

# URBAN MINISTRY IN THE END TIME



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The message of the third angel must be proclaimed in the 21st Century. Population is concentrated in big cities in this century. How can we reach those big cities?



Knowing the peculiarities of the city.



Listening to the cry of the city.



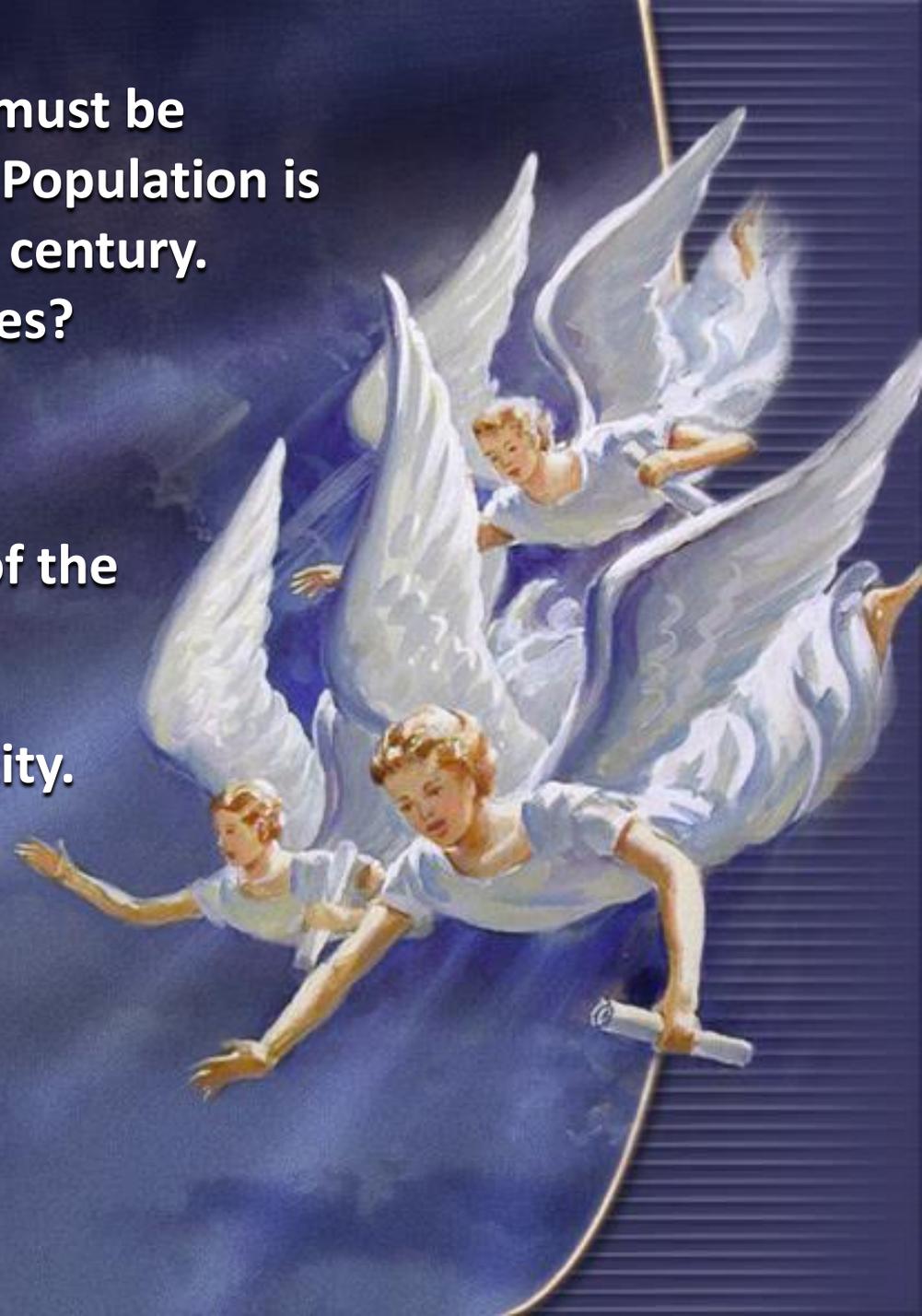
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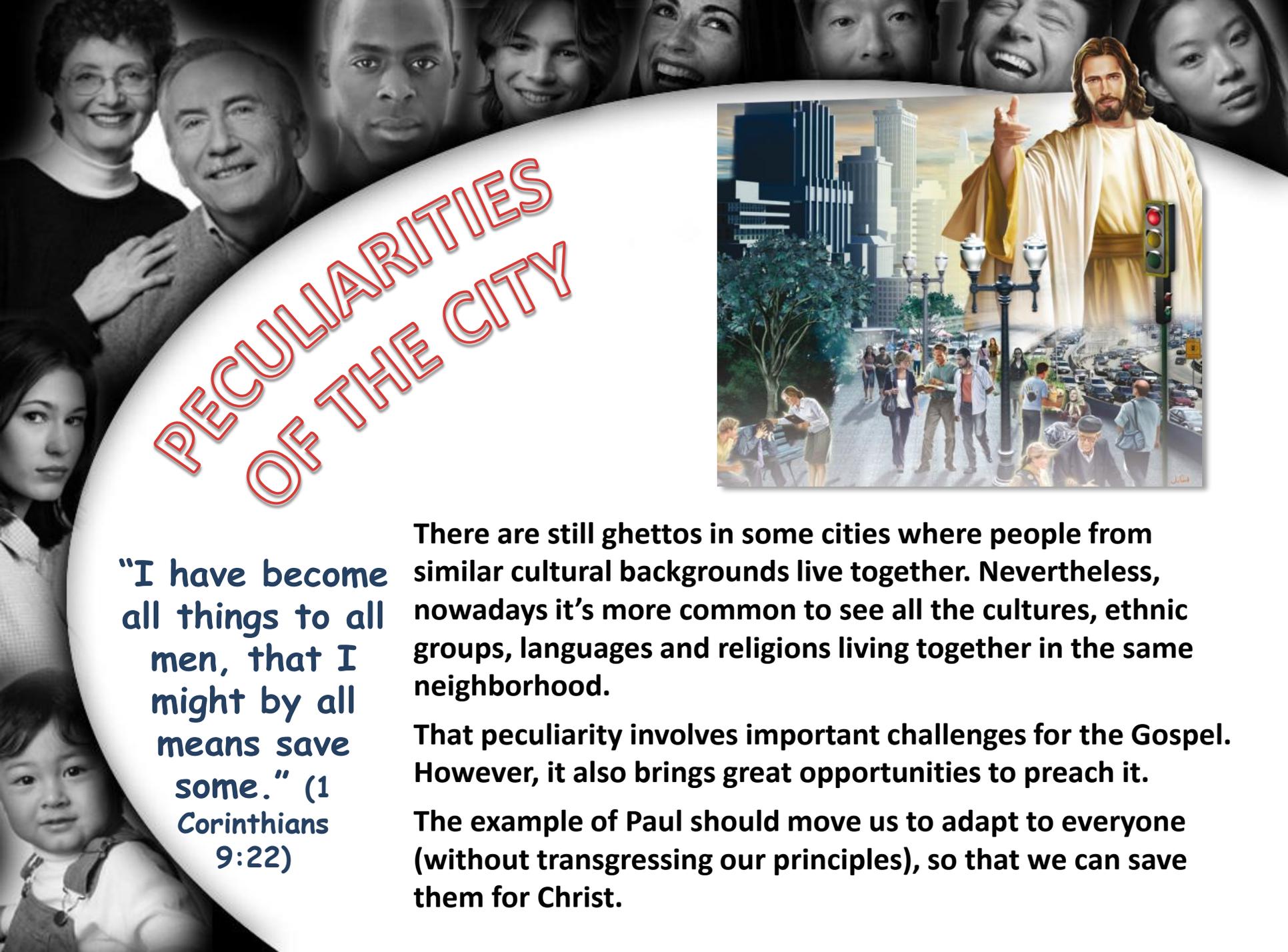


Building small groups.



Reaching everyone.





