**

8. Write down what is shared and pray for each other. Then pray for a Christ Awakening in your lives, your church, and the surrounding community.

Prayer:

BONUS HOMEWORK: Watch or listen to [Session 1 of the Christ Institutes](#) and report back next week.

Weekly Reading: Acts 26-28



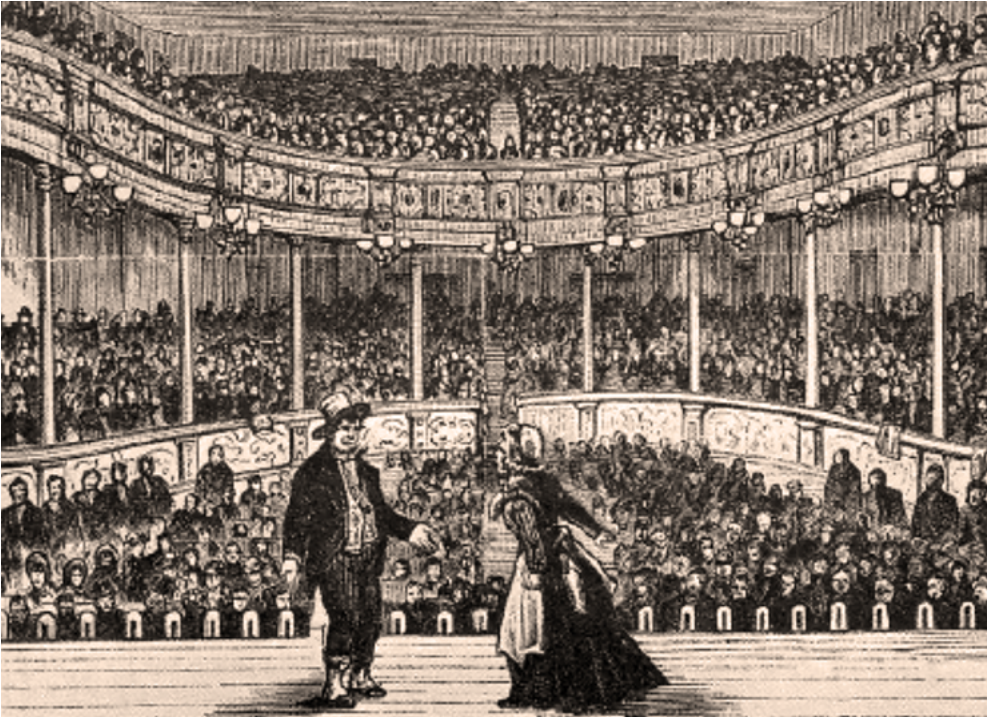
Session 1 of the Christ Institutes

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8. City Transformation

The Fulton Street Revival



Scripture: Personalize, contextualize for your city and pray through Ephesians 1:3-23 and Ephesians 2:19-22

Worship: [Jubilee](#)

A friend of mine taught me a very helpful strategic planning method. It's called "The Ideal Scene." Simply write down your dream scene and then the steps necessary to transition from the current scene to the dream. When we launched the Saturate NYC vision, I laid out several bullet points for the ideal scene in my book, [Saturation, A Plan for Gospel Immersion](#).

A dear friend, Lloyd Turner, read my book and said, "Hey Dave, loved the book, but did you know that this has been done before?"



Saturation, A Plan for Gospel Immersion



Jubilee

I was a bit taken aback. “No, what do you mean,” I replied. Naturally, I was very interested in what he had to share. Lloyd has been a passionate researcher of church history as it regards city movements. He sent me documentation from the mid 1800’s that was mind blowing!

I’ll never forget attending a conference with several pastor friends. When we put Lloyd’s historical research side by side with my “ideal scene,” we were floored. In 1855, a large coalition of NYC churches initiated a saturation/prayer/visitation campaign. This saturation movement launched the FULTON STREET REVIVAL—one of the greatest revivals in American history. The strategic plan **was practically identical!** We knew God was saying “Run with the vision!” No matter how challenging the road, we realized, this was God’s heart, vision, and strategy.

Jeremiah Lanphier is renowned for launching the Fulton Street Revival; however, he joined the systematic visitation team in 1857, **two years after its launch**. By the time he started praying for his neighbors, there were already 4,000 prayer visitors saturating the city. He began visiting neighboring homes but also began a noontime prayer meeting in his church. **This was the spark that ignited the “gasoline” that praying congregations had been pouring across all of NYC.** Soon the entire nation was blazing with revival. Within two years, over a million people in America were saved, representing nearly 20% of the population at that time. The revival crossed the Atlantic Ocean, powerfully impacting many more nations for Christ. This great awakening brought salvation, hope, and healing to communities and families across the world.

On the next page, you can see the strategic plans from both books, separated by 160 years.

