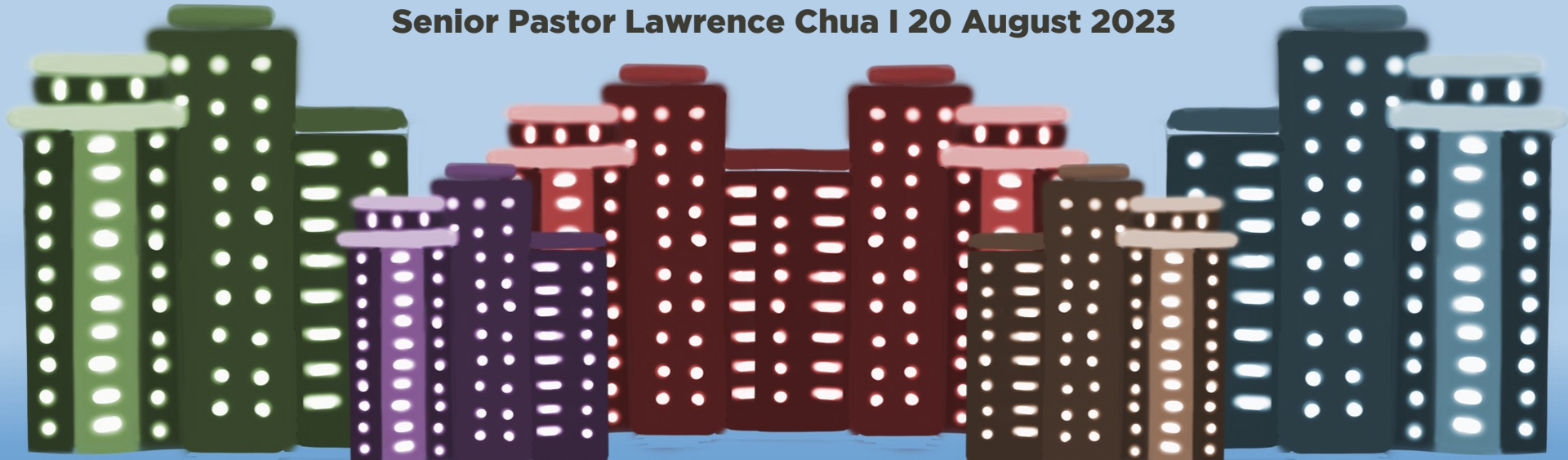


COMMUNITY PASTORING PRINCIPLES EXPLAINED

MATTHEW 18:10-14, JOHN 10:14-16

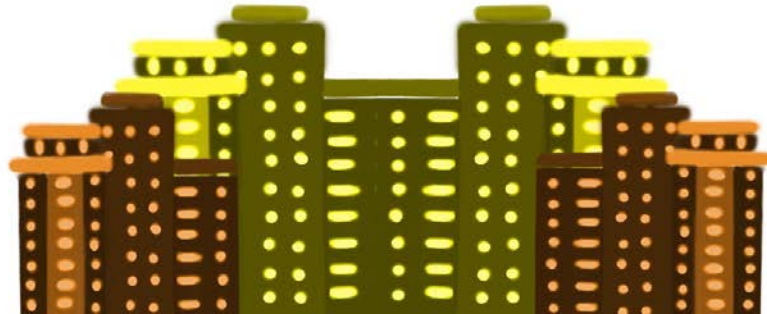
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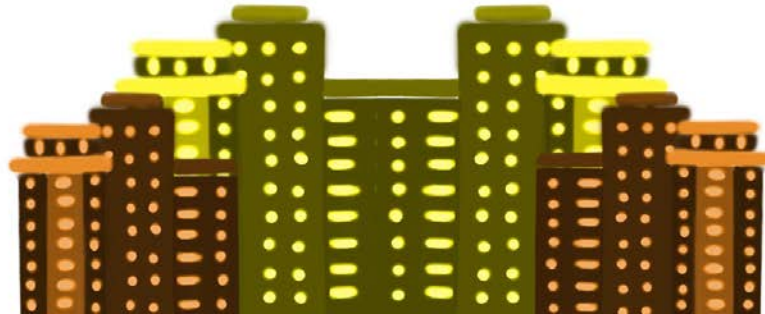
- **Concept of pastoring the community**
 - **from the way Jesus held Himself out as the Good Shepherd and how He cared for all His sheep, both the sheep in the fold and sheep still outside the fold**



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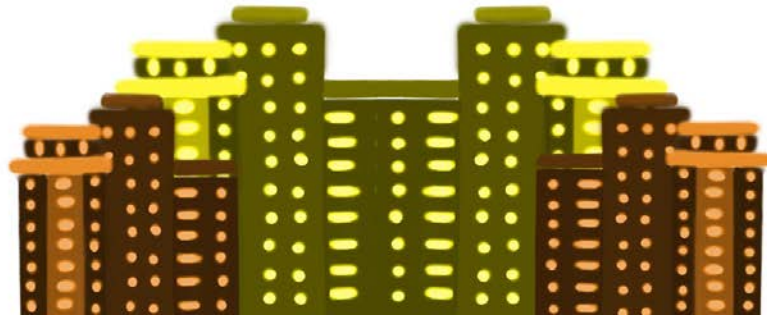
- **Church and neighbourhood communities**
- **the two communities that we live in:**
 - **church community**
 - **the neighbourhood community**



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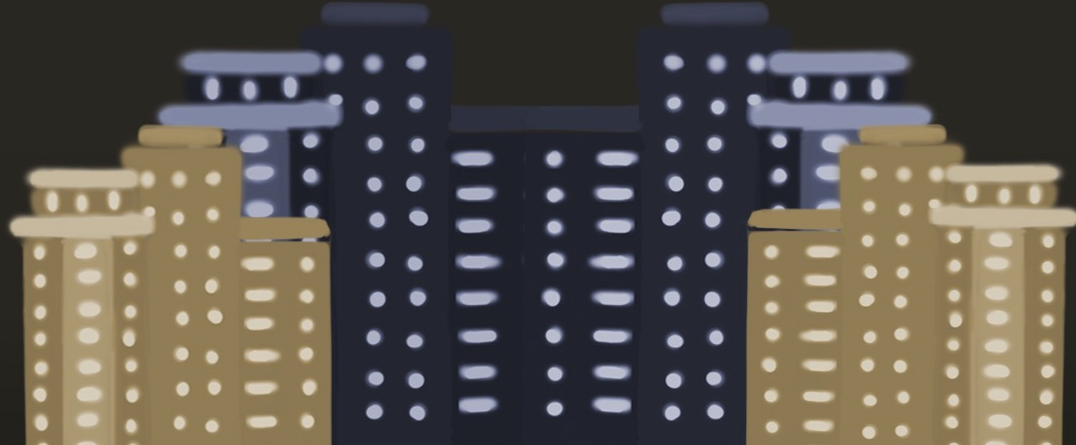
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- **Christ shepherding one flock**
- **Jesus pastors us and He uses the pastoral imagery to convey this truth.**



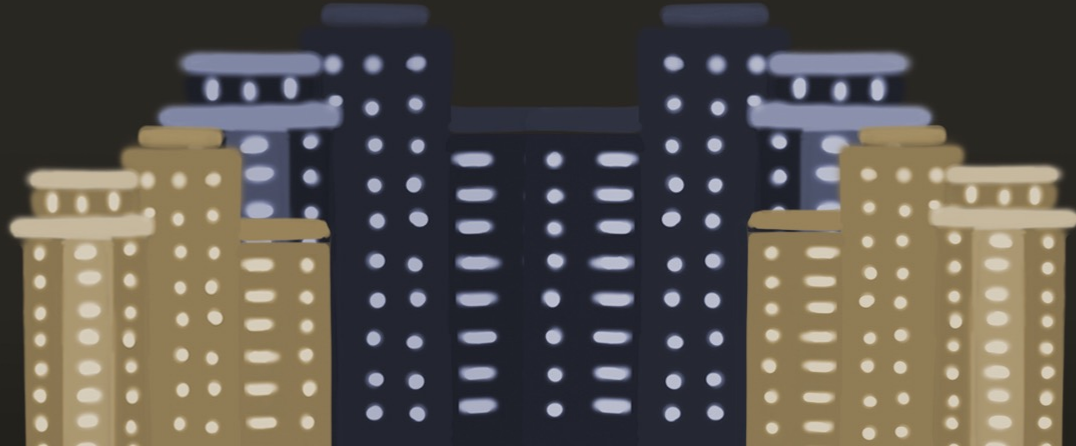
MATTHEW 18:10-14 (NKJV)

“Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. ¹¹ For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.



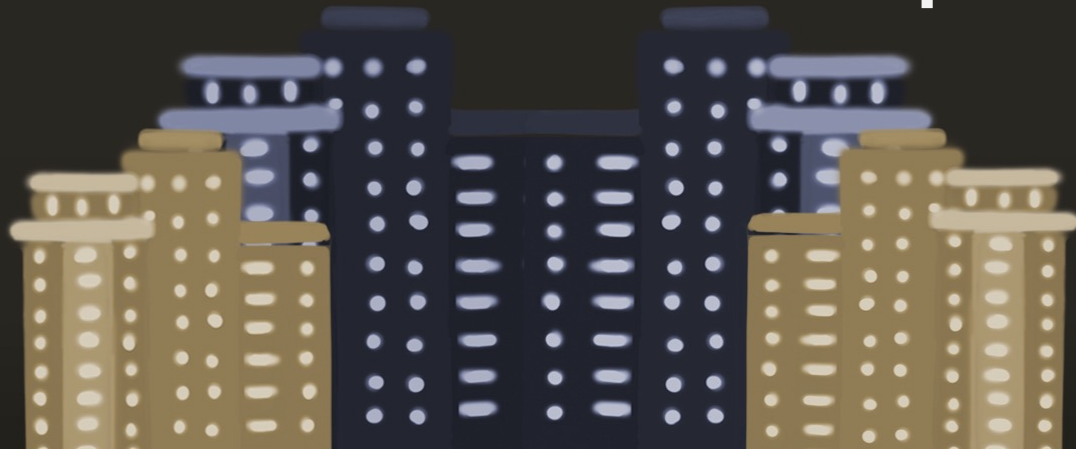
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12 “What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying?



MATTHEW 18:10-14 (NKJV)

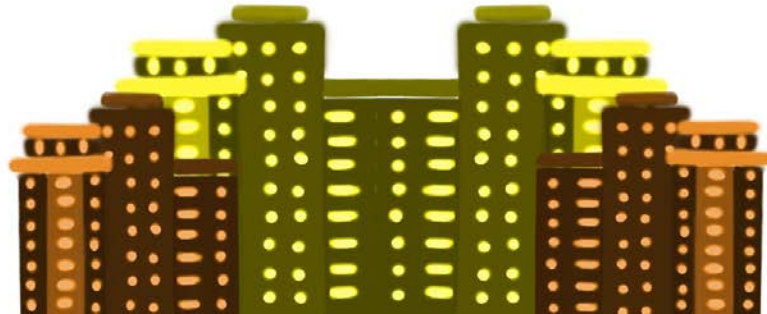
13 And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. **14** Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.



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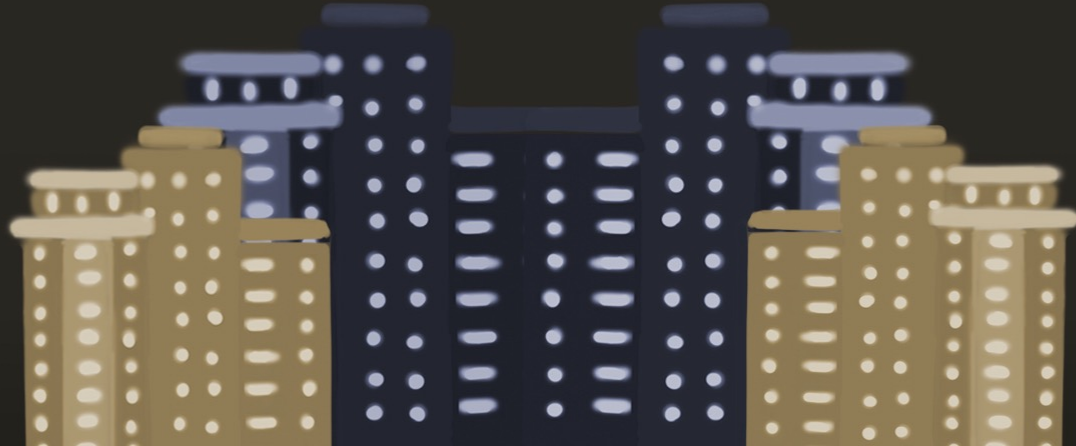
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- Christ shepherding one flock
- People in the neighbourhood community are also His sheep.



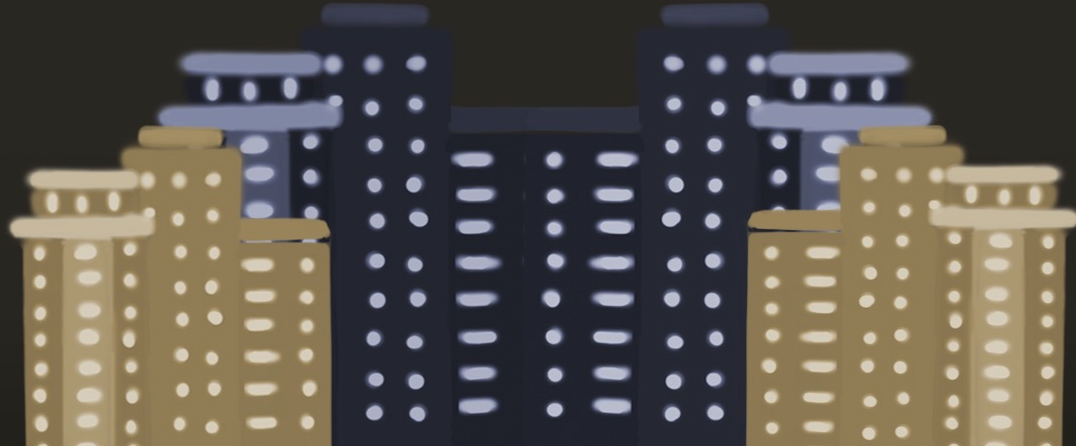
JOHN 10:14-16 (NKJV)

**I am the good shepherd; and I know
My sheep, and am known by My own. ¹⁵ As the
Father knows Me, even so I know the Father;
and I lay down My life for the sheep.**



JOHN 10:14-16 (NKJV)

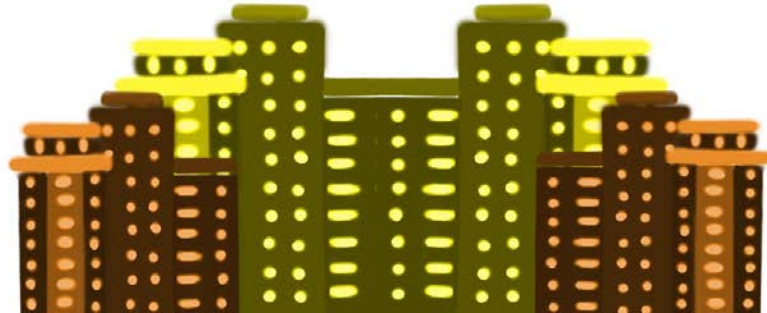
¹⁶ And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.



