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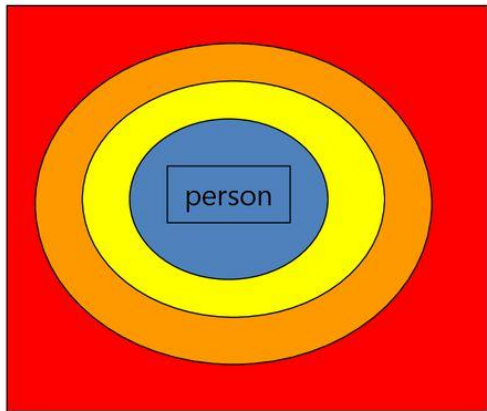
TikTok @wanderellaco

Better.com CEO lays off
15% of employees right
before the holidays 🙄



Proxemics

- People surround themselves with a "bubble" of personal space(Edward Hall, 1966)

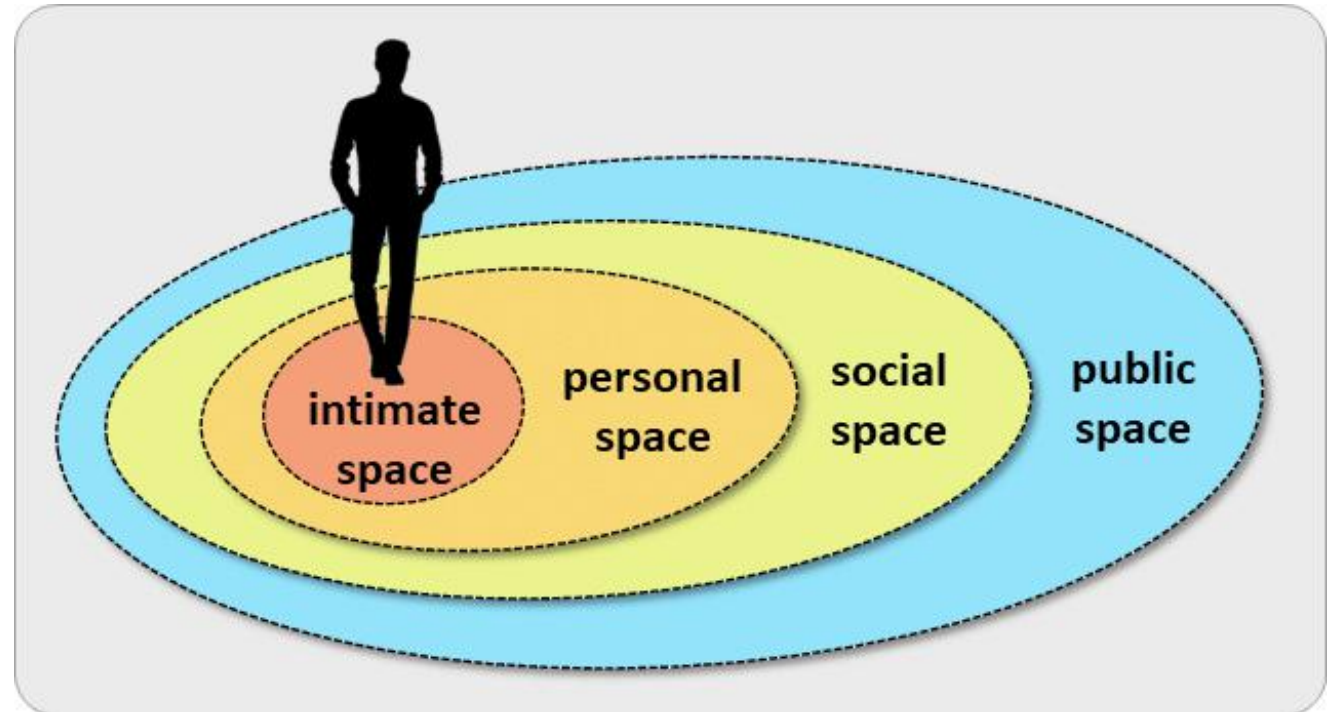


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Personal distance: 1.5 ~ 4 feet(1.2 m)

Social distance: 4 ~ 12 feet(3.6 m)

Public distance: more than 12 feet





EMBRACE
SAFE
SPACE

A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a dark floral dress, holds a large white sign with the words "EMBRACE SAFE SPACE" written in large, bold, rainbow-colored letters. She is smiling and looking to her right. In the background, a man in a blue t-shirt with "Dixie's FISH BAIT" and "MS. CRYSTAL" printed on it is visible. To the right, a person in a pink shirt is holding a red folder. The setting appears to be an indoor event or conference.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HAVE A SAFE SPACE?