SATURATE NYC IDEAL SCENE (2016)

1. We have a shepherd over every Borough in NYC.
2. We have a shepherd over all 59 Community Districts (CDs).
3. Each CD Shepherd has established a vibrant weekly pastor prayer meeting in that CD.
4. In that pastor's gathering are several churches, representing every ZIP code in that CD.
5. Each church has taken gospel responsibility for a clearly-delineated portion of that ZIP code: their parish. The purpose is gospel coverage, not territorialism.
6. Each church has teams that visit, pray for, and evangelize every household in their parish.
7. Every street and every apartment floor has a neighborhood shepherd who knows, prays for, and loves on their block or floor.

SYSTEMATIC VISITATION IN NYC: (1855)

In 1855, leaders from NYC's Sunday School Unions proposed a plan of "systematic visitation." The plan included the following major components:

1. Divide the entire city, county, or town into distinct districts, each comprising of definite territory.
2. Request that each church take a district and become responsible for permanent visitation of residences in that district.
3. Send the visitors out two-by-two to the district for the purpose of visiting each household. If possible, bring each child and encourage each family to attend a place of worship.
4. Each visitor is responsible for visiting every family in his or her district at least once a month.

PLAYBOOK CONCLUSION = GAME TIME

TRANSFORMATIONAL ACTION STEPS

The Fulton Street/NYC Sunday School Union story is among the most inspiring and compelling examples of a grass roots, parish church awakening. It's always dangerous to think that there is a formula for revival, but what happened in 1855 was beautiful, Christ-honoring, city-loving obedience. Each church "raked" their circle well. As a result, the city and the world were blessed and transformed!

REVIVAL/TRANSFORMATION/HEALING

It needs to start somewhere. Why not in you? Why not your church, your neighborhood? What would happen if you put this playbook to use? Can you and three friends adopt one street or square block to visit, pray for, and invite neighbors to events? Are there three to five churches in your "community asset map" (from Lesson 4) who might collaborate with you to build a neighborhood where there are "no sheep without a shepherd" or start a literacy initiative in a local school, or a kids club in a Public Housing community, or maybe an ESL class???

THE SATURATION to TRANSFORMATION DREAM SCENE IS—

Networks of 5-15 churches in every zip code/town who are saturating their zip codes with the Gospel in word and in deed by strategically adopting:

- o **Neighborhoods as their *Jerusalem***
- o **Schools as their *Judea***
- o **Public Housing/under-resourced neighborhoods as their *Samaria***
- o **Internationals and Ethnic Groups as their *Ends of the Earth***

The transition from saturation to transformation is simple. Jesus Week events are a simple way to **saturate your Jerusalem once. You will transform your "Jerusalem" if you "rinse and repeat" this strategy 4-12 times a year (e.g., Mother's Day free portraits, Easter Egg Hunts, Back to School BBQs ... etc.)**.

Backpack Back to School BBQs are a great way to **saturate your Judea once**. You will transform your "Judea" if you engage your school several times a year.

Book Fairs and Basketball Tournaments in Public Housing are a great way to **saturate your Samaria once**. You will transform your “Samaria” if you engage the community weekly or monthly. The plan we use is called “[Cities of Joy](#).” More can be found in the Appendix.

The **Appendix is not ancillary**. It is filled with ideas to launch, rinse, repeat, and facilitate transformation in your local school, an under-resourced neighborhood/housing complex and/or an immigrant group. Our prayer is that this playbook will be marked, scribbled in, and tattered because it is a *go to* resource for your ministry.

Small Group Brainstorm:

What are some “doable” events that could help engage and transform your neighborhood?

FYI: Offering prayer and keeping a prayer journal for each neighbor is cost free and greatly appreciated. We have discovered that after a church adopts a neighborhood and visits about three times, the neighborhood adopts the church as the “church that cares about us.”



NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH ROLE PLAY!!!

Don't skip this part

Over the last 30 years, the evangelical church has abandoned the door-to-door, neighborhood engagement ground game. The modern church has invested most of its time and energy on the “air game” of radio, TV, music, and social media. Strangely, studies have found that the cults who never gave up the ground game grew at a 68% rate in major U.S. metros, while simultaneously, the evangelical church growth rate was 12%. Abandoning the ground game is disobedience, and it has cost us greatly. Jesus commanded, “Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town ... and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full” Luke 14:21, 23, NIV).

Break up into groups of two or three and have fun with these scripts!

Visitor: Hi, I'm Janice and this is James. We're from _____ Church around the block, and we wanted to invite you to our family movie night. *(It could be family game night, outdoor BBQ, potluck dinner, Flower Power Day, etc. (E.g., “We are planting bulbs/flowers all around the neighborhood this Saturday!”))*

(Principle: They belong. Your church is their home church, whether or not they attend.)

Neighbor: That's sweet of you. I'm sorry but I'm busy that day.

Visitor: No worries. You're welcome anytime. We also wanted you to know that we always pray for our neighbors. Is there anything you would like us to pray for today?

(Principle: Welcome the Kingdom. Pour out love, and open the gates for the Holy Spirit.)