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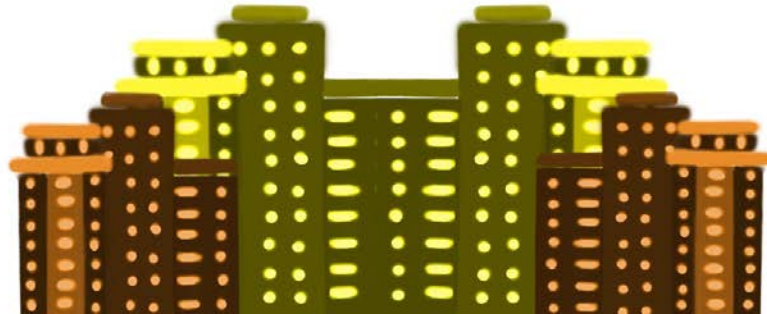
- **Christ shepherding one flock**
- **Jesus died for the people in our neighbourhood community and He is calling us who are in the church community to shepherd the people in our neighbourhood community, by bringing them into His fold.**



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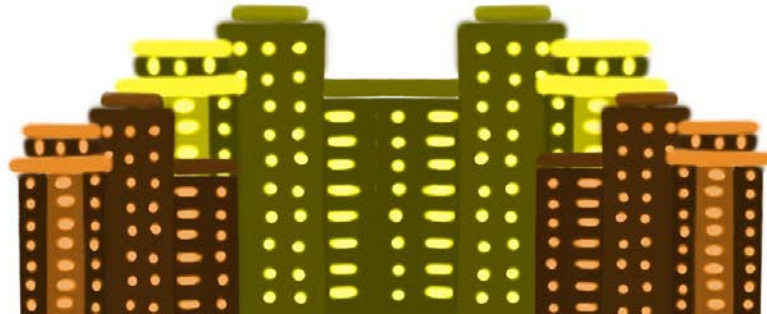
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- mobilizing the entire church community to pastor the neighbourhood community



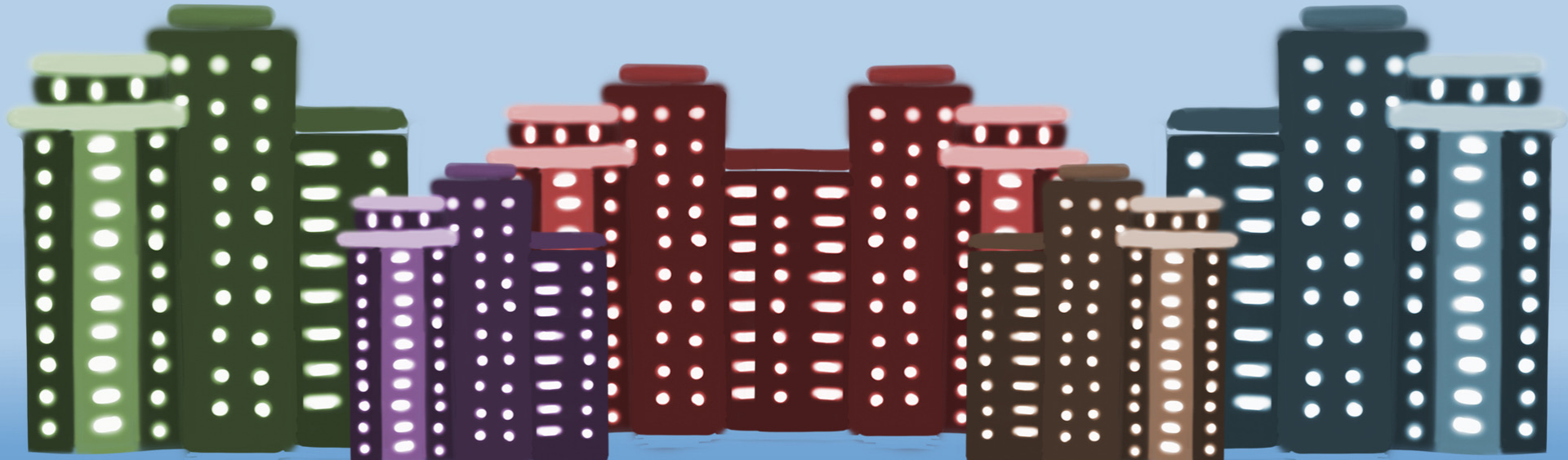
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- Christ shepherding one flock
- CP is for every member of the church and it can be done by everyone regardless of gender, age, academic qualifications, or ability.



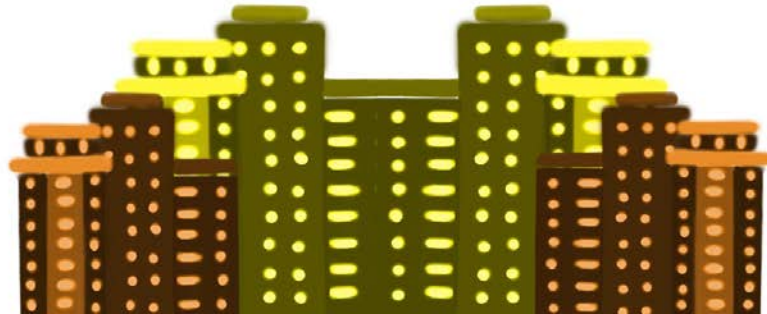
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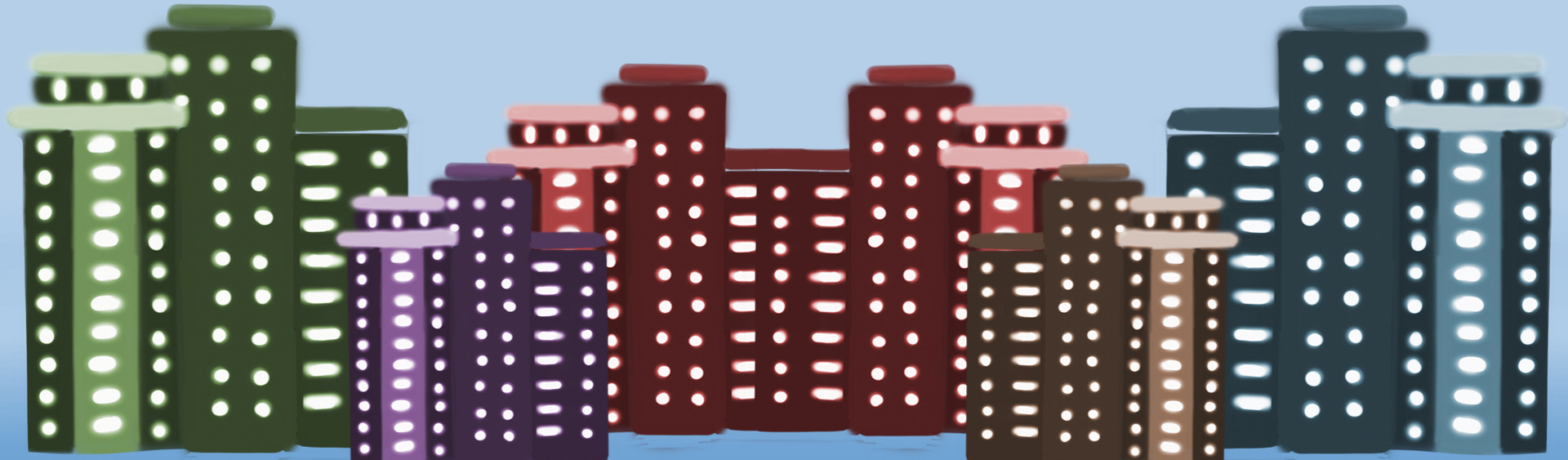
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- **important for CP practitioner to know why they are doing CP**
- **build convictions relating to CP that are based on biblical principles**



Main Points

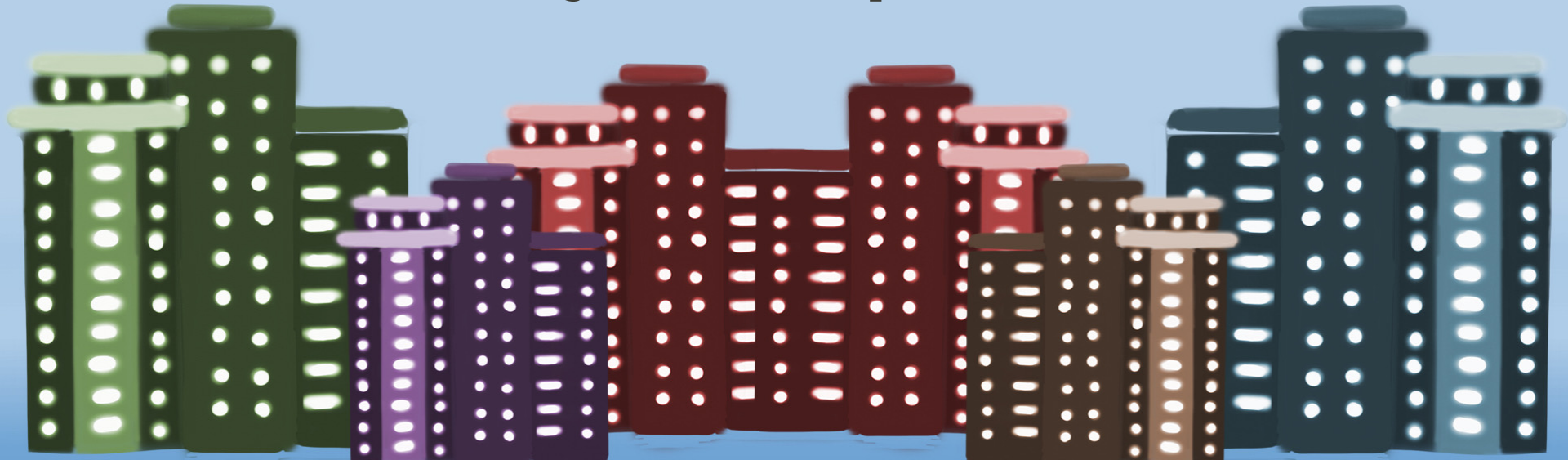
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- 2) Call to community pastoring and territorial commitment**



Main Points

3) Chariot illustration on positioning people before preaching

4) Compassion for neighbours in the community that we pastor



1) Command to preach the gospel and the command to love our neighbours

a) Command to preach the gospel

- **Firstly, commanded by the Lord Jesus to go into the community:**
 - **preach the gospel**
Mark 16:15 & Matthew 28:19-20



1) Command to preach the gospel and the command to love our neighbours

a) Command to preach the gospel

- going out of the church into the community to share the gospel**



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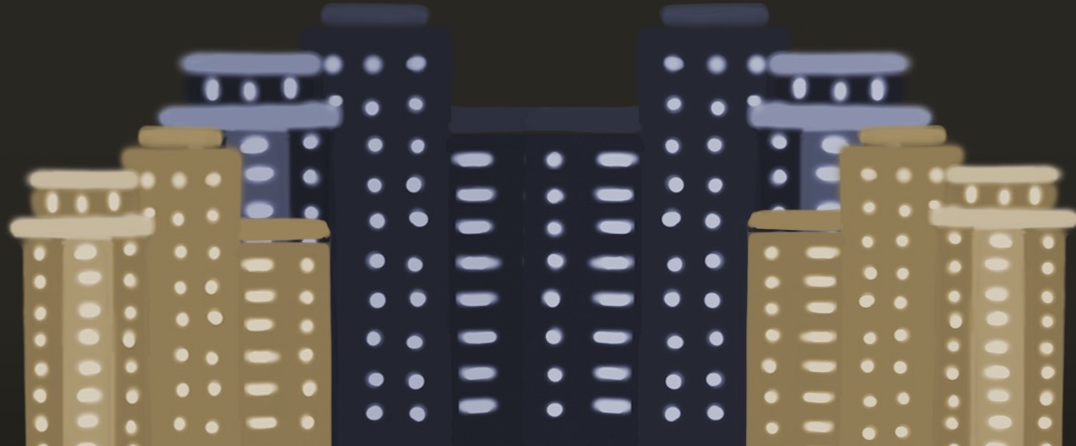
b) Command to love our neighbours

- **Secondly, commanded to love their neighbours.**



MATTHEW 22:37-40 (NKJV)

Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and great commandment.

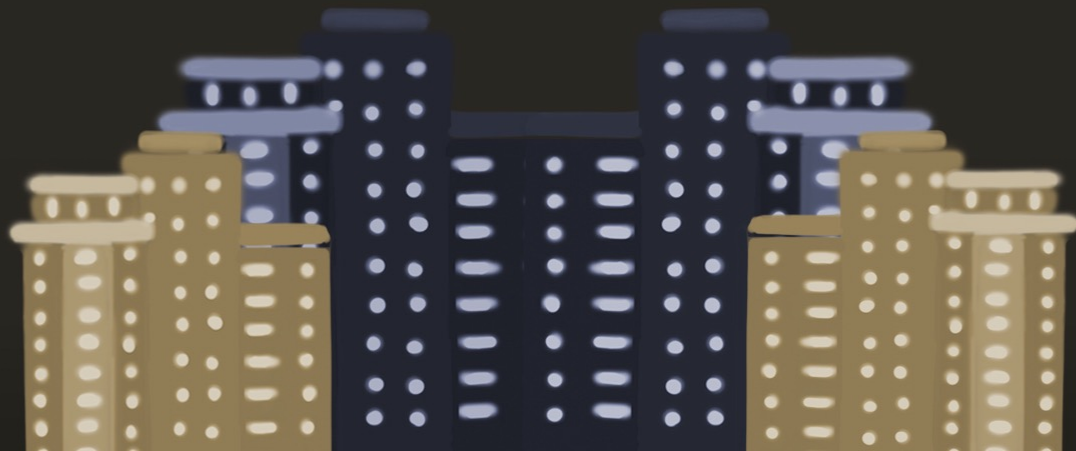


MATTHEW 22:37-40 (NKJV)

39 And the second is like it:

‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

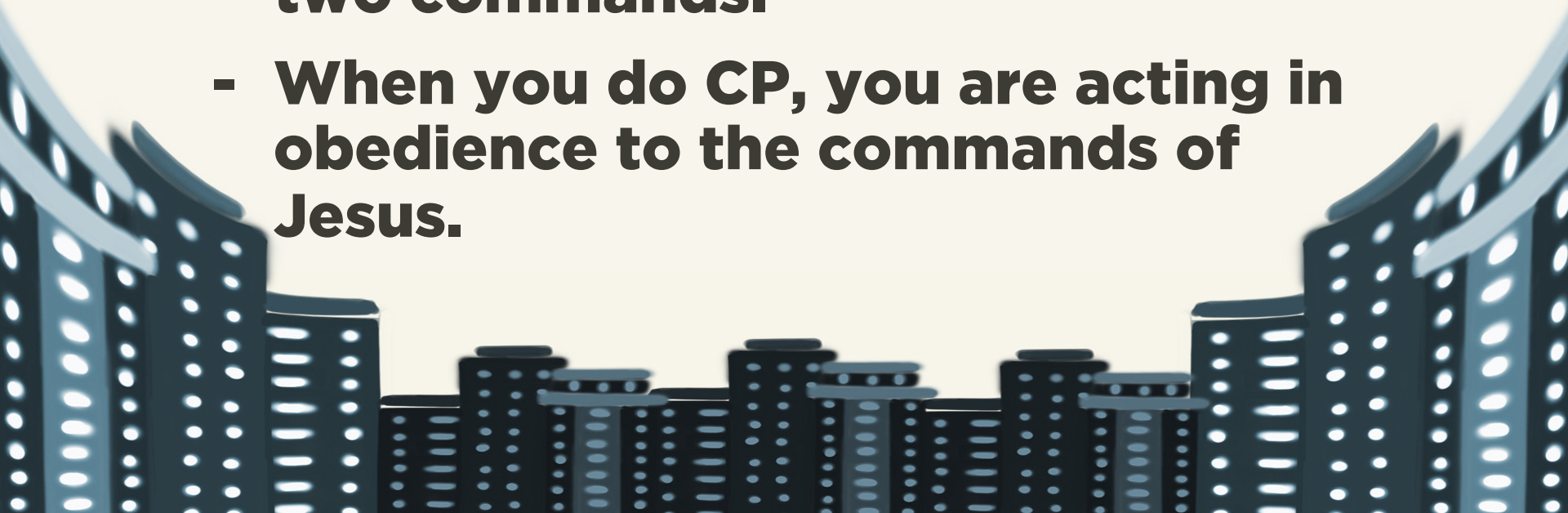
40 On these two commandments hang
all the Law and the Prophets.”