A place or environment in which a person or category of people can feel confident that they will not be exposed to discrimination, criticism, harassment, or any other emotional or physical harm.

Oxford Online Dictionary

 DIVERSE 

 INCLUSIVE 

 ACCEPTING 

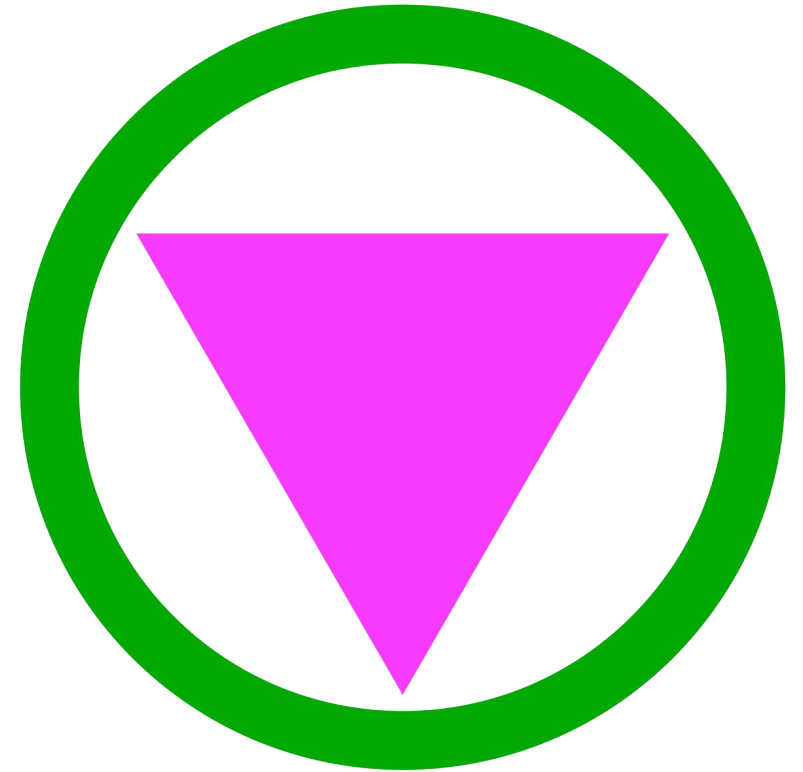
 WELCOMING 

 SAFE SPACE 

 FOR EVERYONE 

The mission of EQUAL! is to advocate a work environment that is inclusive and supportive of LGBT+ employees, enabling all employees to perform to their fullest potential

*Nokia: A Company Without Closets, a Safe Place to Work and Grow.
By changing the corporation, we change the world.*





Is FBC a safe place?

The Family in Genesis series

Presented by FBC Family Life Ministry

What kind of space is commonly described in the bible?

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⁸ Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹ The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Genesis 2:8–9

The Mountains

- **Mount Ararat:** Noah's ark lands here (Gen 8:15)
- **Mount Moriah:** God reaffirms His covenant with Abraham here (Gen 22:1-19)
- **Mount Sinai:** Moses receives the 10 commandments (Gen 19, 20,24)
- **Mount Zion:** City of David established here. Solomon's temple built here (2 Sam 5:10)
- **Mount Carmel:** Elijah calls on God for power over the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18)
- **Sermon on the Mount** by Jesus
- **Mount of the Transfiguration:** Jesus meets Moses and Elijah
- **Mount of Olives:** Jesus prays here before his crucifixion and ascends to heaven also from here (Luke 22:39-49).