Neighbor: Thank you ... You can always pray for our health, and my sister is in the hospital now with pneumonia.

Visitor: I'm so sorry, what is her name ... and yours? (Then pray in the name of Jesus for the blessing of God to fill the house and for the healing of the sister. Take notes using a booklet or your phone.

(Principle: Get contact info. Get vital information, record it, and keep

praying. God will move, and next time you will remember names and prayer requests. Remembering someone's name and what concerns them is a powerful expression of love.)

Visitor: Do you mind if we come back to keep in touch, and please let us know of any way we can all work together to make the neighborhood a better place for everyone. I'm sure you have lots of dreams and ideas. You seem like a great neighbor.

(Principle: Create an open door for follow up. Call forth the image of God: the creative, loving passion in your neighbors to make the neighborhood a better place.)

Neighbor: I'm worried about the kids in that apartment building. They have nothing to do, and it looks like they are warming up to some bad influences.

Visitor: Thank you for sharing that. Let's pray for them right now! This is your neighborhood, so if you have any ideas about how we could work together with you and other concerned neighbors to make our streets safer, we are all in!

*(Principle: They are not a poor lost soul, but a **potential partner for community healing**. This will not always be the case, but it will be often. Many people will be more attracted to being part of a meaningful mission than being seen as a mission field.)*

Visitor: Before I go, I have something for you that I hope will bless you. It's about "Dreams" and how we all dream about perfect love, perfect peace, and hope, but it's only Jesus that can make those dreams come true. I did a lot of damage to my soul, running after everything that I thought would bring me peace and love. When I finally ran into the arms of Jesus, He fulfilled all my deepest and greatest dreams. He can do the same for you!

*(The "Dreams" tract is one of many resources we have. We also have "The Book of Hope," The Gospel of John, and many other resources. **It is wise to prepare your personal testimony in a way that will align with the resource you are distributing.**)*

You're welcome anytime. We also wanted you to know that we always pray for our neighbors. Is there anything you would like us to pray for today?

(Principle: Welcome the Kingdom. Pour out love, and open the gates for the Holy Spirit.)

Neighbor: Thank you...You can always keep praying for my health and for my sister Marie.

If they refuse prayer:

Neighbor: No thanks, I'm good. Thanks for stopping by.

Visitor: Ok, God bless you. It was nice to meet you. Here is a little gift for you and your family from my church. (*Offer what you have.*) Feel free to call or drop in any time.

(Principle: Leave the Gospel in their hands if possible, but don't push it!)

Conversations can go in any direction. In fact, the most difficult point in the conversation is the start. You may not need to use any of this script. Be sensitive, however, to the Holy Spirit. If you feel His prompting to take things to a deeper level and share the Gospel more fully by sharing your testimony, go for it! It is wise to work on writing down the basics of your testimony.

Everyone's testimony is different, but all are comprised of three points:

- **This is who I was ...** (I was lost, depressed, broken, hurting myself, God, and others.)
- **Jesus saved me ...** (When I understood that Jesus died a horrible death on the cross so I could live—that He died in my place to personally rescue me from my sorrow and all I've done wrong—I ran to Him.)
- **Now ...** (I experience love and peace that I never thought possible.)

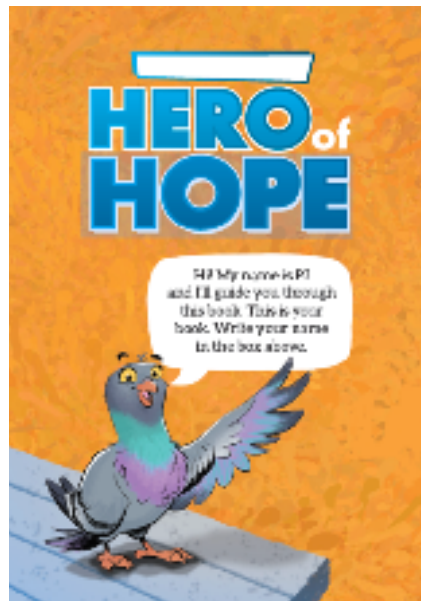
Your testimony is the life-giving story of Christ in you, the hope of glory. We encourage you to take five minutes and use the three bullet points above (repeated on the next page) to write your testimony in your own words. Practice actually sharing the story of salvation as you share the story of your redemption. (I was lost in sorrow and sin. Jesus carried my sorrows, paid for my sins, and died my eternal death on the cross. Perfect love, peace, and hope in Christ rescued me.)

If you are ministering to a young person—

Sometimes, outreach teams can be intimidated by teenagers for various reasons. The fact is that most teens are terrified, anxious, depressed, and confused. They feel like the world is collapsing around them. We are excited about the amazing teens' and children's outreach books that One Hope has provided for our city outreaches. They are called Hero of Hope and The Book of Hope. These resources are available for all Jesus Week participants. In addition, they have dedicated extraordinary resources into researching the challenges that our young people are facing and best practices for ministering to them. Visit [One Hope Youth Culture Resources](#) for more information. Below you will find five helpful insights for using these and other outreach materials.