1) Command to preach the gospel and the command to love our neighbours

b) Command to love our neighbours

- **CP is work in keeping with these two commands.**
- **When you do CP, you are acting in obedience to the commands of Jesus.**



2) Call to community pastoring and territorial commitment

a) Call to pastor the community

- **God's calling upon the church to engage and care for the people in community in a specific territory and to lead the unsaved people in the community to repentance.**



2) Call to community pastoring and territorial commitment

a) Call to pastor the community

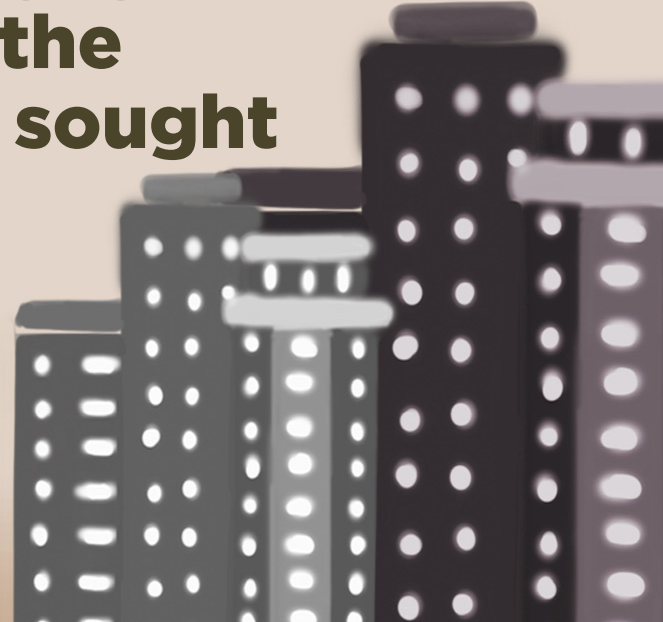
- engage and care for people in the community is to pastor them**



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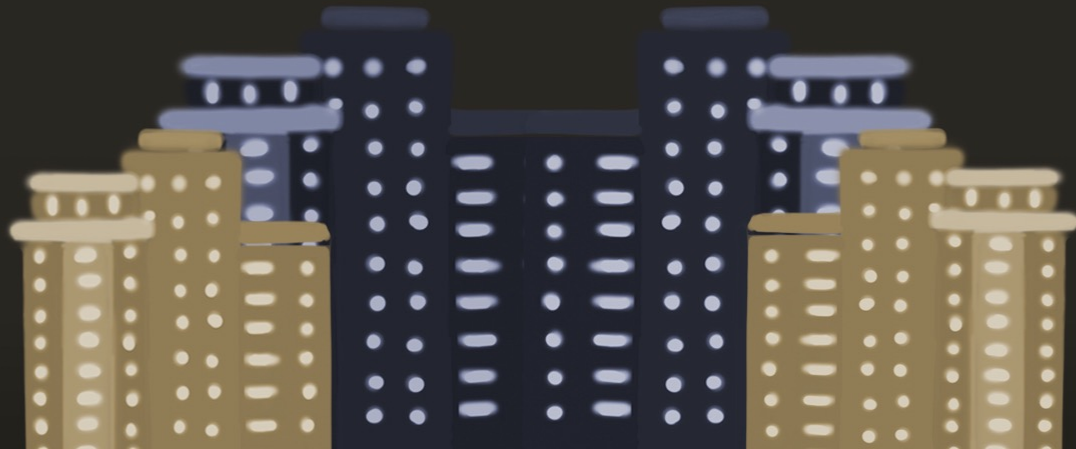
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- learn community pastoring by observing how Jesus engaged and cared for people in the community and how He sought to call sinners in the community to repentance**



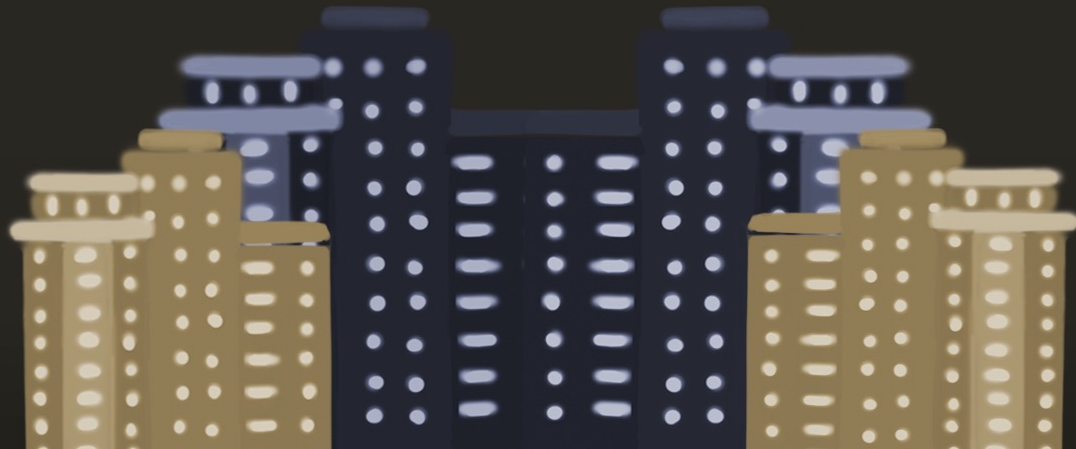
LUKE 5:29-32 (NKJV)

**Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house.
And there were a great number of tax collectors
and others who sat down with them.**



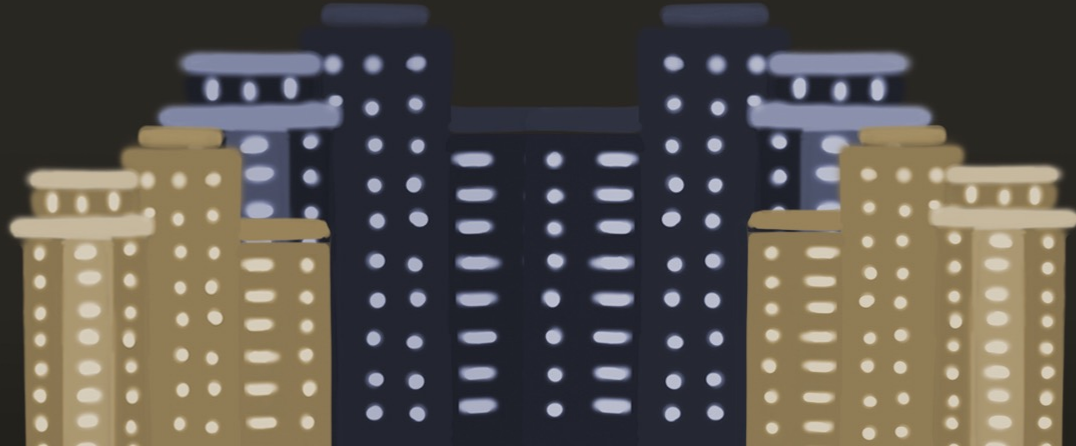
LUKE 5:29-32 (NKJV)

30 And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, **“Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”**



LUKE 5:29-32 (NKJV)

**³¹ Jesus answered and said to them,
“Those who are well have no need of a physician,
but those who are sick. ³² I have not come to
call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”**



2) Call to community pastoring and territorial commitment

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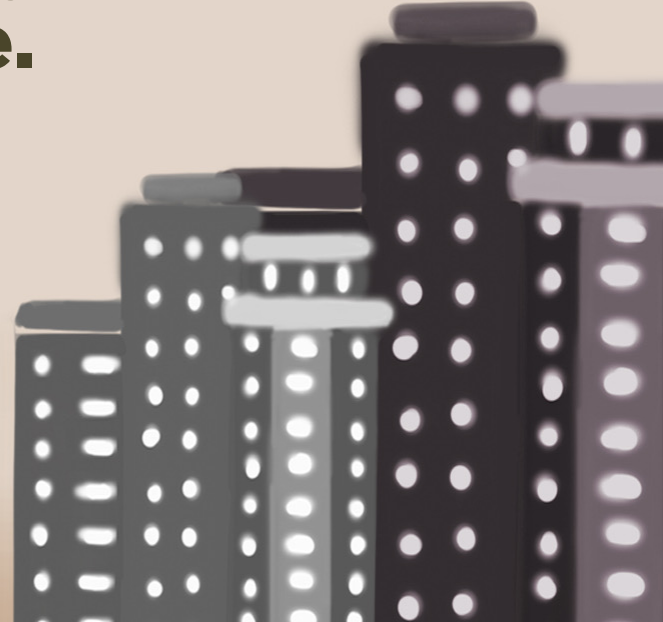
- **we have conviction that CP is a calling and not a choice**
- **Choice gives us the right to reject whereas calling requires us to obey and remain faithful.**



2) Call to community pastoring and territorial commitment

a) Call to pastor the community

- A strong conviction of the calling to pastor the community will help the Church to persevere.**



2) Call to community pastoring and territorial commitment

b) Call to make territorial commitment

- also a call to make a territorial commitment to where the community is situated**



2) Call to community pastoring and territorial commitment

b) Call to make territorial commitment

- focused on a community people living in a particular geographical territory**



2) Call to community pastoring and territorial commitment

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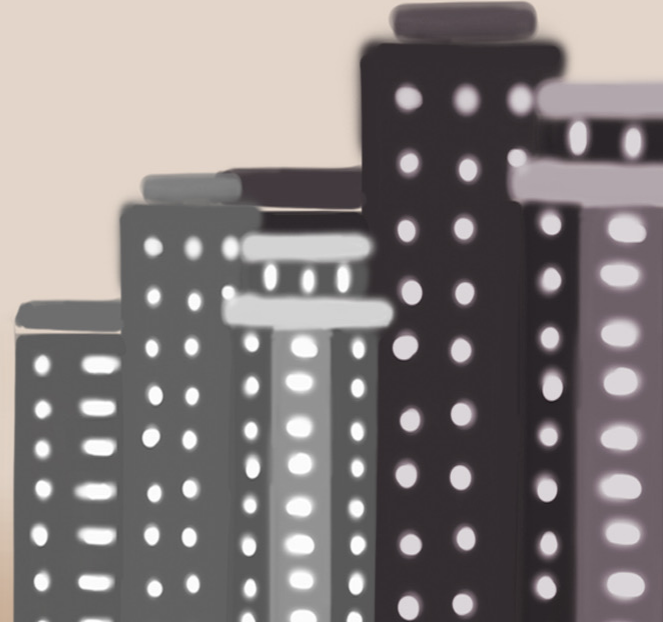
- **Incarnation principle**
- **Jesus shows by example His commitment to save the world by coming into the world and sacrificing His life for the world.**



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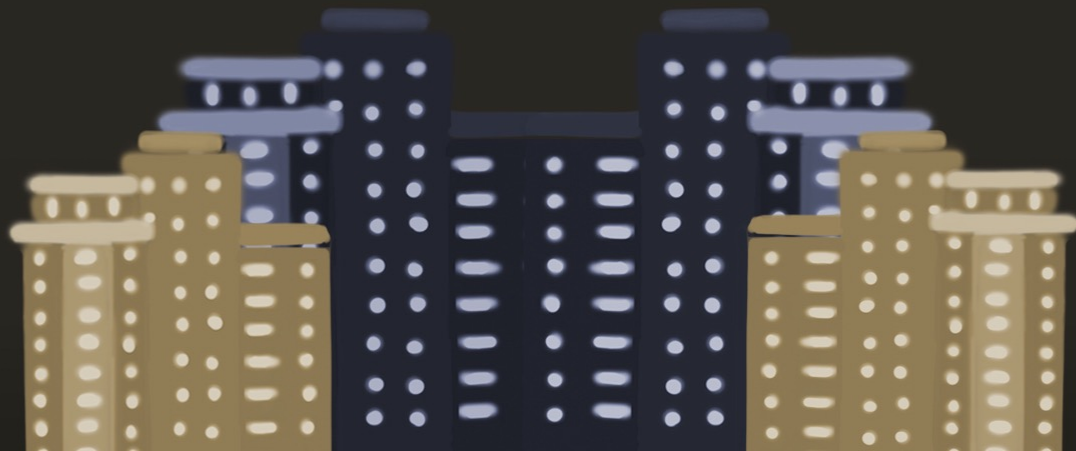
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- **Incarnation principle**
- **Only the incarnation of Jesus can save the world.**



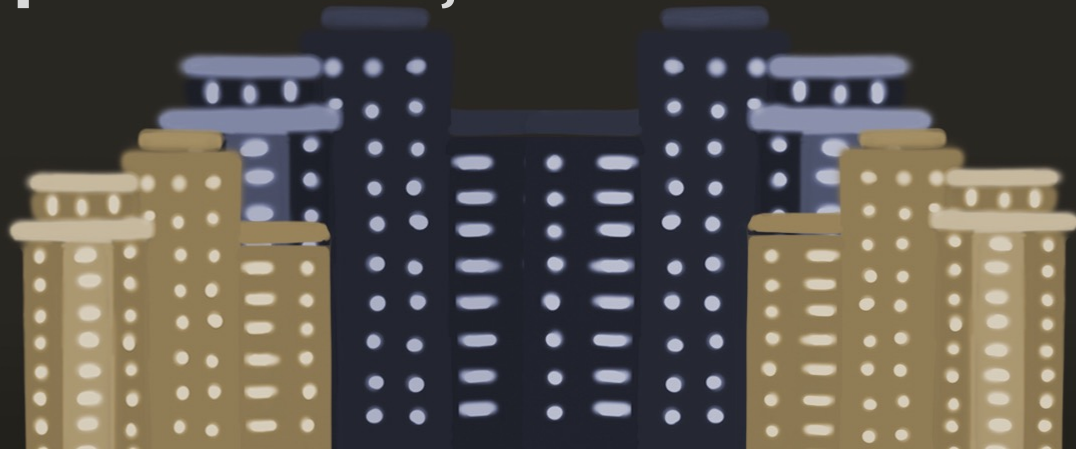
PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8 (NKJV)

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,



PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8 (NKJV)

7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.