The Garden of Eden is the first sacred mountain

*¹⁰ A river watering the garden flowed from
Eden; from there it was separated into four
headwaters.*

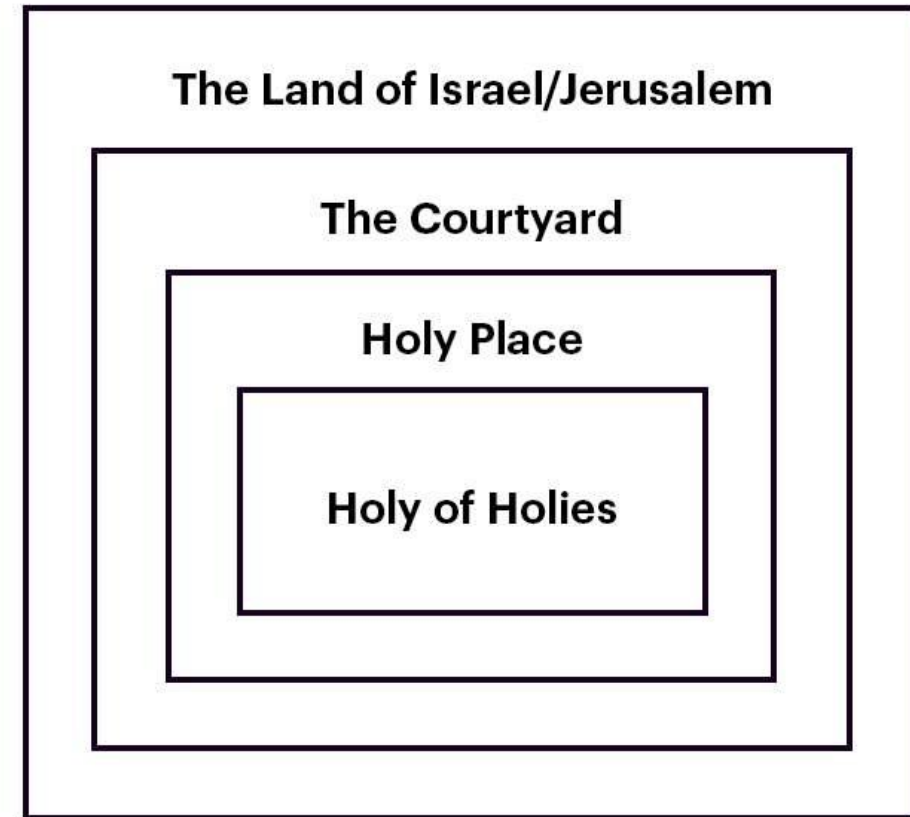
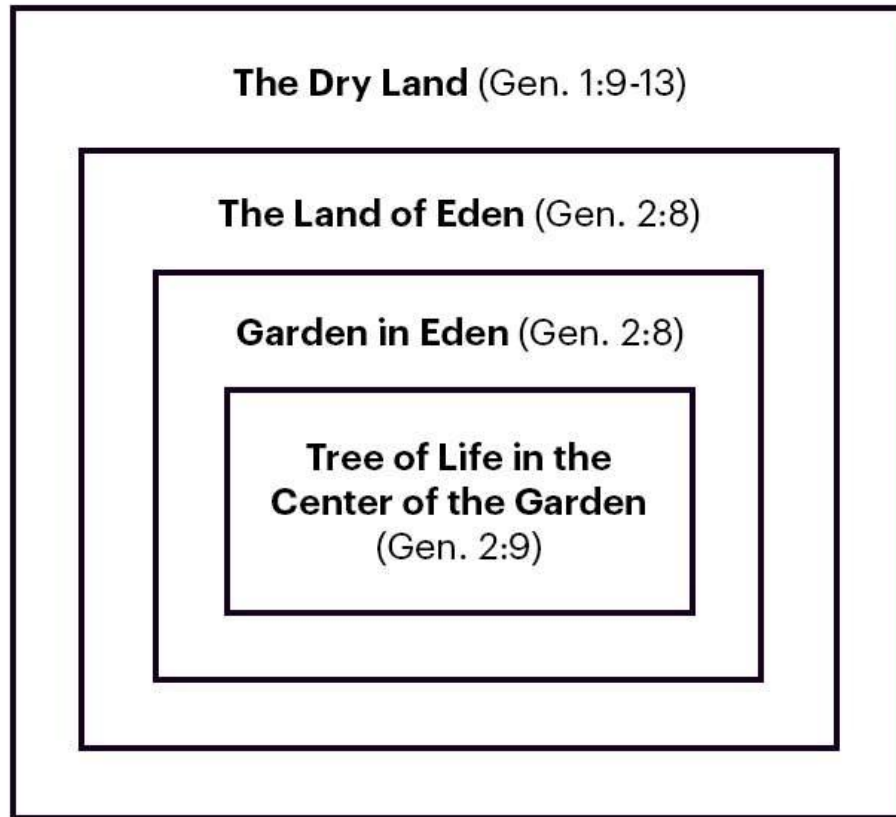
Genesis 2:10