PERSONAL in our approach

- Introduce yourself to youth and children—and parents if they are present.
- Demonstrate the love of Jesus through tone of voice, smile, eye contact, and attitude.
- Respect them whether they do want or do not want the book.
- Place the book in their hands, front cover facing them.

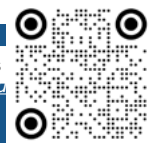


RELEVANT in how we share the book

- Do not assume they know who Jesus is or that they understand prayer. Explain these terms to them.
- Be open and real—talk like a friend, not like a preacher.
- Be age appropriate—issues for children are different than for youth.
- Recognize when you need to keep a conversation brief and when there is opportunity for more dialogue.

INVITATIONAL is the end goal

- The goal is not only to share the gospel but also to help children become disciples.
- As you share the book, invite children to an upcoming event or ongoing ministry at your church.

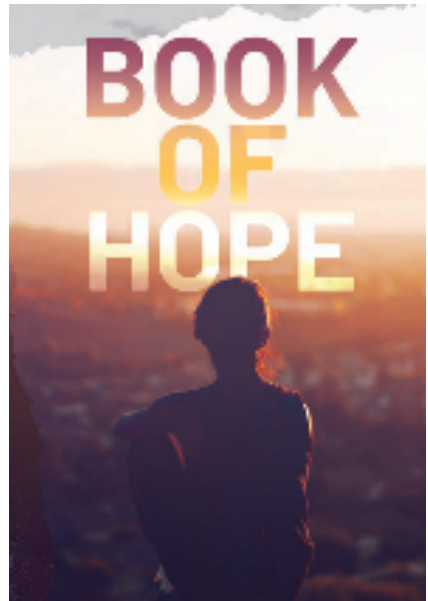


DYNAMIC in your understanding of the book

- Read the books before sharing them with children and teens.
- Be familiar with the stories that are shared and the questions they address.
- As you listen to children and teens, connect the conversation to a specific part of the book.

ENGAGE in Conversation

- If you have time, engage children and youth in a conversation about the book.
- Ask for permission before sharing more about the book. “I have a free gift I want to share with you. Can I tell you more about it?”
- Ask a few simple questions to engage in conversation. You can use some of the questions from the books.



TEEN OUTREACH ROLE PLAY

Visitor: Hi, I'm Janice and this is James. We're from _____ Church around the block, and we are having a BBQ and basketball tournament next Saturday. You and your friends are invited.

*(Principle: **They belong.** Your church is their home church, whether or not they attend.)*

Teen: I don't play ball.

Visitor: Me neither—but I like good bbq, and we are cooking up a storm.

Teen: Thanks, maybe I'll drop by.

Visitor: Hey, it's been a tough time to be a teenager. Crazy world lately. How are you and your friends doing?

Teen: I'm good, just so depressing all around.

Visitor: If you don't mind, I'd be happy to pray for you. It's the only way I find peace with all that's going on.

Teen: Sure.

Visitor: What's your name ...

After Prayer...

Visitor: I have a great book called *The Book of Hope*. I think it will help you work through some of the challenges your generation is facing. I have hope and peace because of Jesus. I just want you to know that He sent me here today to tell you that He loves you.

Once the conversation is in motion, it can go in any direction. The insights above, your testimony, and the previous role play will all be helpful.

However, it is very important to get contact info and to keep in touch if the door is open. Most teens change cell phone numbers often, so email or social media handles are best.

Finally, teens are often confused and misled. Don't judge them because of their clothing and strong opinions. **They need Jesus, and they need to see Him through you!**

CLOSING THOUGHTS

We are so honored to have walked with you through this saturation to transformation journey. If you have been inspired and want to learn more, the next few pages in the playbook will be very informative and helpful. The Appendix is packed with ideas, strategies, resources, and training. Please keep this playbook handy. We believe it will be a go-to guide as you seek to build the house of the Lord in your community.

The heart of Jesus for His Church is that it would be a light in dark places. I believe that when Jesus told us to be careful not to hide our light under a bushel, one of the bushels He had in mind was church facilities.

One of the primary goals of this study is that churches everywhere would be as intentional about shepherding their neighborhoods as they are about shepherding their congregations. Doing so will transform cities across our nation and our world.

As you close your study in prayer, write down your thoughts, dreams, and visions below. Please pray this prayer (adapted from the Moravians) together and add your own prayers to conclude.

