



## ***CITY VISION***

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### **I. THE CITY IN THE BIBLE**

*a. What is a city?*

*b. The City in the Bible*

*i. The conquest.*

*ii. The kingdom.*

*iii. The exile.*

*iv. Are we 'exiles' today?*

*v. The ministry of the early church.*

*vi. The consummation.*

### **II. WHAT ARE CITIES FOR?**

*a. The Garden City.*

*b. The “Cultural Mandate”*

*c. The “Cultural Energies Accumulator”*

*i. The city uniquely links me with numbers of people unlike me.*

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*d. A Case Study<sup>1</sup>*

*e. Summary*

*i. From the beginning, cities have been centers of cultural power that gather and cultivate human resources as no other organizational structure can. Cities continue to be the primary way culture develops, because changes originating in the city flow out, influencing the surrounding regions. Consequently, as the city goes, so go the arts, scholarship, communication, philosophy, commerce, and so on. Anyone who wants to have not only a happy life but an impact on society should consider living in the city.*

### III. TODAY’S CITY AND WORLD CULTURE

*a. The Trend Of Urbanization.*

*b. The Reality of Globalization.*

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<sup>1</sup> Elizabeth Currid, “How Art and Culture Happen in New York: Implications for Urban Economic Development” in *Journal of the American Planning Association* 73:4 (Autumn 2007), 454–467. “This entire Case Study section is a summary of her article.”] [For reference, not for inclusion in handbook:

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#### IV. THE CITY AND THE CHURCH

*a. The City and the Mission of the Church*

*b. The Church contextualized for cities*

*i. A historic moment for cities.*

*ii. Contextual church.*

*c. What Should Christians Do About Cities?*

*i. Christians should plan to live long-term in the city.*

*ii. Christians should develop realistic, positive attitudes about the city.*

*iii. Christians should become a dynamic counterculture in the city.*

*iv. Christians should be a community radically committed to the good of the city as a whole.*

*d. Beyond Church Growth to City Growth*

*e. Do Christians really all have to move into cities?*