*¹³ You were in Eden,
the garden of God.....*

^{14b} You were on the holy mount of God.....

Ezekiel 28:13-14,16,18

The Tabernacle and Temple



The Trees in the books of Wisdom

³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.

Psalms 1:3

¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who take hold of
her;

those who hold her fast will be blessed.

Proverbs 3:18

¹² Hope deferred makes the heart sick,
but a longing fulfilled is a tree of
life.

Proverbs 13: 12

The walled Garden in the Song of Songs

*“for behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land”.
Song of Songs 2:12*



**GARDEN
OF EDEN**

- On a mountain where 4 rivers flow
- Ezekiel 38

MOUNTAINS

Mount Ararat
Mount Moriah
Mount Sinai
Mount of Olives
Mount Zion
Temple Mount
Mount Horeb

**TABERNACLE
& TEMPLE**

Designed to remind Israelites of the Garden of Eden

**SONG OF
SONGS**

Setting of a paradise garden.

**TREES IN
THE
WISDOM
BOOKS**

Reference to the tree of Life

**THE MINISTRY
OF JESUS**

- Tabernacled among us.
- Streams of living water.
- Key events on mountains.
- Garden of Gethsemane.
- The curtain torn in half.



² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.
Revelations 21:2

Cain was then building a city, and he named it after his son Enoch.
Genesis 4:17

³ They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves.. Genesis 11:3-4

¹⁰ For he (Abraham) was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. Hebrews 11:10

¹⁷ You will bring them in and plant them
on the mountain of your
inheritance—
the place, LORD, you made for your
dwelling,
the sanctuary, Lord, your hands