2) Call to community pastoring and territorial commitment

b) Call to make territorial commitment

- **Incarnation principle**
- **Jesus demonstrated the incarnation principle.**
- **We should apply it in our CP work.**



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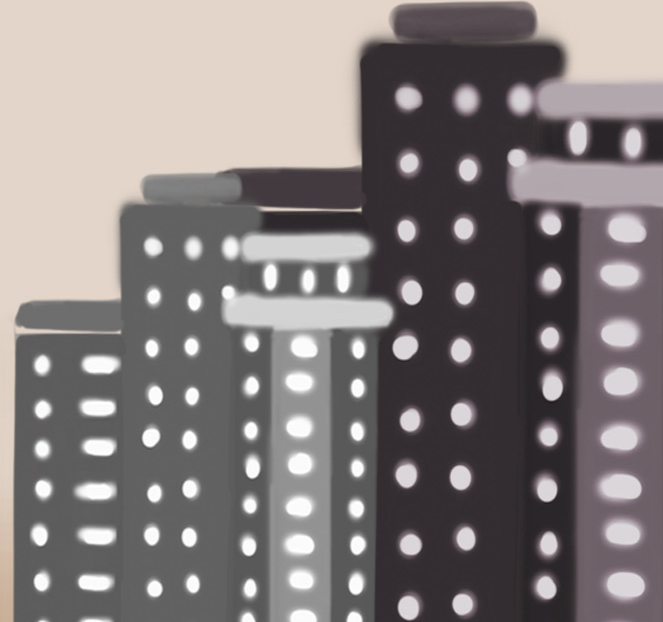
- **Incarnation principle**
- **accept the primary responsibility to reach the territory for Christ**
- **adopt a territory and the community as our own**



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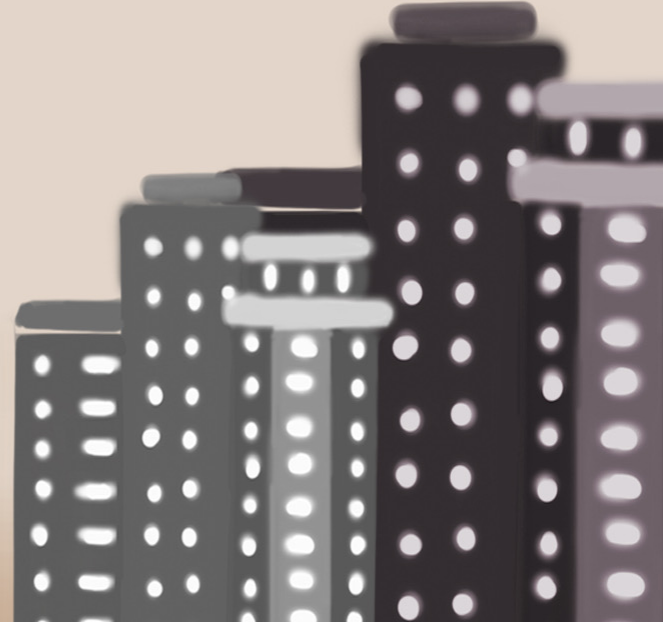
- **Incarnation principle**
- **identifying with the town and its people**
- **we stay focused**
- **got out of the comfort zone**



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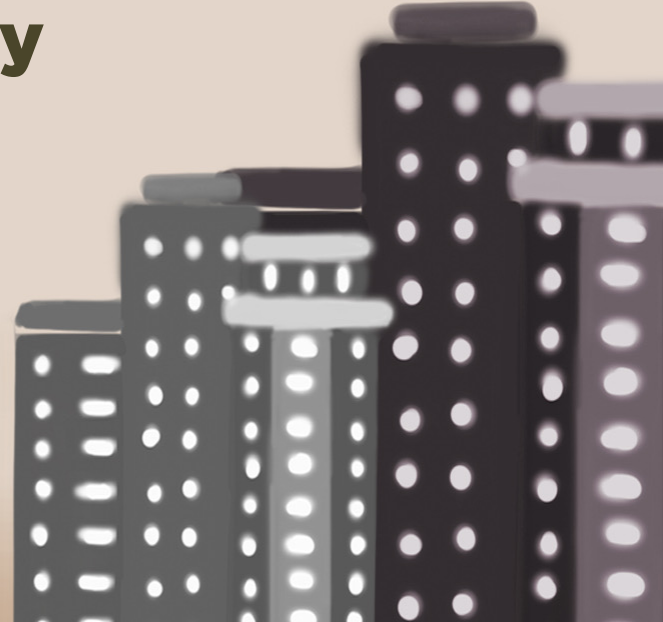
- **Incarnation principle**
- **we should be embedded in the community**
- **willing to reside in the adopted town and be willing to live among the people**



2) Call to community pastoring and territorial commitment

b) Call to make territorial commitment

- **Incarnation principle**
- **invested our time, our energy and money in the community**



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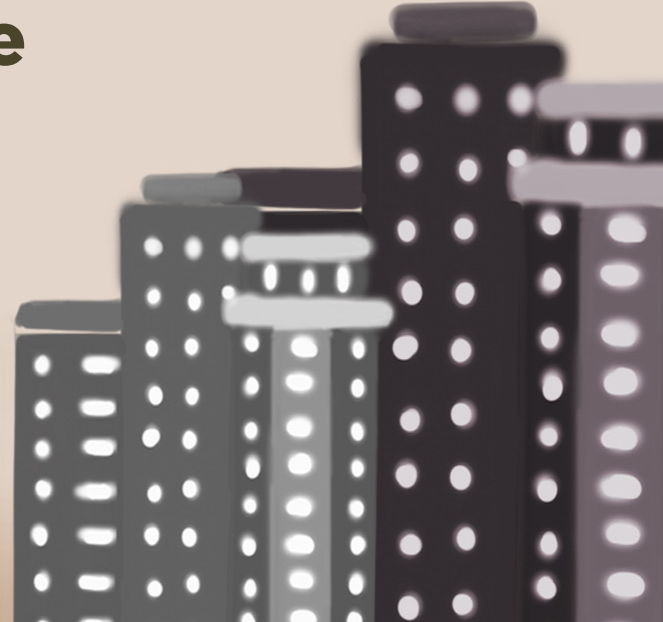
- **Incarnation principle**
- **pastor not only the apartment blocks but the market and food centre, the shop houses, the schools, and other institutions**



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- **Incarnation principle**
- **be embedded in the community:
the incarnation principle**



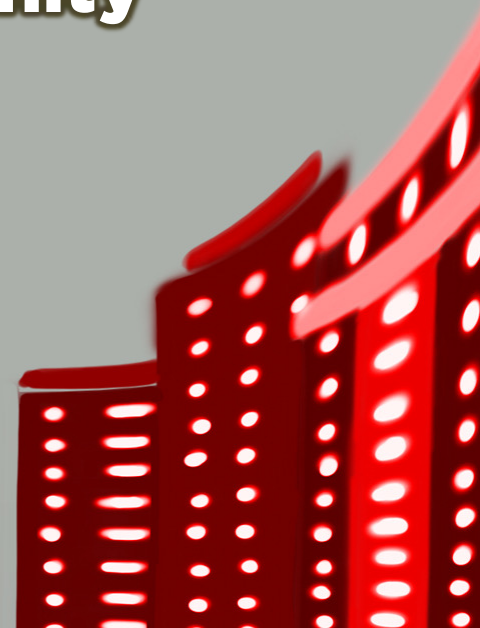
3) Chariot illustration on positioning people before preaching

- It is a generally accepted principle that one must earn the speaking right before sharing the gospel.**
 - positioning before preaching**
 - move people gradually up the levels of trust and friendship**

3) Chariot illustration on positioning people before preaching

- Positioning also means:

- get into the homes of residents, into the shops in the community**
- or into any other places of friendship**



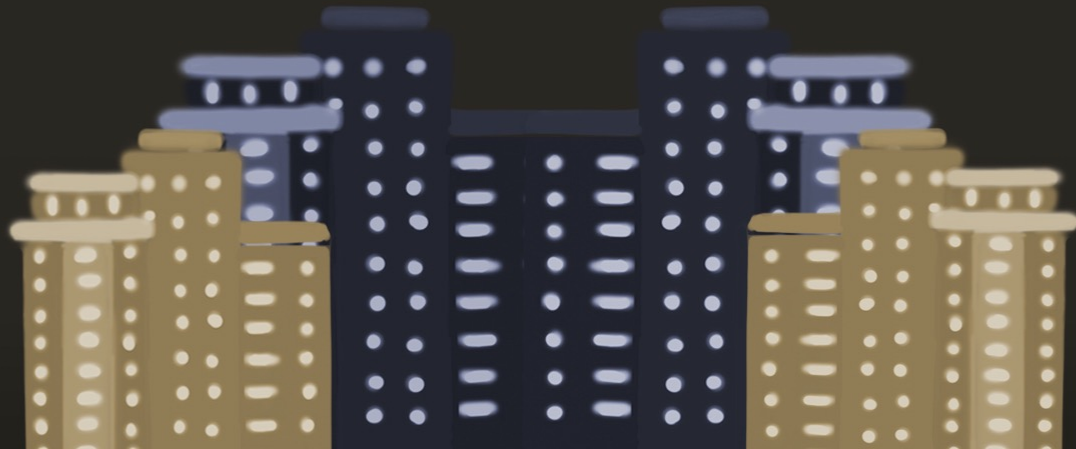
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- **Chariot illustration**

- **Scripture that illustrates this principle positioning before preaching is Acts 8:26-40.**
- **Philip took a series of steps leading to sharing the gospel with the Eunuch.**

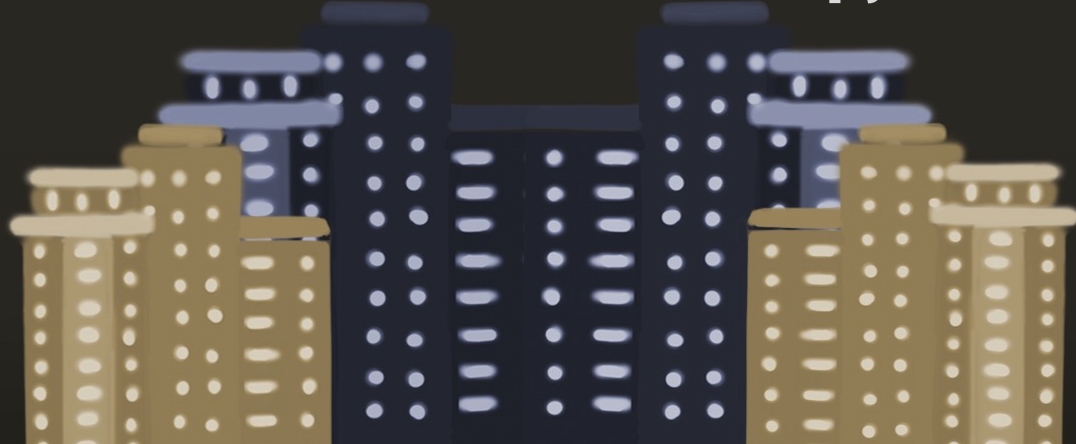
ACTS 8:26-40 (NKJV)

**Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying,
“Arise and go toward the south along the road
which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.”
This is desert.**



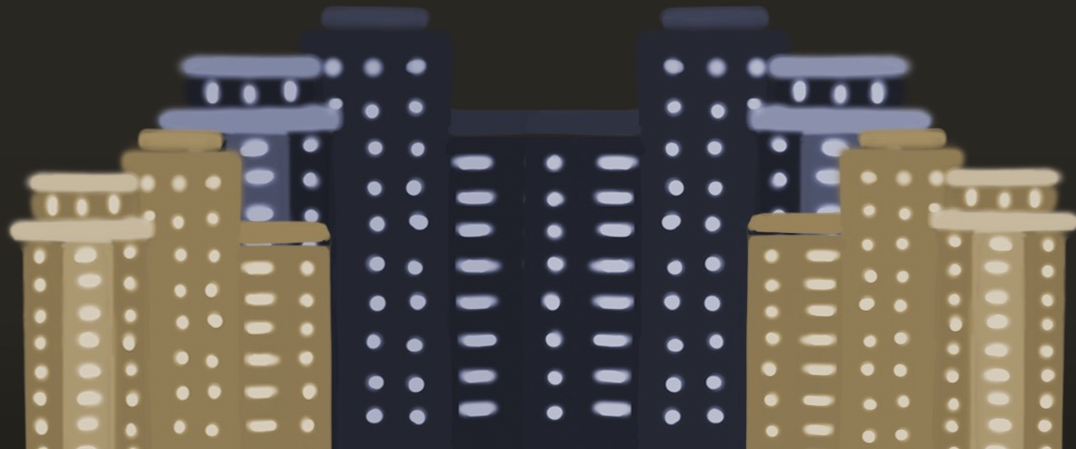
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27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship,