# PECULIARITIES OF THE CITY

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**There are still ghettos in some cities where people from similar cultural backgrounds live together. Nevertheless, nowadays it's more common to see all the cultures, ethnic groups, languages and religions living together in the same neighborhood.**

**That peculiarity involves important challenges for the Gospel. However, it also brings great opportunities to preach it.**

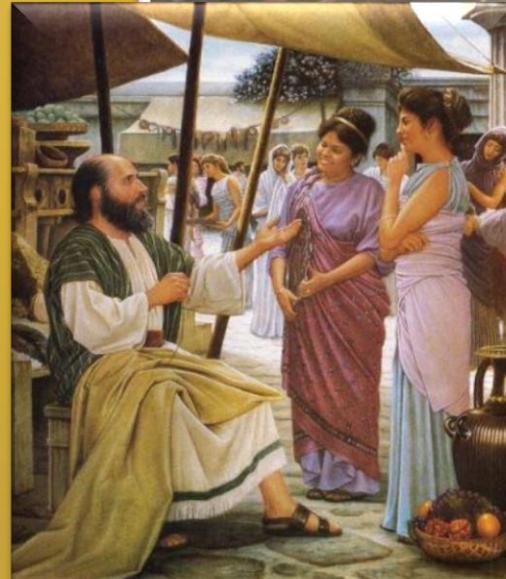
**The example of Paul should move us to adapt to everyone (without transgressing our principles), so that we can save them for Christ.**

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For example, let's study how Paul worked in Corinth (Acts 18:1-28):

- 1. He joined a faithful married couple and worked with them for a living.**
- 2. He preached to the Jews and the converts at the synagogue.**
- 3. He preached to the nonbelievers at work, at the street and at home.**
- 4. He met the believers at home-churches.**
- 5. He taught the new believers so they could lead the group.**
- 6. Once the church was founded, he went to another place.**



# THE CRY OF THE CITY

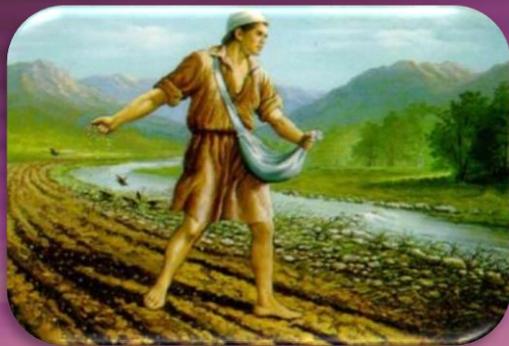
**"The dying groan in the city, and the souls of the wounded cry out; yet God does not charge them with wrong." (Job 24:12)**

**Could we preach the Gospel to the dying, the wounded, the needy and the hungry without fulfilling their needs?**

**If we just preach the Gospel without showing real mercy to the people, our preaching is vain. Only few will be converted by our message.**

**People will be ready to listen to the eternal salvation message if we are God's hand by answering the prayer of those in need.**





# PREPARING THE GROUND

**"But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."  
(Matthew 13:23)**

**How can we be sure that we are harvesting on the good ground?**

**Just by making all the ground good.**

**Preparing the ground is basic in evangelism.**

**The Holy Spirit gives gifts to every member of the Church. We must use methods that make us of all the available gifts together to prepare the ground.**

**"New methods must be introduced. God's people must awake to the necessities of the time in which they are living."**

**(Ellen G. White, "Evangelism", pg. 70)**



# SMALL GROUPS

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2)

People in big cities are mainly secular and individualistic, so we need to build strong personal relationships. Both love relationship between us (John 15:12) and between those who we want to reach and us.

An effective way to build those relationships is by meeting in small groups. Those groups help people to know each other better and deeper and to create strong friendship. People is more willing to tell their needs and to accept help in those groups.

The members of the Church should come together in small groups during the week whenever possible. Friends and neighbors should be invited to those groups.