***May the Lamb of God for sinners slain receive the reward
for His suffering.***

***May the earth be filled with the knowledge of His glory as the
waters fill the seas.***

***May there be no sheep without a shepherd,
no illiterate children, no disconnected youth,
and no desperate lonely ones in our neighborhoods.***

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APPENDIX — Strategies for fulfilling your Acts 1:8 Great Commission

Acts 1:8 PLAN	SCHOOL OUTREACH PLAYBOOK (JUDEA)
PRAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayerfully choose a local school to bathe in prayer. • Often the nearest school is the best fit, but sometimes, a member of your congregation serves at a different school. • Wherever the Lord leads, pray and choose.
ENGAGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to the school and ask to meet the principal. • Let them know that you are the pastor (preferable) or member of a local church, and that your church would love to partner with the school.
LOW-LEVEL FRUIT	<p>Some ideas you could offer are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall yard clean up • Plant some bulbs • Have a school supply drive • Backpack giveaway • Bring a “Box of Joe” and donuts for teachers to say, “Thank you.” • Provide a financial award or gift certificate as a graduation award for e.g., “most improved students.” (This allows the church to present as a community partner at the graduation ceremony.)
MID-LEVEL FRUIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant a community garden. • Partner with CEF to establish an after-school Good News Club. • Host a Teacher Appreciation Banquet. • Host an Educator’s Prayer Gathering.
HIGH-LEVEL FRUIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy Initiatives (Contact UrbanHopeNYC.org about this fantastic, community-transforming opportunity.) • Apply for a mural grant at ThriveCollective.org. • Paint the interior of the school. (Make funding and volunteers available.) • Provide music classes for the school. This can be a great worship team outreach.

Urban Hope is working with several partners to enable stronger church/school working relationships. Two examples: [Urban Hope Literacy Collective](#) and [Sports World Ministries](#).



Urban Hope Literacy Collective
UrbanHopeNYC.org



Sports World.org

Acts 1:8 PLAN	PUBLIC HOUSING OUTREACH (JUDEA)
PRAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for a local public housing development or an under-resourced neighborhood near you. • Pray for favor with the administration, the Tenant Association, Community Center leaders, gatekeepers, and the neighborhood.
ENGAGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build partnerships: Metro World Child, Young Life, CRU, CEF, Urban Hope, and World Vision are some of many wonderful partners. • Introduce yourself to the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Administrator, Tenant Association, gatekeepers ○ Local neighboring churches ○ Public housing community centers ○ Local sports coaches
LOW-LEVEL FRUIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer walk and prayer evangelize through the community. • Begin a weekly or monthly Community Transformation Prayer Breakfast. • Establish your NYCHA Ambassadors and Visitation Teams. • Begin by adopting one building. Visit two to three floors a week or every two weeks.
MID-LEVEL FRUIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsor a family festival in the community center or housing playground. • Sponsor a community beautification event. • Launch a weekly Family Reading Night. • Start a community children’s/youth choir. • Host a weekly/monthly/seasonal children’s party in the community center. • Hold single mother’s workshops (e.g., childcare, finances, community Bible engagement).
HIGH-LEVEL FRUIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with Urban Hope to launch a Cities of Joy campaign. • Develop an after-school program. • Launch a basketball league. • Hold Vacation Bible School for the community.

For more information on healing public housing, see page 67.

Acts 1:8 PLAN	IMMIGRANT OUTREACH PLAYBOOK
PRAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayerfully choose an ethnic group in your region to bathe in prayer. There may be a large enclave in your community. • You may have several people from your church who have a particular ethnic background. Wherever the Lord leads, PRAY.
ENGAGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Gates is a premier ministry in our metro dedicated to reaching immigrant groups. They will be glad to train and assist you in reaching out. (Globalgates.info) • JesusWeek.org has several language-specific resources.
LOW-LEVEL FRUIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach out and make a friend. • Invite a family or an international student over for dinner. • Familiarize yourself with and share the GOD'SLOVE app. It contains many multi-lingual evangelism resources.
MID-LEVEL FRUIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer fundraising help if a natural disaster affects the ethnic group's nation. • Host an international students' event. • Offer to help struggling immigrants at local schools.
HIGH-LEVEL FRUIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin an English Language Learners ministry. • Host a cultural festival at your church for a particular ethnic group.

This is our least developed of the Acts 1:8 quadrants. We have been able to provide multilingual resources, but we have not yet found a critical mass of churches who are ready to champion the incredible overseas mission field that has come to our cities. Immigrants are infinitely more responsive to help and Gospel conversations in America than in their own nation, particularly when Christianity is frowned upon or illegal in their home countries.

Interestingly, this year, opportunities to facilitate Jesus Week initiatives overseas have been opening wide. From NYC, we have a multitude of churches that have powerful impact overseas. Partnering in our city and their nations has been natural and powerful. We see both sides of the “Ends of the Earth quadrant” (here and there) as wide open for kingdom advance.

BUILDING THE CITY NETWORK

[This is a “Jethro Principle” strategy for our cities.]

Every state/city has unique subdivisions. The key is to break down the region into reasonable sections that allow for regular face-to-face engagement and prayer/fellowship connection. Our dream scene for leadership is to have “Shepherds” for each subdivision (called Regional Shepherds) and to have Zip Code Shepherds in the trenches. In NYC, we are using the basic breakdown laid out in this table to identify the responsibilities for Regional and Zip Code Shepherds. (In NYC, our Regional Shepherds oversee Boroughs and Community Districts.)