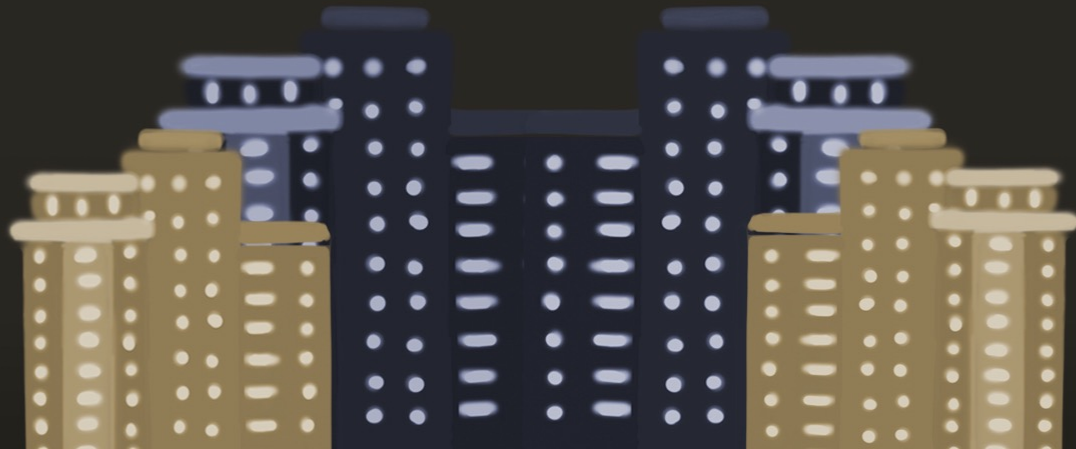
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28 was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. **29** Then the Spirit said to Philip, **“Go near and overtake this chariot.”**



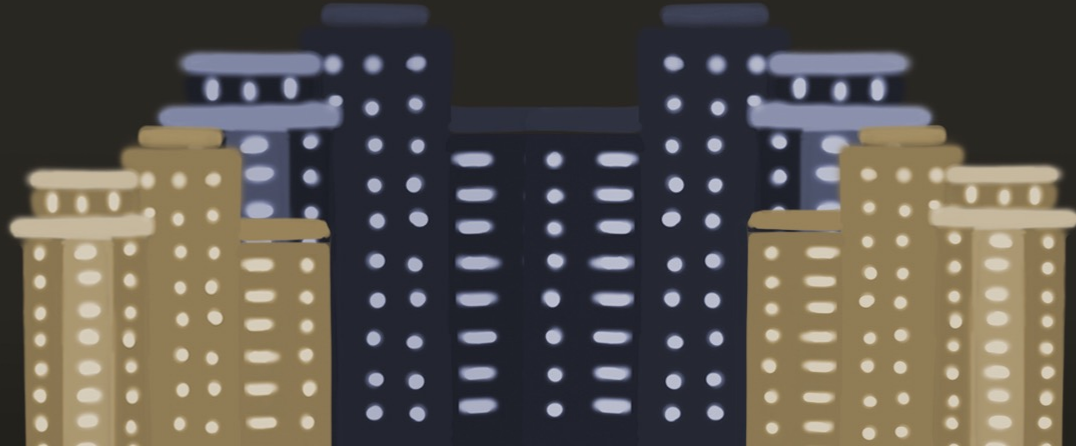
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30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?”



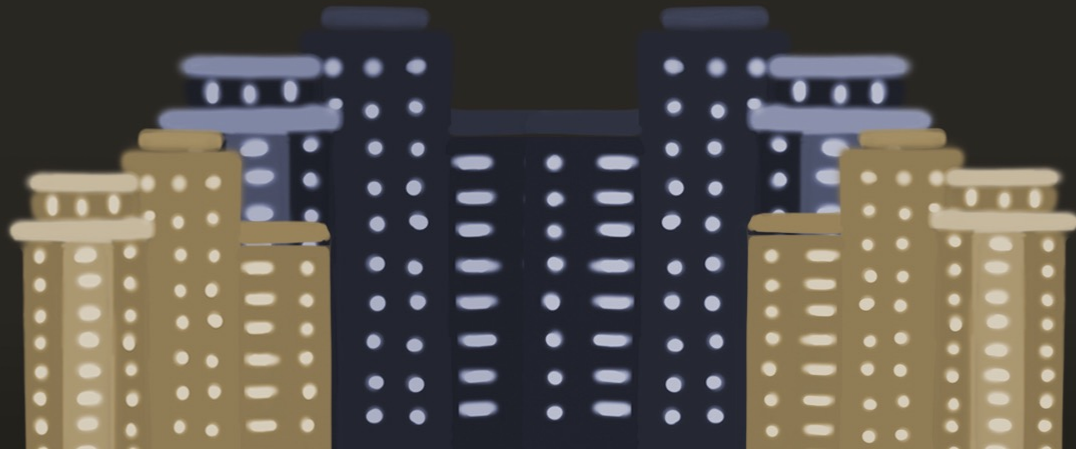
ACTS 8:26-40 (NKJV)

31 And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And **he asked Philip to come up and sit with him.**



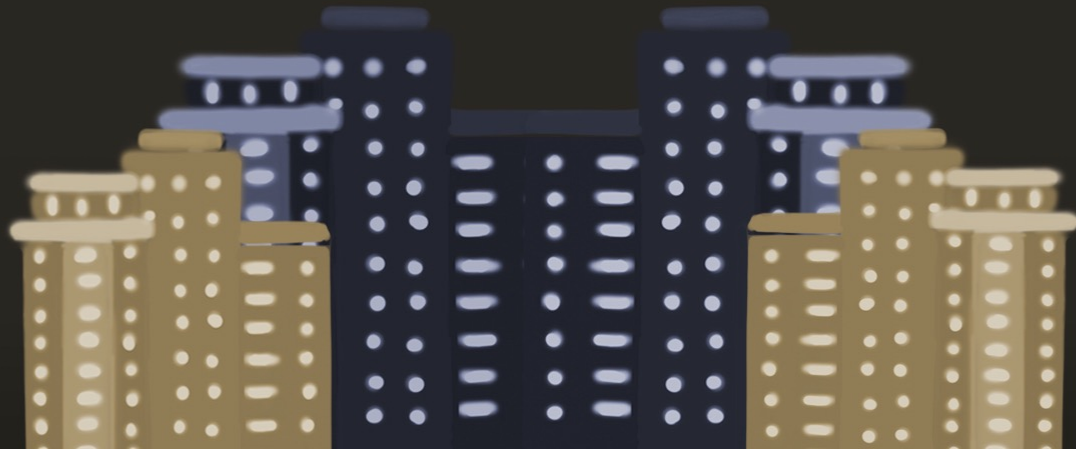
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32 The place in the Scripture which he read was
this: “He was led as a sheep to the slaughter;
And as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
So He opened not His mouth.



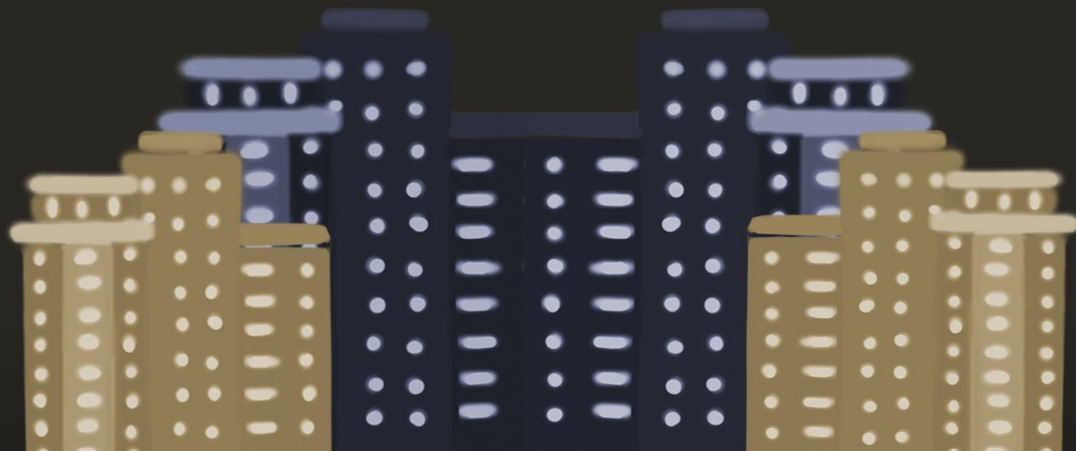
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33 In His humiliation His justice was taken away,
And who will declare His generation?
For His life is taken from the earth.”



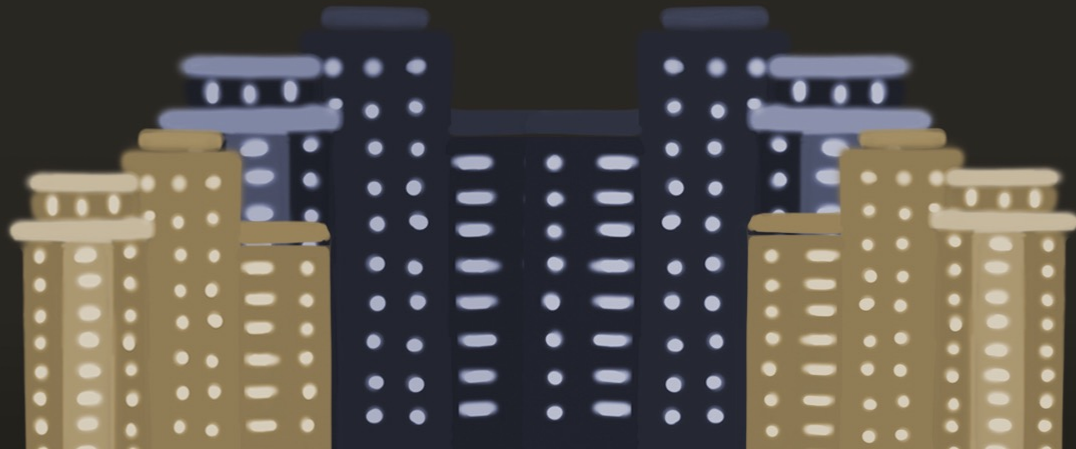
ACTS 8:26-40 (NKJV)

34 So the eunuch answered Philip and said,
“I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this,
of himself or of some other man?”



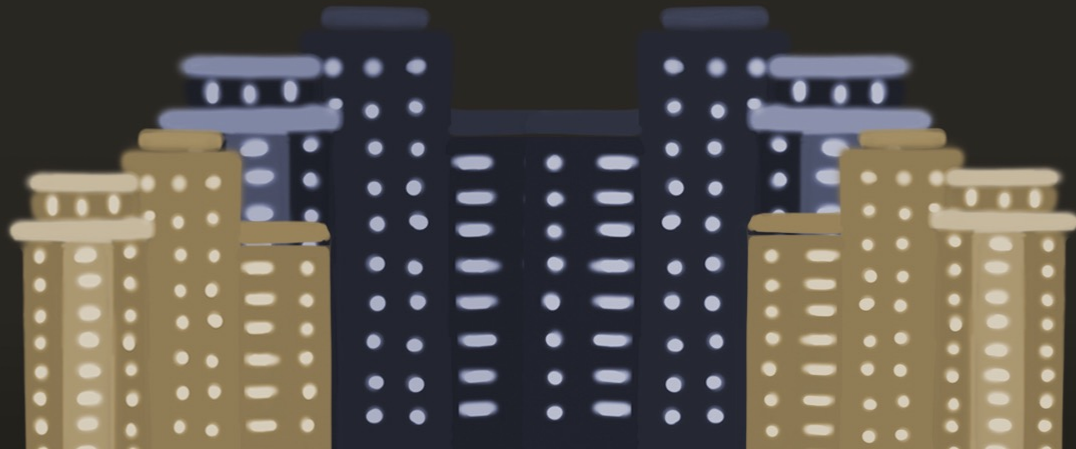
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35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.



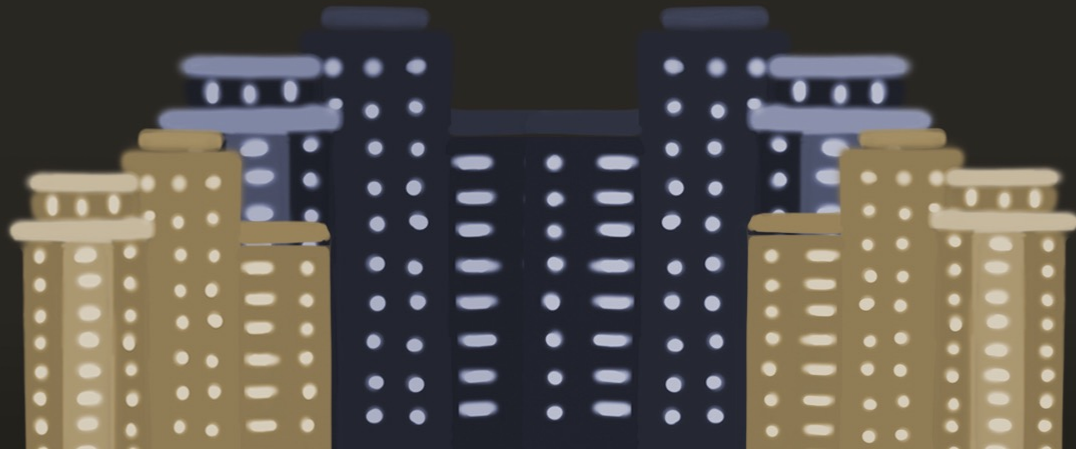
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36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, “See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?”



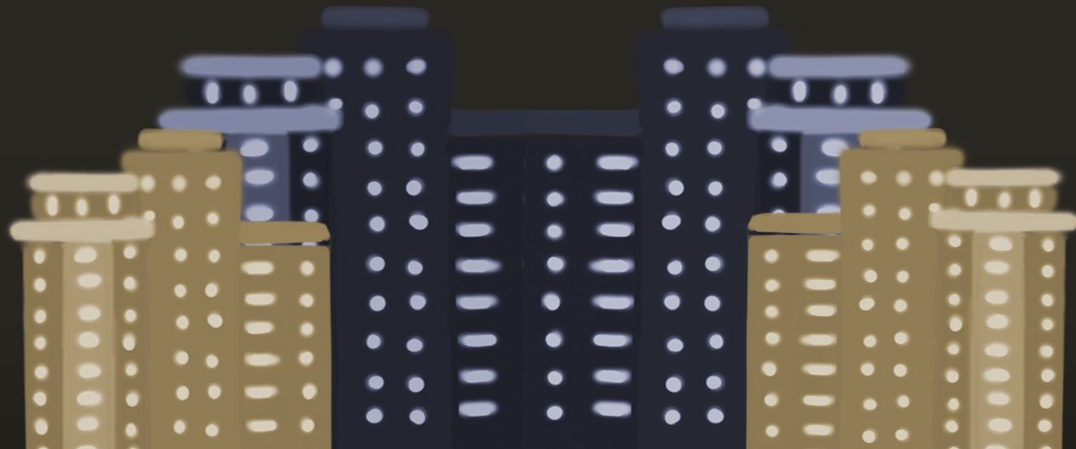
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37 Then Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”



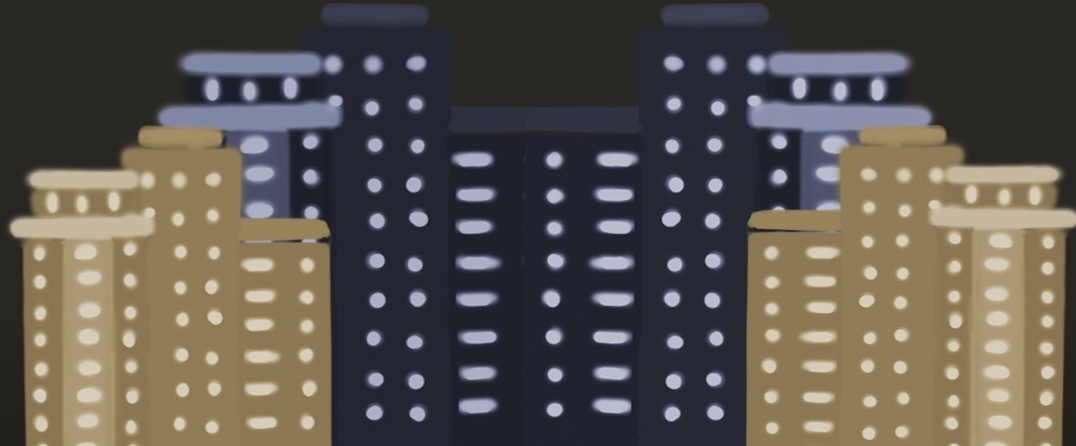
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38 So he commanded the chariot to stand still.
And both Philip and the eunuch went down
into the water, and he baptized him.



