



Key Truth/Principle: The City of God is the culmination of 'creation' as God intended – we are called to live in 'this' city, whilst being citizens of 'that' city – ever increasingly bringing the life of that city to our 'cities' here on earth

Suggested format: Social time/ice-breaker, Word, worship with communion and prayer

Key Point(s)

- God loves cities
- Cities bring out the best and worst of us
- We are a city on a hill - We are to live for that city whilst in 'this' city – bringing it's culture to earth

TOP TIPS **

Remember people are indwelt with the spirit – expect them to have something to bring – most just need permission and clarity, and yearn for depth.

- **WELCOME:** Have fun, involve everyone, keep it moving
- **WORSHIP:** Deliberately LEAD people into stepping out – most people appreciate specific guidance and feel released to know how to participate (e.g. let's read a Psalm together and use the words to help us worship, let's listen to this song, let's sing now, let's have a time of prophecy and hearing from God, if you feel you want to start a song please do). Encourage gifts!
- **PRAYER:** Weave into all you do, respond to things as they come up and help people by being specific (e.g. let's all go round and pray short prayers thanking God for a particular characteristic
- **WORD:** Some folks would not have been there on Sunday – don't; worry too much about recapping, just dive into questions. Splitting people into pairs/small groups with specific question and a time frame usually brings out the best discussion and involvement of everyone.

QUESTIONS:

1. What struck you about Sunday's preach?
2. What has been your vision of the new heavens/earth to come and why? (Fluffy clouds, countryside, beaches – did it include a city?)
3. What 'worldly city' thinking can you be tempted by? Building a name for yourself – approval, riches, success?
4. How can we serve our city and seek its welfare? *Can share individual passions to serve the city?*