REGIONAL SHEPHERD

- **GATHER** a team of like-minded pastors from every zip code in your region. Pray together weekly or monthly (in person or Zoom call) for the knowledge of Jesus to cover the region.
 - o We highly recommend journeying through David Bryant’s video series *The Christ Institutes* and reading *Saturation: A Plan for Gospel Immersion* by David Beidel. *The Christ institutes* builds faith and passion and will give direction to your prayer gatherings. *Saturation* provides narrative, theology, and helpful guidelines for your collaborative endeavors.
- **BUILD** a prayer/outreach team in your church. Cover your region in prayer and prepare for engagement. Encourage your regional team to do the same and seek to establish regional quarterly or bi-yearly prayer gatherings. This will often enable you to engage and align the prayer and outreach streams in your church.
- **ADOPT** and **GO** to your zip code or a portion of your zip code. Then encourage the zip code shepherds to do the same. Lead your church outreach team so that you can lead the regional team with real time stories and solutions. The rule of thumb is that **first you adopt your neighborhood**. After three loving visits to their homes from your members, **the neighborhood adopts your church as “the church that cares about us.”**
 - o **STRATEGIZE** with your regional team about adopting neighborhoods, schools, under-resourced communities, and ethnic groups. The key is to agree on mutual goals and timelines. Sometimes, initiatives are accomplished better as a group; other times, individual effort is more effective. Both are synergistic and bring joy to Jesus.
 - o **RESOURCES** – Be aware of the amazing resources and partnerships God has provided to saturate our communities. Please be sure to read the resource pages at the end of this book and to sign up for emails from the Jesus Week and One Hope Team.

ZIP CODE SHEPHERD

- Responsibilities are nearly identical to those of the Regional Shepherd. Just replace “zip code” with “neighborhood.” For example, “GATHER a team of like-minded pastors from every neighborhood in your zip code.”
- Work with your team strategically, collaboratively, and prayerfully. Think more in terms of executing the mission in the field like you are a quarterback and the Regional Shepherd is the coach, ensuring that every home in your zip code is being cared for, prayed for, and reached with the gospel.

The Cities of Joy Initiative

“Transforming Places of Sorrow into Cities of Joy”



When NYC became the deadly epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic, we realized that the under-resourced communities—people we have ministered to with the gospel for many years—desperately needed help. Food, hygiene supplies, and basic life necessities were not available. Panic, sorrow, and despair gripped our locked-down city. Just as Super Storm Sandy launched the Jesus Week movement, the pandemic and the following societal pandemonium launched the Cities of Joy Initiative.

Deadly bullets of disease, fear, racism, and rage were flying through our most fragile neighborhoods. In the midst of the chaos, we felt the Lord calling us to build protective sanctuaries over our terrified neighborhoods. We were inspired by the image of the bulletproof fabric **Kevlar®**. Kevlar is called the thread that stops bullets, but it can do so only when it is woven together tightly and layered repeatedly. We knew that our relationships needed to be much stronger.

The strategic focus of Saturate NYC and Jesus Week has always been a contextualized version of Acts 1:8: **Jerusalem—Neighborhoods; Judea—**

Schools; Samaria—Housing Projects; Ends of the Earth—Ethnic Groups.

When we stepped into full relief response, we realized that the team God had drawn together from ministering to these different sectors of our community, particularly our leaders in public schools and public housing, were the key to rescuing and restoring our devastated neighborhoods.

It was clear that the Lord had already begun weaving together the most important relationships in our city as a fruit of our outreach strategy. We built a Cities of Joy Dream Team of loving pastors and churches, school principals, key leaders in public housing, neighborhood stakeholders, community police, and non-profit partners. Within a few days, we were able to launch a massive collaborative relief plan. When George Floyd was murdered in the middle of the pandemic, racial tensions rose to frightening levels in the largely black and brown communities we serve. The same team quickly responded and redoubled efforts to minister peace.

Hundreds of community servants came together and served tens of thousands. We watched in awe as God brought together this holy team, provided over 25 million dollars in food, hygiene, clothing, family necessities, gospel materials, and relief resources. Prayer, worship, and the good news of salvation in Christ Jesus filled our vulnerable communities with sweet fragrance. During the harshest storms our generation has faced, a holy, bulletproof sanctuary—a house of hope in a world of pain—was built in the middle of our most distressed communities. We are so grateful for the Church that Jesus built!