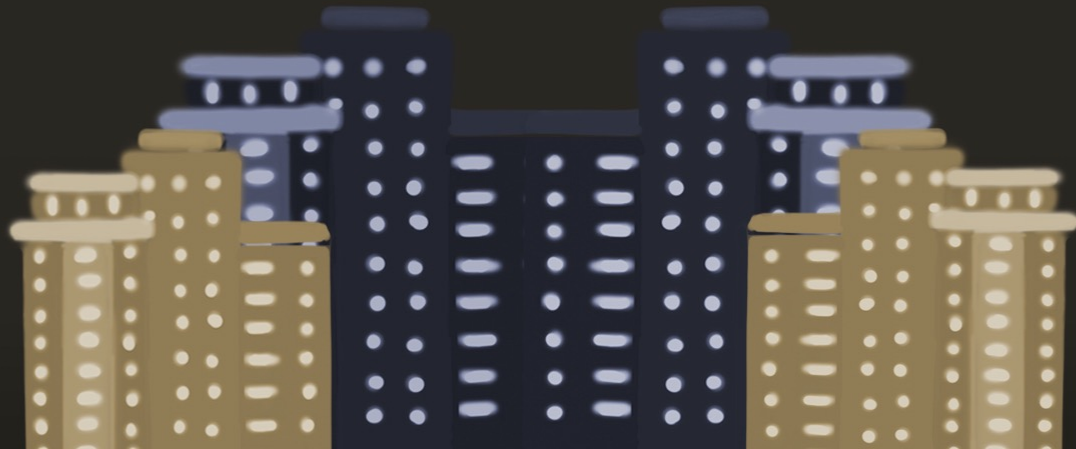
ACTS 8:26-40 (NKJV)

39 Now when they came up out of the water,
the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away,
so that the eunuch saw him no more;
and he went on his way rejoicing.



ACTS 8:26-40 (NKJV)

40 But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.



5-step process involved in getting into position:

STEP 1 GET UP

(ACTS 8:26A)

The angel of the Lord spoke to Philip,

“Arise, start out, get ready ...”

- ready and willing to go

5-step process involved in getting into position:

STEP 2
GET OUT

- Go south
- Acts 8:26b

5-step process involved in getting into position:

STEP 3
GET NEAR

- Go near
- Acts 8:29
- How near?

5-step process involved in getting into position:

STEP 3
GET NEAR

- near enough to hear what the eunuch was saying
- perceive the person's felt needs

5-step process involved in getting into position:

STEP 3
GET NEAR

- get near enough to touch
- **Near Enough to Touch: NET**

5-step process involved in getting into position:

STEP 4 GET IN

- get into homes

ACTS 8:31 (NKJV)

**“And the Eunuch asked Philip
to come up and sit with him.”**

**- Knocking on doors
and entering homes**

5-step process involved in getting into position:

**STEP 5
GET ON**

- **get on with witnessing for Christ**
- **The key person in the chariot illustration is the Holy Spirit.**
- **He orchestrated the entire encounter!**

5-step process involved in getting into position:

STEP 5 GET ON

ACTS 8:35 (NKJV)

**“Then Philip opened his mouth
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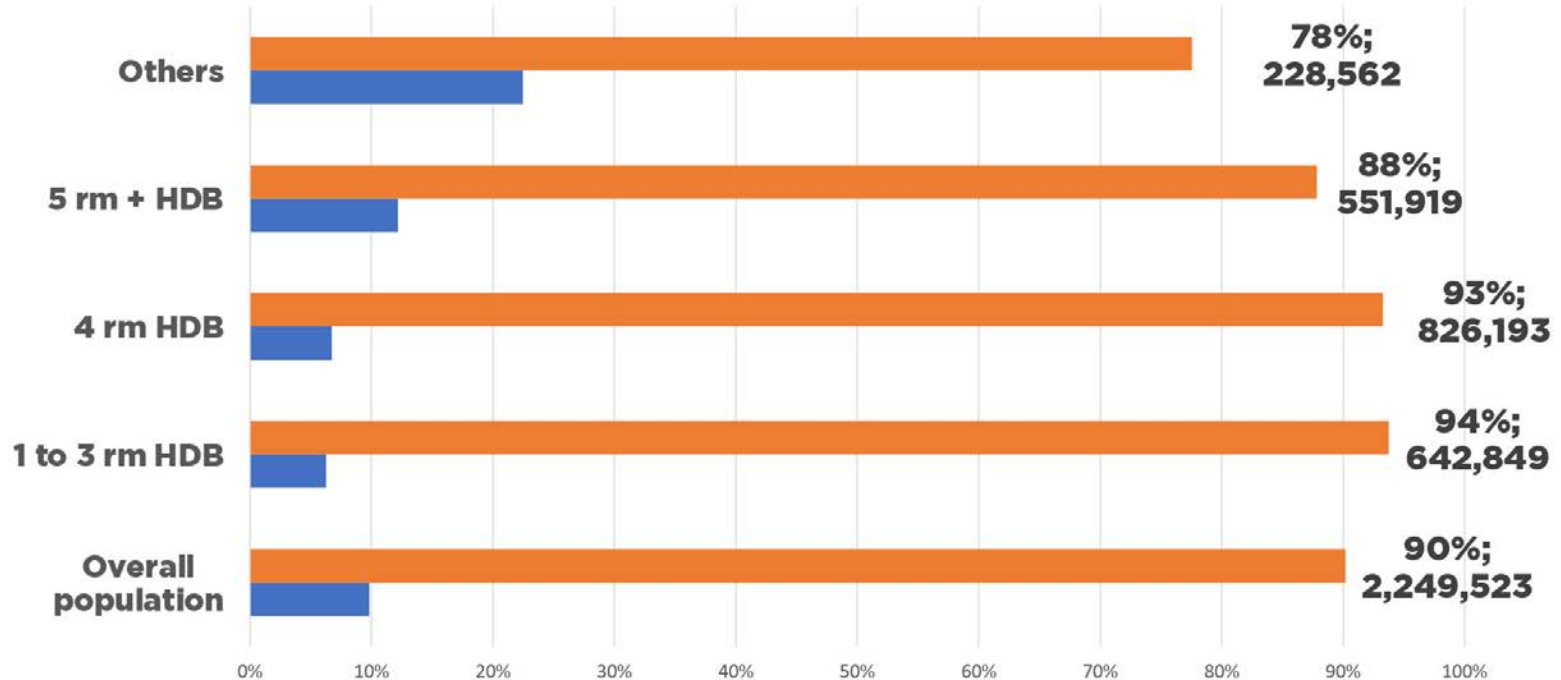
**- We must be reminded
that evangelism is
our primary objective.**

4) Compassion for neighbours in the community that we pastor

- church cannot avoid pastoring the poor and be engaged to some extent in compassion ministry**



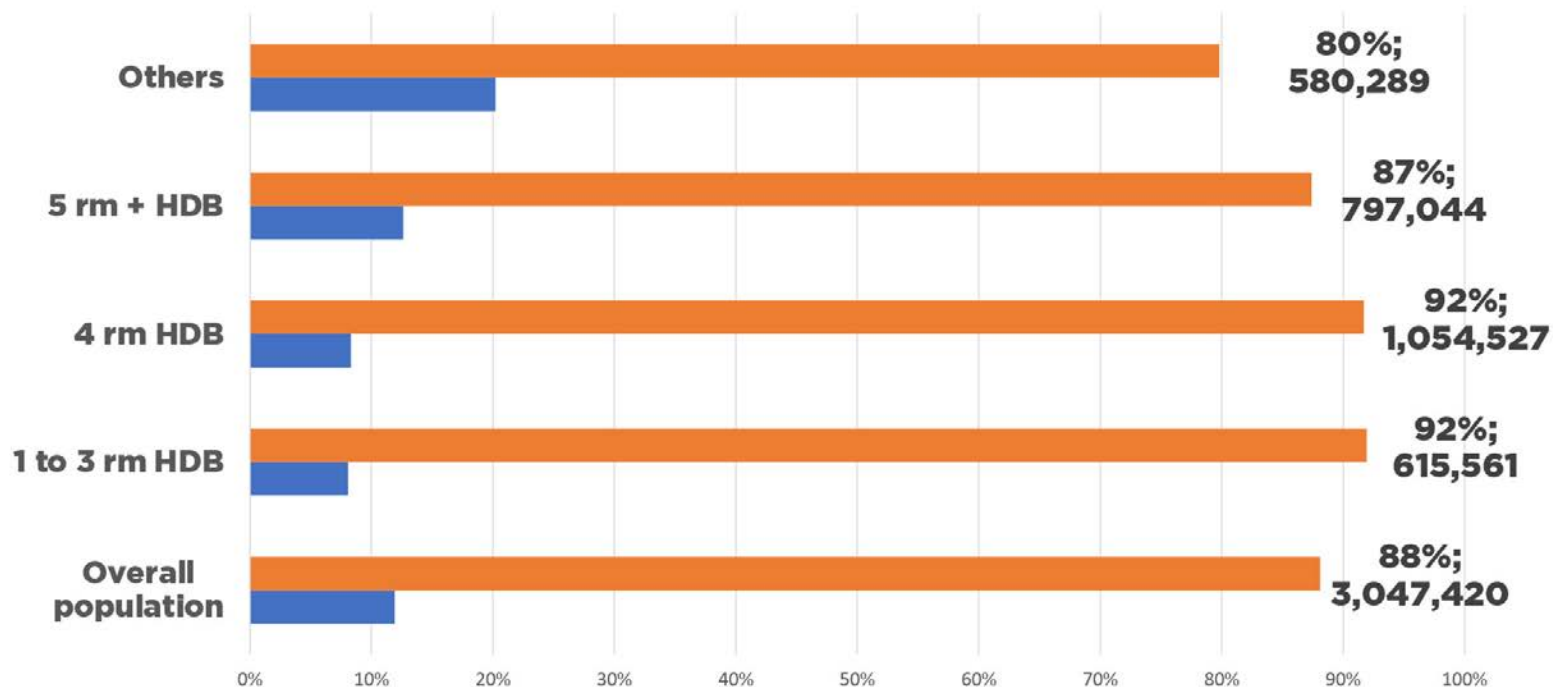
By Housing Type - Census 1990 - 2000



Others Christian



By Housing Type - Census 2010 - 2020



4) Compassion for neighbours in the community that we pastor

- poor needs compassion ministry more than the rich**
- everyone, including the rich, responds to kindness**
- We do deeds of kindness.**



4) Compassion for neighbours in the community that we pastor

- Doing compassion ministry and having compassion for the lost are two different things.**



4) Compassion for neighbours in the community that we pastor

- Learn from the example of the Lord Jesus Christ:**

- **immense compassion for the poor and needy**
- **He has great passion for souls**



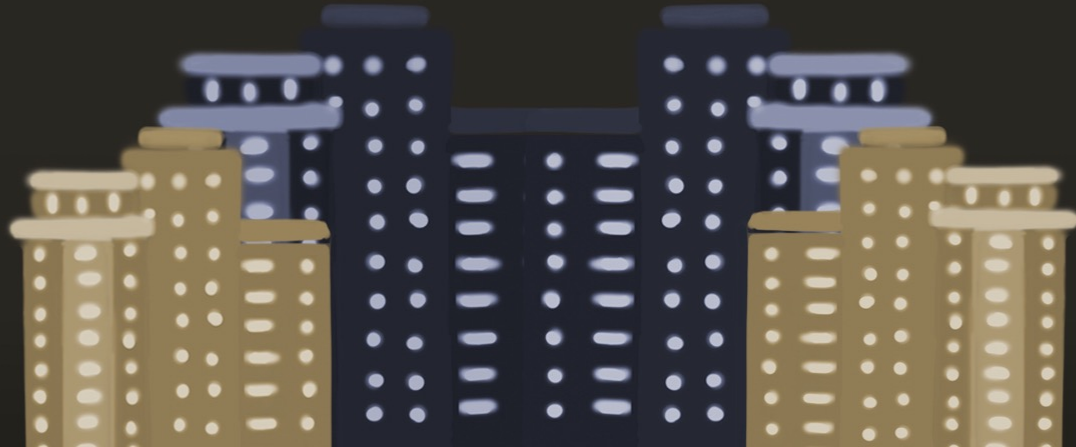
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- Compassion for the lost**
- motivation for evangelism and ministry**
- Jesus was moved by compassion when He saw the needs of the multitudes.**



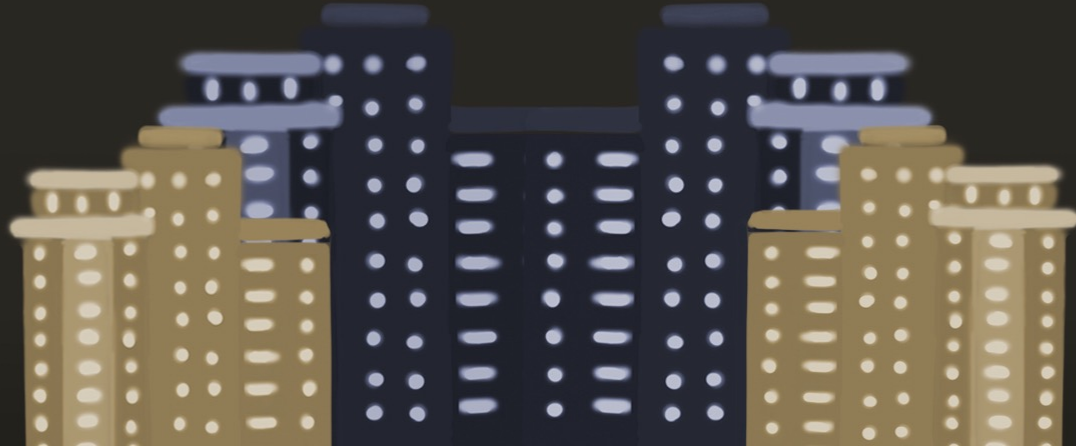
MATTHEW 9:35-38 (NKJV)

**Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages,
teaching in their synagogues, preaching the
gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness
and every disease among the people.**



MATTHEW 9:35-38 (NKJV)

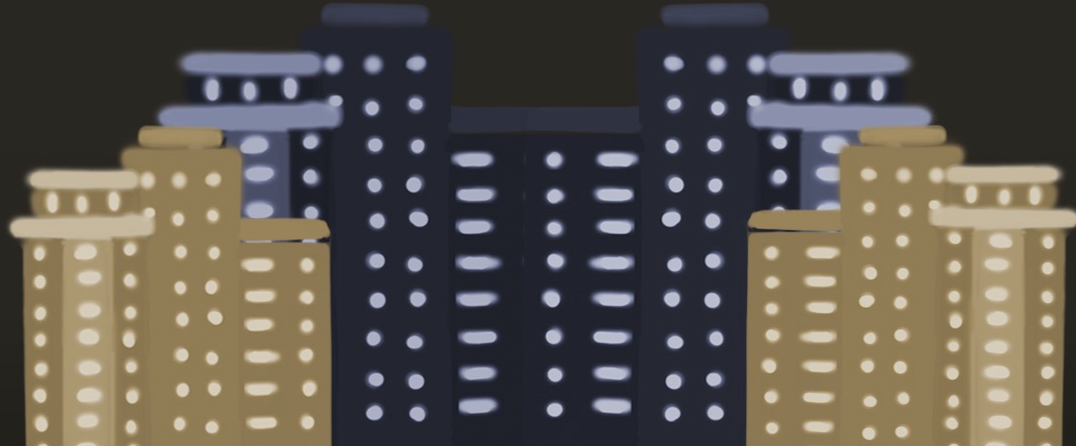
³⁶ But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.