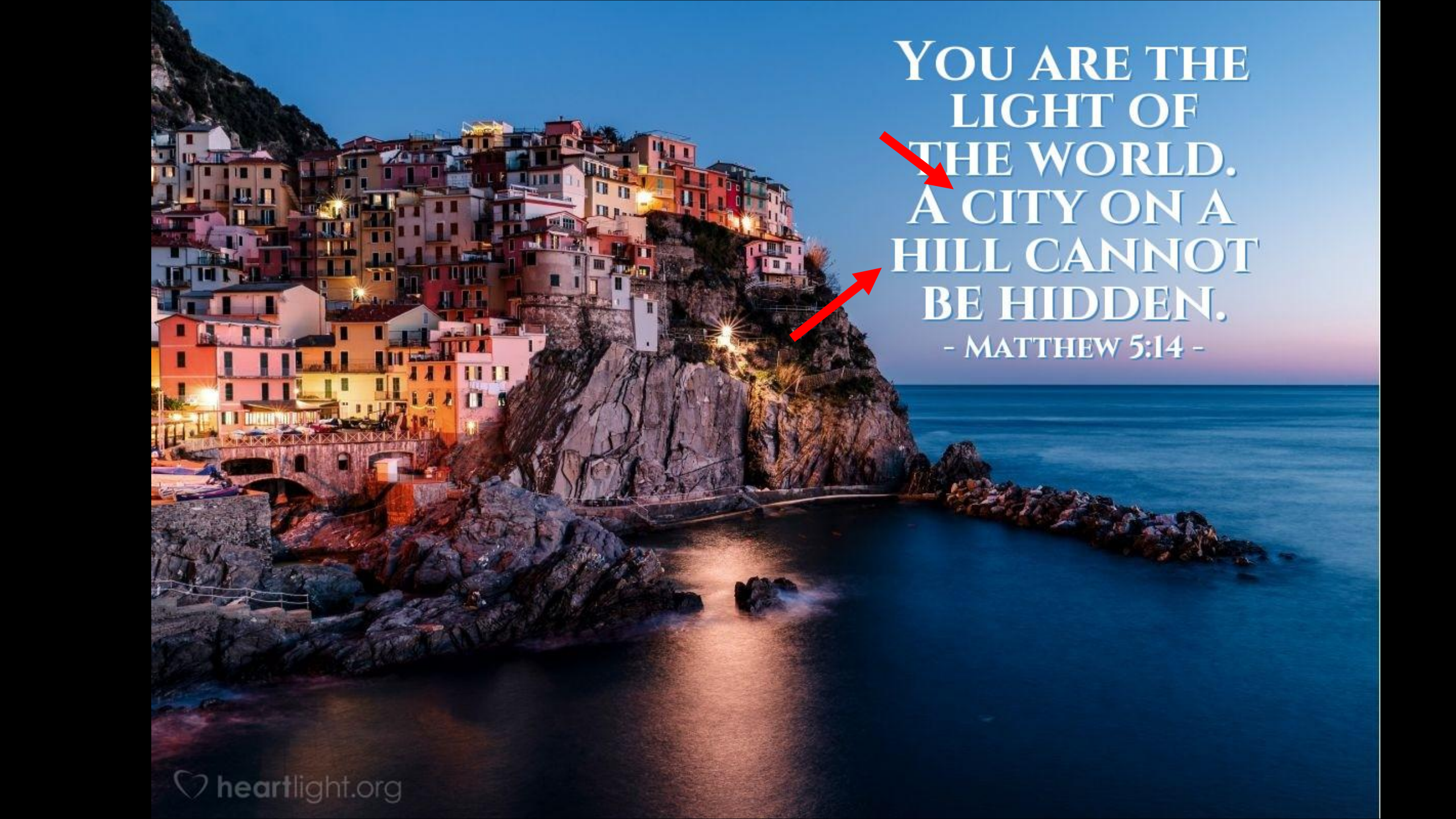
⁷ Nevertheless, David captured the fortress of Zion—which is the City of David. 2 Samuel 5:7

¹ Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise,
in the city of our God, his holy mountain.
Psalm 48:1

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I will create,
for I will create Jerusalem to be a
delight

²⁵ The ~~and its people~~ ~~and its people~~ will feed
together,
and the lion will eat straw like
the ox,
and dust will be the
serpent's food.

They will neither harm nor destroy



YOU ARE THE
LIGHT OF
THE WORLD.
A CITY ON A
HILL CANNOT
BE HIDDEN.
- MATTHEW 5:14 -

CITIES OF MAN

- Lamech builds a city
- Babel & Babylon

THE CITY OF GOD AND ABRAHAM

“He was looking forward to the city with foundations whose architect and builder is God”