THE COURT OF THE GENTILES:

It soon became clear that as part of the “***New Covenant Temple Building Project,***” Jesus was showing us how to build “The Court of the Gentiles”: what He called “*a house of prayer for all nations*” (Mark 11:17, NIV). Many of our vital community partners are not churched or perfectly theologically aligned with us, but they are constantly serving together and experiencing Jesus as we break bread, strategize, and bring hope. We believe this is often a missing component in the evangelical church. We generally operate with a sharp divide between the sacred and the secular, the saints and the streets. The Court of the Gentiles is an *in-between* space for building relationships with the many loving “do-gooders” in our communities. The image of God within them resonates with the Holy Spirit within us and the work we are doing.

Getting Started:

- Gather pastors to pray together for your community.
- Reach out to local principals with a heart to serve. “How can we as a coalition of churches best serve you in this difficult time?” (Find several suggestions in the Appendix/Judea chart.)
- Reach out to key leaders and unofficial gatekeepers in under-resourced communities who have the same heart to serve. Be prepared for pushback and a lack of trust depending on people’s experience with the church. These hurdles can be overcome through prayer, love, long-term commitment, and reliability.
- Reach out to local nonprofits (sacred and secular) with whom you can build synergy. Work to “add value” through human resources and facilities sharing rather than having an attitude of “We are here to show you how to do this better!”
- Reach out to small parish churches that are serving troubled communities but often lack resources and manpower.
- When you are able to gather several of these key leaders, remotely or in person, start to talk and pray about ways you can all align to make your community a better place. We don’t hide our faith, but we also don’t overwhelm our new friends.

Cities of Joy Community Team:

- One of the most powerful things we have done lately is simply invite people when we meet them in the communities where we are serving: “We are building a team of people in the neighborhood who want to work together to make it a better place. We call it the Cities of Joy Team, and we’d love for you to be involved.” At least 75% of those we ask join the team!

Potential Initiatives:

- **Agape Meals**

We have had some great success expediting relationship building by sponsoring Community “Agape Meals: Breaking Bread to Break Down Walls.”

In ancient times, the only time Roman citizens, Jews, Greeks, slaves, black, white, and brown ever gathered to break bread and share a meal

was the Lord’s Supper—the Agape Meal. By hosting these events, we have been able to bring many churches, nonprofits, medical providers, and more together to minister to many struggling communities.

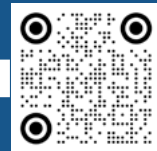
- **Community Mobilization Breakfasts**

These breakfasts have been an easy on-ramp to build a community team. We simply welcome anyone who wants to make the community a better place to join us for a prayer breakfast. We eat bagels, pray for each other, and talk about taking positive steps together to make the neighborhood a better place to live.

For more on Cities of Joy, take a look at our video and strategic plan and/or visit our website at CitiesofJoy.org.

[Cities of Joy Video](#)
[Cities of Joy Strategic Plan](#)

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Cities of Joy Video

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Cities of Joy Strategic Plan



Partners, Training, Tools, and Resources

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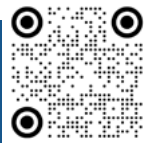
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 - Explore the riches of the supremacy of Christ through this unparalleled e-resource. Find hundreds of hours of video, podcasts, blogs, and music, all proclaiming the wonders and glories of Christ and paving the way for a worldwide “**Christ Awakening!**”
- **Saturate Worship Albums: Free at: [GLEW.app](#)**
 - Subscribe on YouTube: [Saturate Worship](#)
 - Fill Your Temple
 - Saturation
 - Fragrance

Enjoy the worship music written by Jesus Week founder, David Beidel. We pray it will add fuel to your fire for Jesus! Available on itunes, YouTube, Spotify, etc.



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Saturate Worship



www.urbanhopenyc.org

CITY SATURATION RESOURCES

- **JESUSWEEKUSA.ORG:**
 - Jesus Week is our largest outreach initiative. We supply outreach resources and strategic assistance to any church or network of churches that is willing to partner with us to saturate their region with the Gospel.
- **ONEHOPE.org**
 - The ministry of ONE HOPE has brought the Gospel to over 2 billion people around the world. Over the last several years, the Lord has profoundly laid on their hearts the desperate needs of the devastated cities of North America. They provide extraordinary research, training, and resources for reaching cities in America.
- **CitiesofJoy.org**
 - [Cities of Joy Strategic Plan](#)
 - [Cities of Joy Video](#)
- **SportsWorld.org**
 - Sports World is a fantastic partner in US cities. They are ready to partner with churches who have a desire to meaningfully impact and serve local schools.
 - [SportsWorld.org](#)

Cities of Joy Video



Cities of Joy Strategic Plan



Sports World.org

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VIRTUAL OUTREACH RESOURCES:

We have developed very powerful e-tools that can be utilized to share the Gospel in hundreds of languages and tangibly help neighbors in need or crisis.