MATTHEW 9:35-38 (NKJV)

37 Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few.

38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest.”



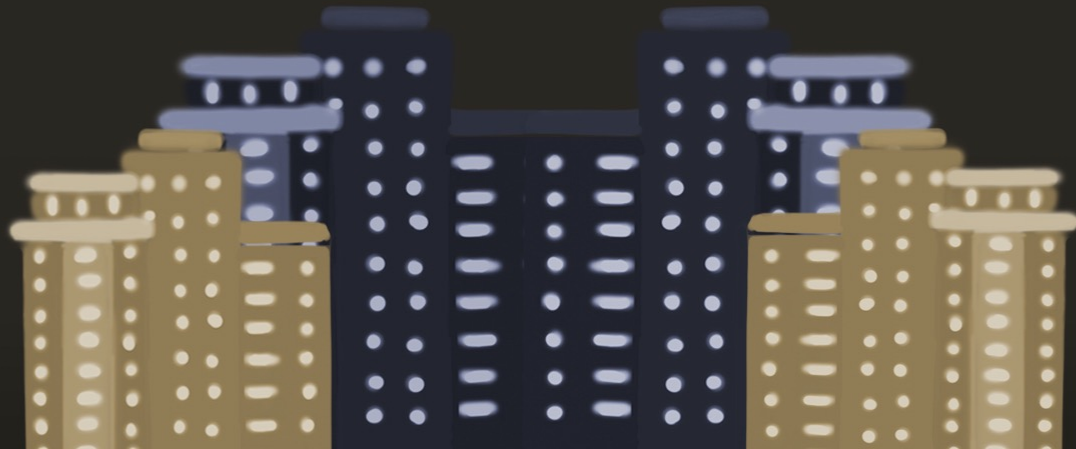
4) Compassion for neighbours in the community that we pastor

- Lord also showed great compassion
for the poor.**
- His priority group.**



ROMANS 12:16 (NKJV)

Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.



4) Compassion for neighbours in the community that we pastor

- Bridge the divides by humbling ourselves.**
- Philippians 2:5-8**
- Lord also has great compassion for the disadvantaged and the marginalized.**



4) Compassion for neighbours in the community that we pastor

- The ministry of Christ to the weary, scattered, lost, poor, and disadvantaged and marginalized, and needy people, can be called compassion ministry.**



4) Compassion for neighbours in the community that we pastor

- Compassion ministry forms a significant part of CP work.**
- poor, needy and disadvantaged people are often invisible to the church**



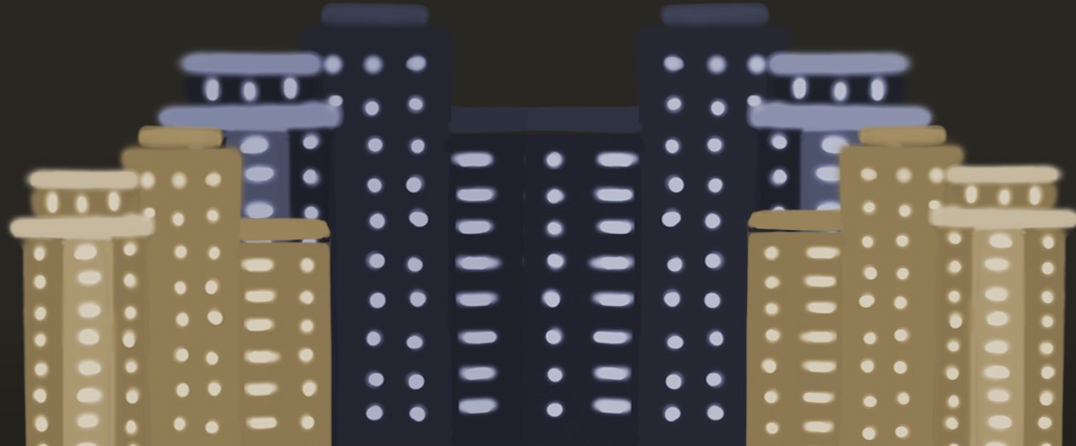
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- Jesus modelled for us compassion ministry and He calls us to engage in compassion ministry.**
- Parable of the Good Samaritan**



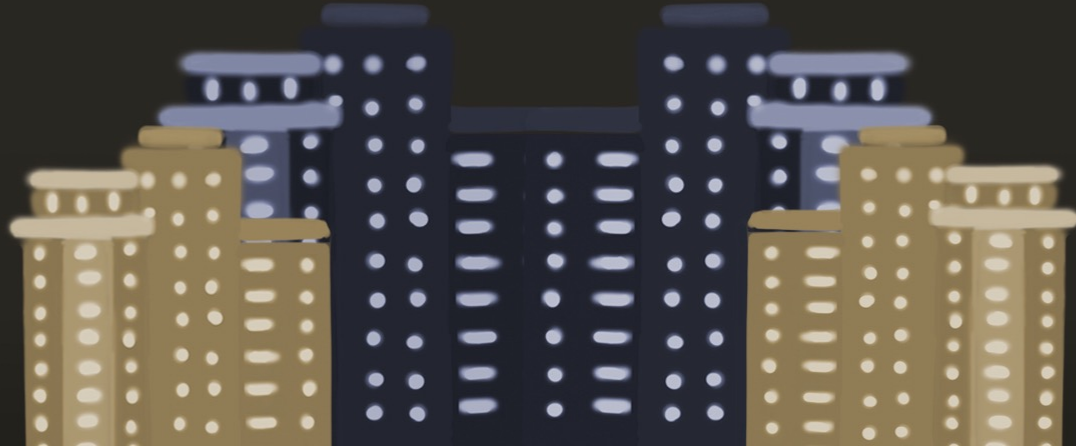
LUKE 10:25-37 (NKJV)

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is **written in the law**? What is your reading of it?”



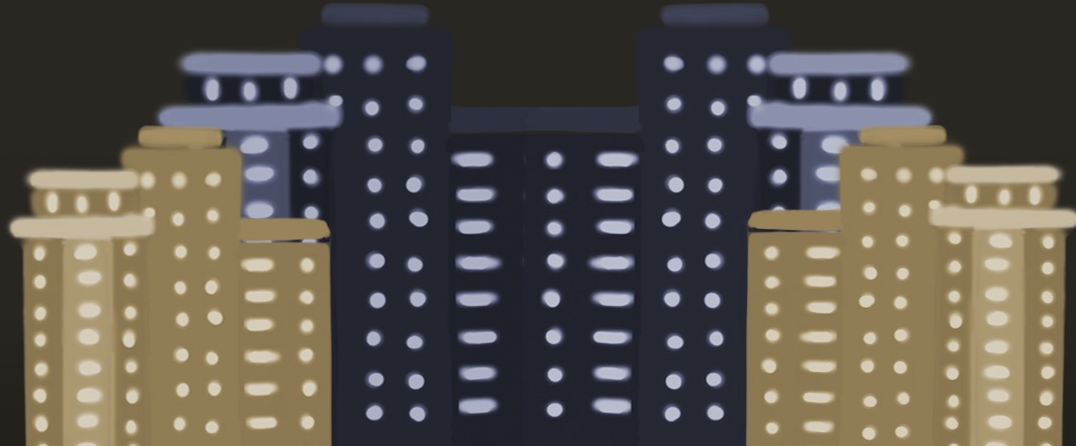
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27 So he answered and said, “ **‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbour as yourself.’** ”



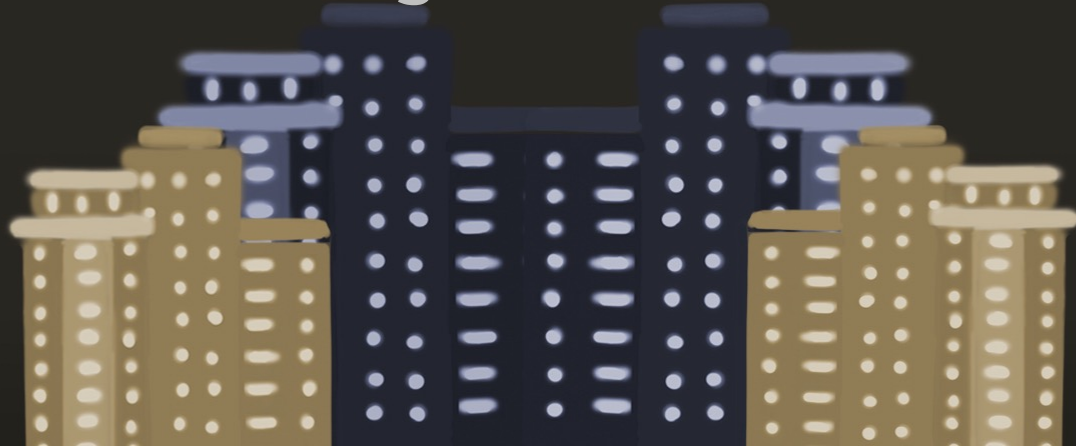
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28 And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.” **29** But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbour?”



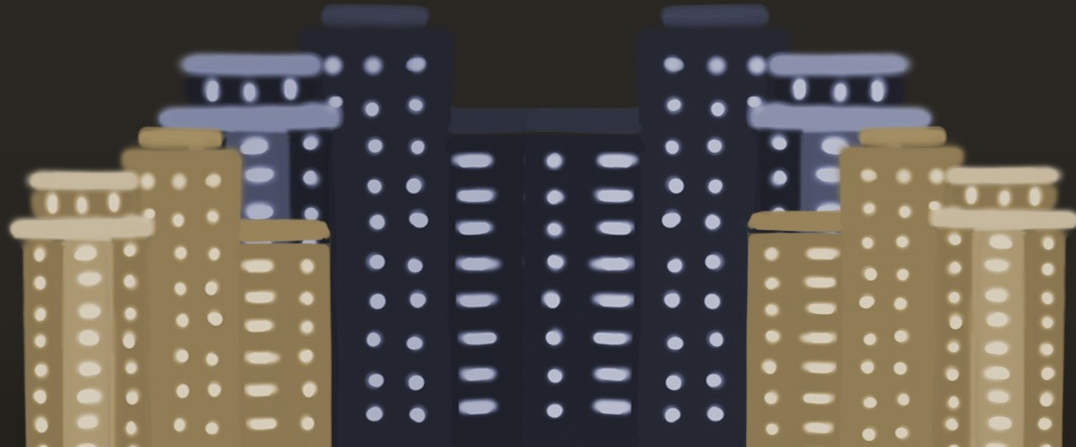
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30 Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.



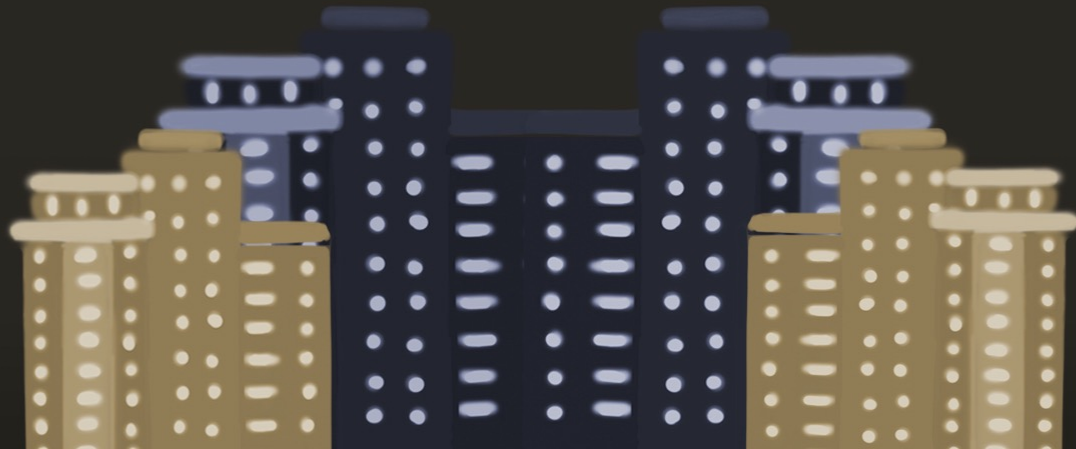
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31 Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. **32** Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.