JERUSALEM CONQUERED

2 Samuel 5:1-12

THE FALL OF JERUSALEM

- Jeremiah
- Lamentations

JERUSALEM REBUILT

- Ezra
- Nehemiah

THE MINISTRY OF JESUS

Jesus declares the Kingdom Of God is near

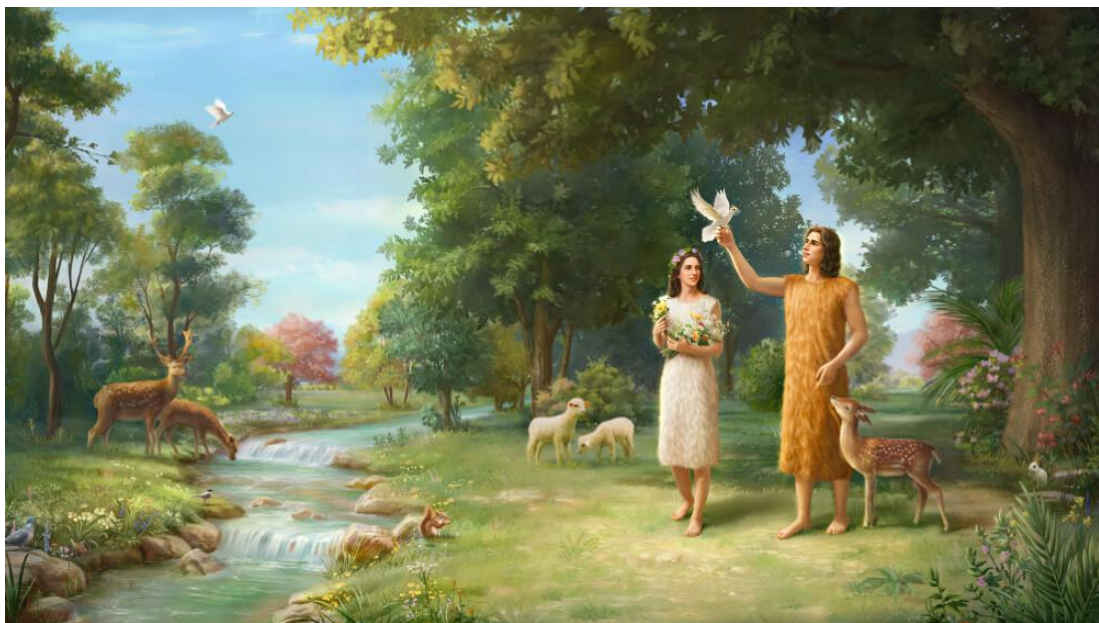
The City of God meets the Garden of Eden

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Revelations 22:1-2

21 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! **God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.** 4 **‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”**

Revelations 21:1-4



1. Safe spaces are sacred spaces.

- The church is a safe space for sinners but not for sin.
- The church should not stigmatize anyone as everyone who comes is a sinner in need of grace.

- “I am not good enough.”
- “If only people in FBC know what happened to me in the past.”
- “I feel like a hypocrite.”

Is FBC a safe place for those struggling with depression, anxiety and other mental health issues?

PEOPLE WHO DISAGREE:

If I had a mental health issue, I believe most churches would welcome me.