GODSLOVE.app can be used nationally and internationally

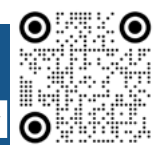
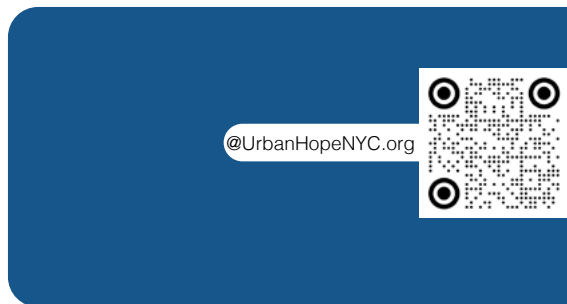
- This social service/evangelism e-tool can be utilized to quickly fill cities everywhere with the gospel in word and in deed.
- **Christian users will find—**
 - Fantastic Christ awakening/discipleship resources, Bible studies, e-books, and devotional guides
 - Saturate Worship – Free worship originals from the JESUS WEEK/ Saturate movements, local artists, and 24/7 worship/gospel radio stations
 - Thousands of ways to share the Gospel in word and deed
 - Information about regional events
- **Seekers will find—**
 - Helpful, winsome answers to challenging questions about faith and Jesus
 - Several movies, Bibles, videos, audio books, and e-books about Jesus in up to 1600 languages
 - Excellent apologetic and explanatory gospel resources
 - Thousands of social service resources surrounding their zip code.
 - Dozens of phone numbers for CRISIS HOTLINES and 24/7 PRAYER HOTLINES
- It is easily shareable through social media, email, and text. It is for the curious, the caring, the needy, the evangelist, those in crisis, skeptics, seekers, and saints! It works on phone/tablet/pc. **It has the potential to bring the Gospel in word and deed to anyone, in any language, anywhere. Enjoy this video tutorial:** <https://vimeo.com/saturatenyc>.



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SUPPORT THE MOVEMENT!

- **DONATE** to Urban Hope @UrbanHopeNYC.org.
- **WATCH** [The Urban Hope Story](#).
 - **Urban Hope is the umbrella nonprofit that spearheads the Saturate/Jesus Week and Cities of Joy movement.** Urban Hope also facilitates these initiatives:
 - **Urban Hope Literacy Collective**—A volunteer-based literacy initiative serving under-resourced elementary schools on Staten Island’s North Shore: “Transforming Lives through Literacy”
 - **Urban Hope After-school and Summer Camp**—A discipleship/leadership development program serving children and teens in West Brighton, Staten Island
 - **Urban Hoops Basketball League**—An 18 and under league that ministers to disconnected youth in Staten Island’s public housing communities
 - **Cities of Joy**—Healing Public Housing
 - **Saturate Worship**
- **Your support would be treasured! (UrbanHopeNYC.org)**

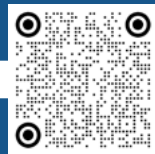


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- **Samaria, The Great Omission:** Too often, the church continues to circumvent Samaria as did the religious leaders in the day of Christ. Jesus went straight in, and so must we. <https://www.amazon.com/Samaria-Great-Omission-David-Beidel/dp/1519623658>
- **Saturate Worship:** All of the worship produced on this label is available free of charge on the GodsLove.app. If, however, people want to purchase the music on Apple, Google Play, etc., that will be a blessing. In addition, subscribing and “liking” the [Saturate Worship](#) and [Jesus Week](#) You Tube Channels will benefit the movement.

Saturation



Samaria

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Jesus Week



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Pastor David is the Founder and President of [Urban Hope NYC](#), the Founder of [Saturate NYC](#) and the [Cities of Joy](#) initiative, and the Co-Founder and Director of [Jesus Week USA](#). He is the author of [Samaria: The Great Omission](#), [Saturation: A Plan for Gospel Immersion](#) and designer of [GODSLOVE.app](#)

In addition to his role as pastor/teacher, David is a psalmist and guitarist, having penned numerous songs of worship. Many of his songs have been recorded on three worship albums, *Fragrance*, *Saturation*, and *Fill Your Temple*.

David and his beloved wife Rebecca continue to live and serve on the North Shore of Staten Island.

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We'd love to stay in touch.

Please take a moment to fill out the [Jesus Week Team Registration](#) form for updates, prayer requests, and events near you.



LOVE THE LORD, THE LOST, AND EACH OTHER - GAMEOVER.

FLOODS—When a place gets so inundated with water’s fury it pushes everything out of its way, saturates the ground, and totally dominates people’s lives. The “holy” flood that David Beidel has been calling for, writing about, and working toward for decades in New York City is very much the same. It’s when the Holy Spirit causes the person, power, and presence of Jesus Christ to surge in the life and ministry of God’s people, saturating and dominating them in whole new ways. Some call it revival. Some reformation. Some a Christ Awakening. But this kind of flood is what serious Christians today are desperately praying for. *The Holy Flood Playbook* brings you David’s years of experience, teaching, training, and mobilizing God’s people for such a Christ-exalting, transforming torrent. Like no other resource available, it will inspire and equip you to share fully in this “holy” revolution. — *David Bryant, President of Christ Now and Founder of Concerts of Prayer International*



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