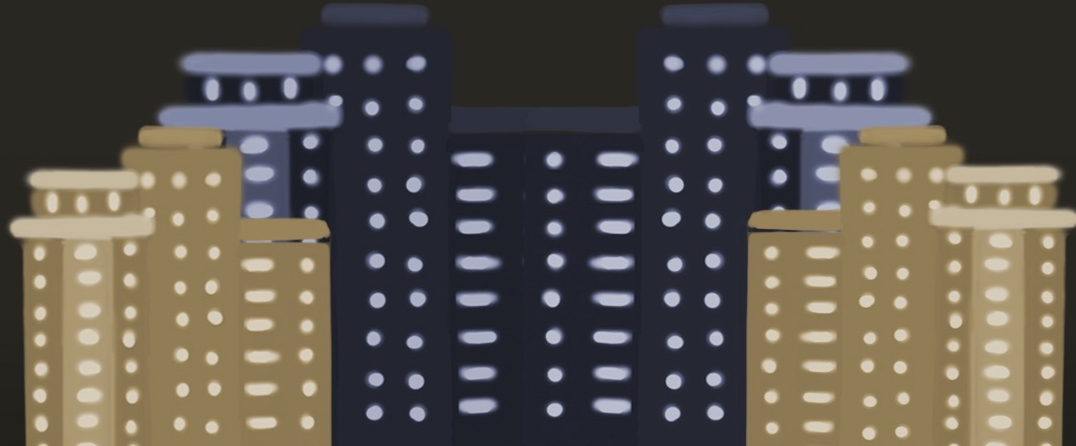
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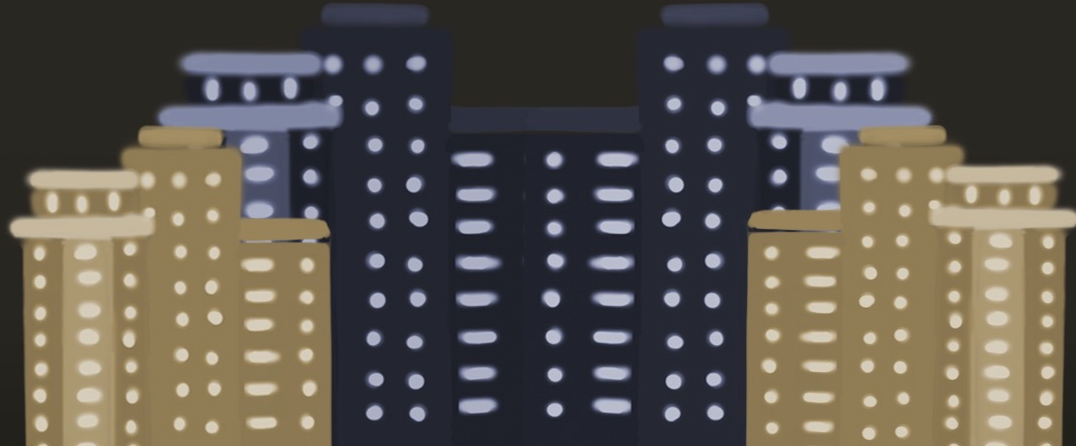
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34 So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.



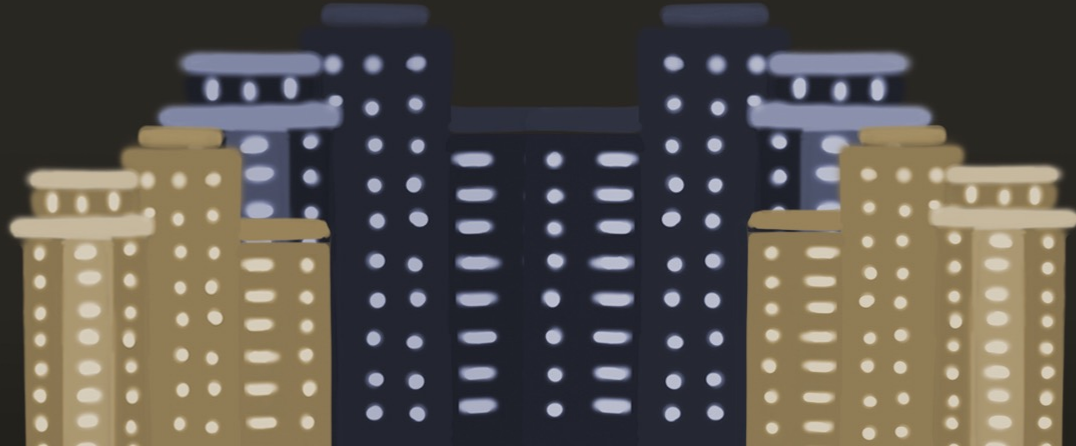
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35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'



LUKE 10:25-37 (NKJV)

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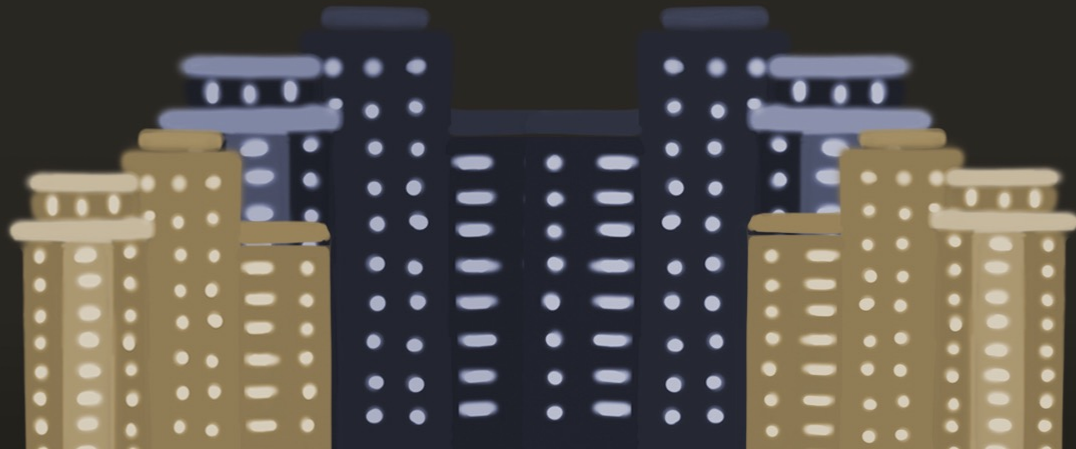
4) Compassion for neighbours in the community that we pastor

- **Parable of the Good Samaritan**
- **Jesus defines neighbour as a relationship where one person meets the need of another out of compassion.**
- **Luke 10:36-37**



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4) Compassion for neighbours in the community that we pastor

- **Parable of the Good Samaritan**
- **Steps taken by the Good Samaritan to meet the need of the victim.**
- **It illustrates the process of CP.**
- **Main teaching is principle of compassion and passion.**



4) Compassion for neighbours in the community that we pastor

- **Parable of the Good Samaritan**
- **5 distinct steps in the process of establishing the friendship or neighbour relationship.**



STEP 1

SEE THE VICTIM

- Draw near enough to the person to see his need.**



STEP 2

STOP TO CHECK IT OUT

- Touch the person at his point of need.**



STEP 3

SYMPATHIZE WITH THE VICTIM

- When the Samaritan saw the victim,
he had compassion. (v33)**



STEP 4

SPEND ON THE VICTIM

- **sacrifices in terms of giving things of value, money, and time and effort**



STEP 5

SAVE THE LIFE OF THE VICTIM

- do his utmost to save life
- Community pastoring objective is saving soul.



4) Compassion for neighbours in the community that we pastor

- **Parable of the Good Samaritan**
- 5 distinct steps in the process of establishing the friendship or neighbour relationship.

Jesus commanded:

**Go and
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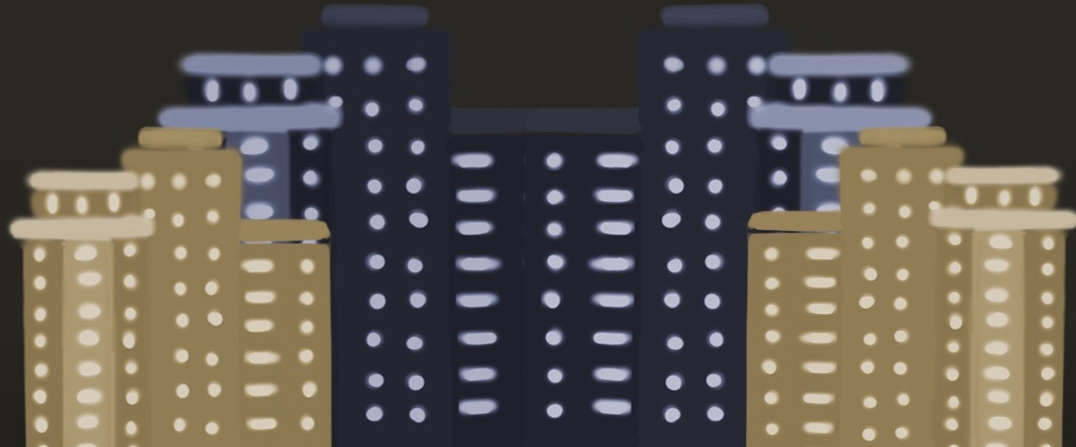
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**- ramification of the
commandment to love our
neighbour as ourselves**



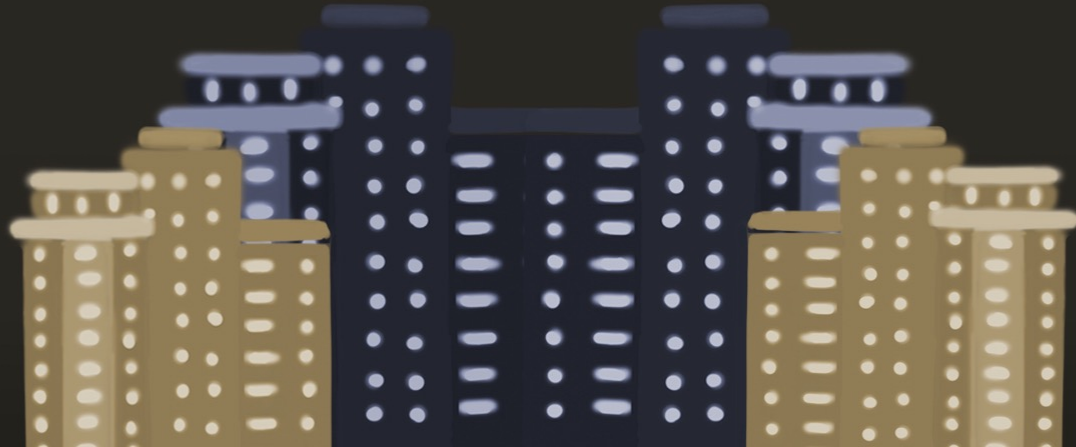
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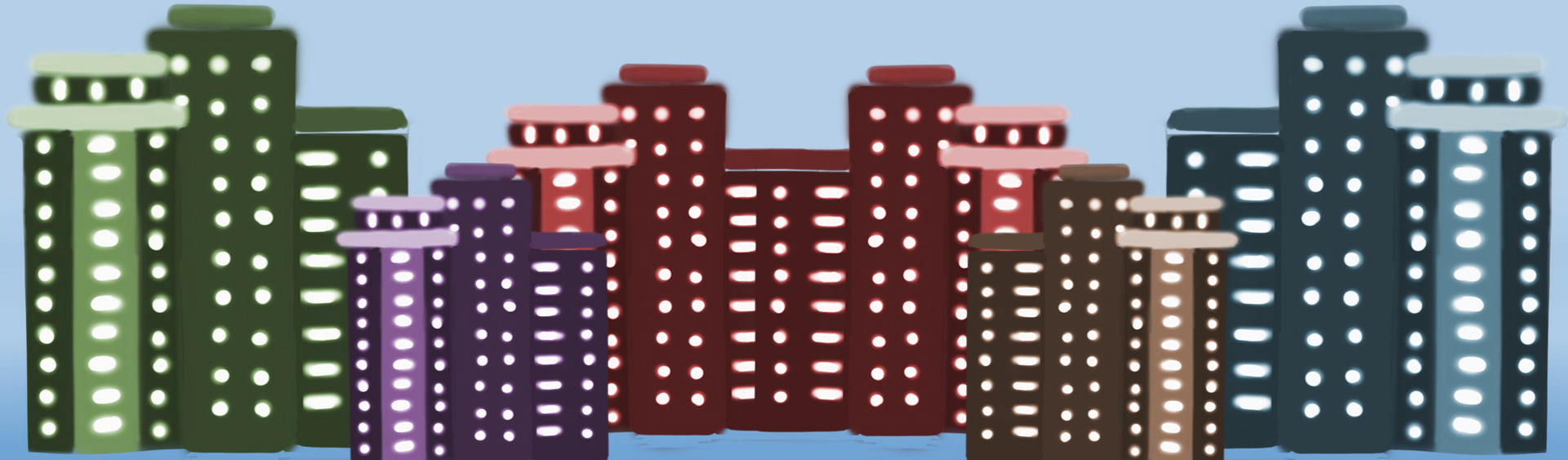


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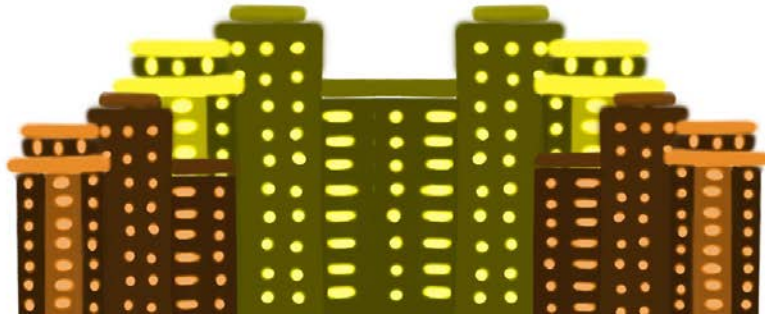
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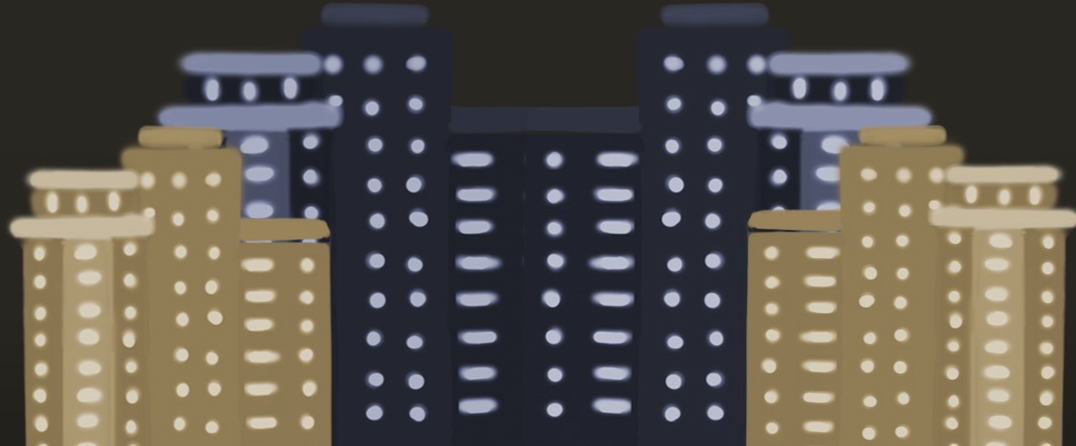


Conclusion



LUKE 10:36-37 (NKJV)

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(Name) in keeping with the Lord's command to preach the gospel and love our neighbours, I commission you in the name of Jesus to go and just do it.