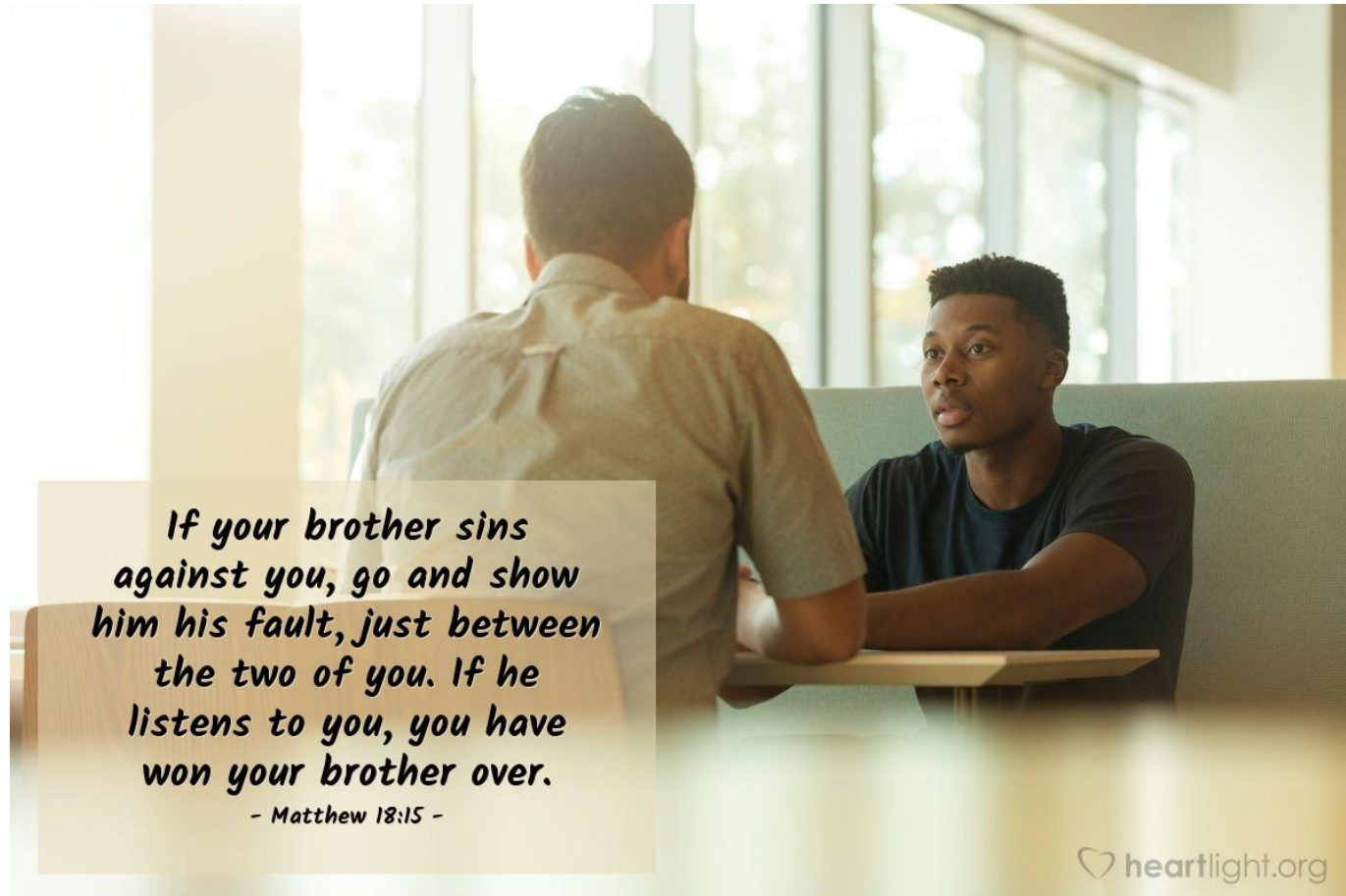


55%
Who never attend
worship services



21%
Who attend worship
services once a
week or more

To rebuke someone in love requires a safe space



*If your brother sins
against you, go and show
him his fault, just between
the two of you. If he
listens to you, you have
won your brother over.*

- Matthew 18:15 -

2. Safe spaces are relational spaces.

- Some of us in our season of life need to feel like we are in a vibrant **City of God** space.
- Some of us in our season of life need to feel like we are in an intimate **Garden of Eden** space.
- No one in church should feel like they are struggling with their issues alone.



Please tick either “I am” or “I am not”.

- I am/am not... putting on a mask in FBC.
- I am/am not... building walls with others around me.
- I am/ not.... afraid to admit my faith struggles.
- I am/am not.... allowed to express what I really feel and think.
- I am/am not.... willing to show my vulnerable side.
- I am/am not.... willing to talk about my sinful struggles.
- I am/am not.... willing to talk about my pain.
- I am/am not..... willing to talk about my fears.

A church in the **city** of Subang Jaya.....



.....with a Garden Cafe



3. Safe spaces are protected spaces.

- The **Garden of Eden** was meant to be protected from the evil One. Adam should have driven out the snake when confronted with temptation. He should have cleansed the Garden as it was a temple.
- **Jerusalem** was meant to be guarded from danger externally and within. Instead the people allowed idolatry to flourish.
- By His sacrificial death on the cross, Jesus offered up His body to cleanse the temple of it's sins and guilt. Believers are now that temple of the Holy Spirit. As a body of priestly gardeners and city builders we likewise protect the church.

Sweeping sin out of the church or sweeping sin under the carpet?