**“The Lord has presented before me the work that must be done in our cities. The believers in these cities can work for God in the neighborhood of their homes. They are to labor quietly and in humility, carrying with them wherever they go the atmosphere of heaven. If they keep self out of sight, pointing always to Christ, the power of their influence will be felt...**

**Hundreds of men and women now idle could do acceptable service. By carrying the truth into the homes of their friends and neighbors, they could do a great work for the Master...**

**The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort has been presented to me by One who cannot err. If there is a large number in the church, let the members be formed into small companies, to work not only for the church members, but for unbelievers. If in one place there are only two or three who know the truth, let them form themselves into a band of workers.”**

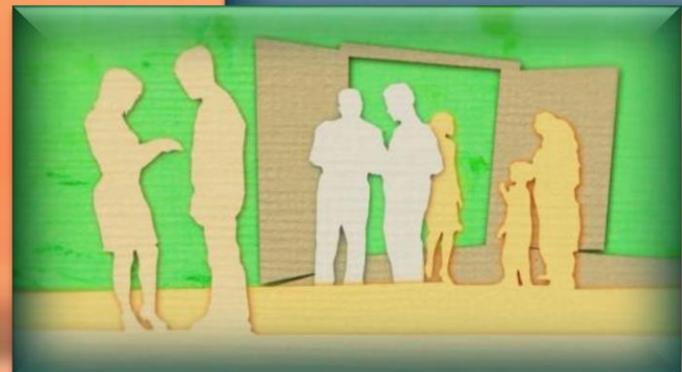
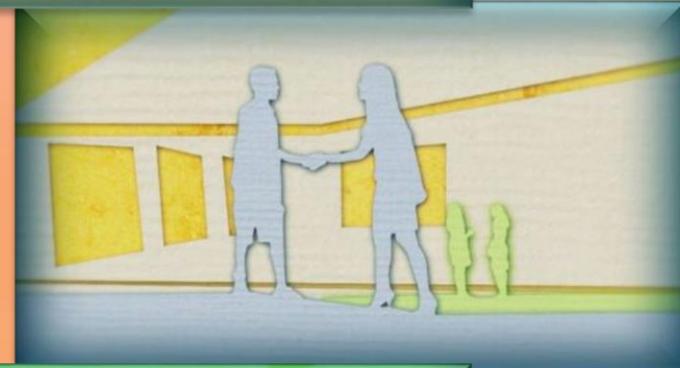
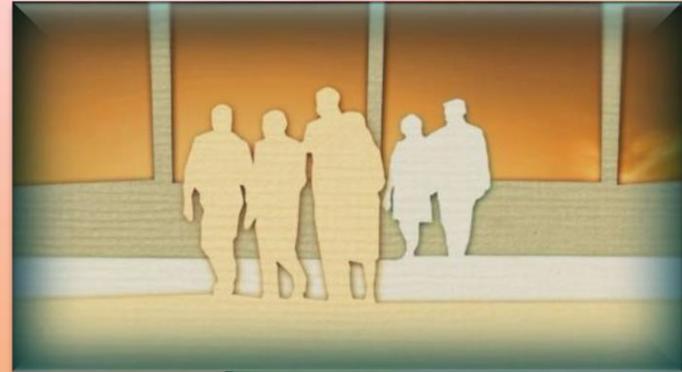
# REACHING EVERYONE

“How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?” (Romans 10:14)

The call to preach in the cities to reach everyone in there is not optional; it's an imperative.

God is waiting for His people to make the last call to repentance. He is merciful, so He wants everyone to have the chance to reach salvation (2P. 3:9; 1Tim. 2:4).

The call to reach the cities is personal. It is a call to a deeper experience with Christ ourselves and a call to earnest intercession as well as comprehensive planning and implementation. It is built completely on the foundation of revival and reformation, for it is going to be accomplished only by the power of the Holy Spirit.



**“Workers for Christ are never to think, much less to speak, of failure in their work. The Lord Jesus is our efficiency in all things; His Spirit is to be our inspiration; and as we place ourselves in His hands, to be channels of light, our means of doing good will never be exhausted. We may draw upon His fulness, and receive of that grace which has no limit.**

**When we give ourselves wholly to God, and in our work follow His directions, He makes Himself responsible for its accomplishment. He would not have us conjecture as to the success of our honest endeavors. Not once should we even think of failure. We are to co-operate with One who knows no failure.”**