Adrienne Roberson @Only1Adrienne · 13h

Replying to @mattmikalatos @chrislhayes

I was molested by a trustee at my church when I was 14, half the church accused me of lying. He was never punished. #churchtoo



Beth @alittleotmark · 14h

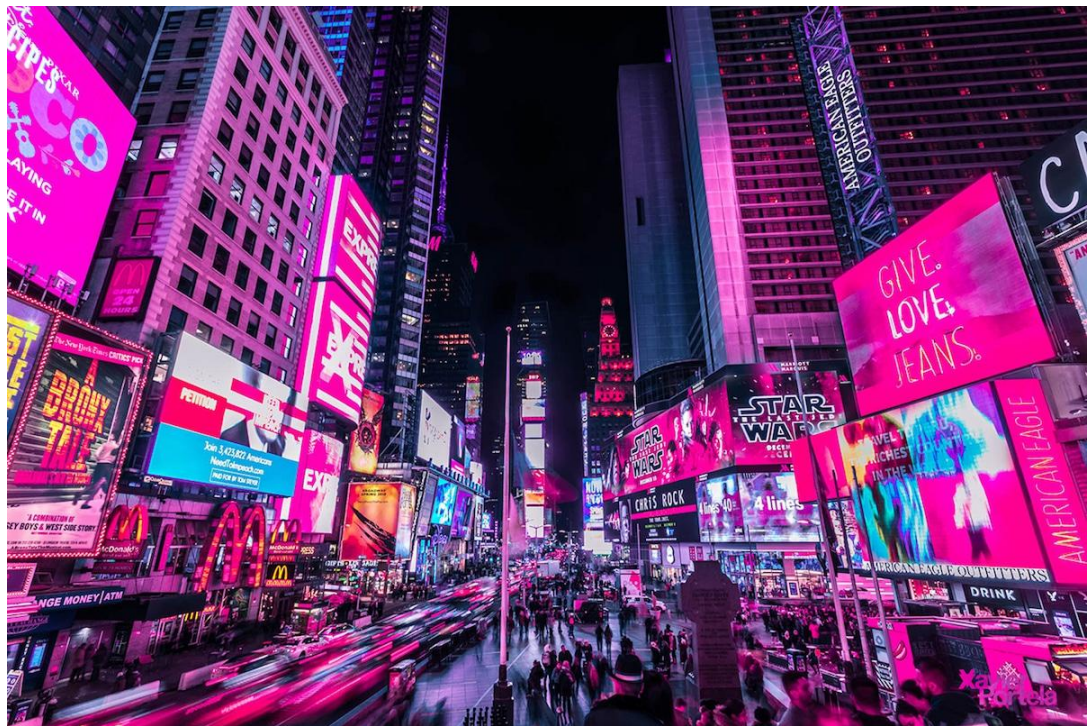
#churchtoo : here's an issue that I feel passionate about.

I was sexually & physically abused by a bf who was also a member of my church.

When I went to my church leaders for help the discouraged me from going to the police & encouraged me to give him another chance.

4. Safe spaces are receiving and sending spaces.

- **The Garden of Eden** was to receive new population and be extended by **worship, obedience and cultivation** to make the rest of the world into a paradise (Gen 1:28).
- Believers were sent to all major Roman cities to create safe spaces for **worship, obedience and city building**. To redeem broken cities with the Gospel starting with **Jerusalem** (Acts 1:8).



To some extent, people think only major cities matter, or that it is only worthwhile to live in major cities. This is the younger generation's dream. To a certain extent they are right. But the gospel tells us the church is the biggest city in the world. The church is the real "Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou." The church is the capital of human souls. The gospel made a group of apostles from the backward province of Galilee into the center of the new world.

Our churches are becoming crowded with middle class professionals. The gospel needs to enter the city more deeply. It must enter the drains, enter in with the petitioners and the marginalized peoples.

He is calling you to respond to him, to respond to the city of God, to build the city of God in your own city, to be a doorkeeper in his city. Let this become the biggest dream of your life, the calling that God has given you.

Wang Yi, House church pastor, address at missions conference 2014

Hong Kong

Source: Chinapartnership.org/blog/2018/11/the-city-of-god-on-earth-part-5-the-church-is-the-biggest-city-in-the-world

Boun Thorne's Story:

GIFTS FROM GOD

